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Admins Facebook the facts

by Steve Kolowich
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Early last summer, first-year Jessica Song created a group on Facebook called "First Night Party!!" She got the idea from friends who had made a similar group at another college and thought that it would be fun to make one for the Bowdoin network.

To Song's surprise, her new classmates, whom she had never met, began joining the group in droves. Before long, "First Night Party!!" had over 100 members in the Class of 2010. A number of them were also posting on the group's message board.

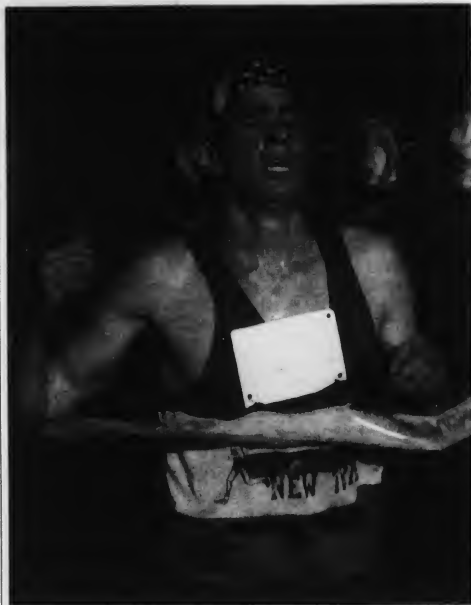
When she arrived on campus this fall, Song said that students recognized her as the group's creator. At a dorm meeting during Orientation, the proctors in Winthrop Hall teased her about the group.

"I didn't think that it would turn into such a big deal," she said.

The same might be said of Facebook itself. Since it was

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Annual lobster run leaves runners red



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Ross Jacob '09 crosses the finish line of the lobster run at Bowdoin's annual lobster bake. The race, a two-mile trek through the Farley fields, was won by Kate Knowles '10 and Thompson Ogilvie '10.

Brunswick PD plans underage sting ops

Police department will hire students to solicit outside local stores

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Next time an innocent-looking teen standing by a supermarket entrance asks you to buy them a six-pack of beer, think before you answer. They might be on the payroll of the Brunswick Police Department (BPD) and, if you answer yes, you might be going to jail.

Early this summer, encouraged by the Office of the Maine Attorney General, the BPD began engaging in undercover sting operations aimed at catching adults willing to buy alcohol for people under the age of 21 in association with other regional law enforcement agencies. After a short hiatus, these operations are recommencing.

According to Brunswick Community Police Officer Terry Goan, the BPD "is going to kind of continue on [with the program] this fall, with Bowdoin students being back."

With these stings, "the idea is to combat the furnishing of alcohol to

people who are underage," Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols explained. "I think college campuses should expect to be targeted by these operations."

Nichols, who served as an officer in the Maine State Police for 27 years, assured students that Bowdoin Security had no intention of engaging in undercover stings to catch alcohol violations.

"Our job here is to prevent alcohol violations from taking place," Nichols said. "We have a positive relationship with the student body and we value that and it's critical to our overall safety to have that," he added.

In an interview with the Orient, Goan explained how the sting operations work. "What we have been doing is getting a decoy—over the summer it has been a female—approaching people who appear to be over 21 at certain stores and basically asking 'Hey, uh, I'm not old enough [to buy alcohol], can you go in and get me some flavors of whatever.'"

So far, the operation has targeted 16 people, five of whom agreed to

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Laffey presents views in 1980s columns

In undergraduate op-ed, Senate candidate calls Social Security 'immoral'

by Bobby Guerrete
ORIENT STAFF

Newspaper columns that Stephen Laffey '84 wrote during his studies at Bowdoin could play a role in his highly contested Republican primary Senate race against incumbent Lincoln Chaffee in Rhode Island.

Late last month, the Providence Journal published excerpts of columns about homosexuality that Laffey wrote for the Bowdoin Patriot, the College Republicans' campus newspaper. In a search of its own archives, the Orient found that Laffey was vocal about politics and active in student government. In one op-ed published during his senior year, he described Social Security, foreign aid, and gun control laws as "immoral."

In that November 1983 column, after arguing that individuals should be able to engage in voluntary transactions, Laffey wrote, "For this reason I deplore welfare programs, foreign aid, Social Security and a host of other government programs, not for their inherent inefficiencies (of which there are plenty) but because they are immoral."

"Immoral because they deny individual rights," he continued. "The U.S. government, at the implicit point of a gun, orders Americans to give up part of their money so they can transfer it to other people."

Courtesy of the Bowdoin Bugle

Stephen Laffey poses in a picture for the 1984 yearbook.

When contacted by the Orient, Laffey spokeswoman Nachama Soloveichik would not comment on Laffey's argument about the morality of Social Security.

"We have nothing to say about 20-year-old articles," she said. "This is just ridiculous."

She said that Laffey has made his position on Social Security clear and that he would not "rehash the entire campaign."

In one ad posted on his web site, Laffey says that his parents "live on Social Security and Medicare," and that "every day, career politicians in Washington raid the Social Security trust fund."

In late August, Laffey backtracked from columns written in the Bowdoin Patriot after they were anonymously sent to the

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CHANGING FACES: 3 DEANS, 3 WEEKS

Dean Foster: Collaboration is key

by Beth Kowitt and Bobby Guerrete
ORIENT STAFF

Though he may be taking over the reins of the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, Tim Foster is ready to reach out beyond his department.

In laying out his plans and goals for the semester and beyond, Foster stressed the need to look across departments, especially on issues like diversity that affect all aspects of the College.

"In order for us to move to the next place, we're not going to be able to do things as the division of student affairs or the division of academic affairs," Foster said. "We're

going to have to collaborate together."

Foster, who was previously the senior associate dean for student affairs, plans to apply this approach to the issues and challenges that face his division.

"We're not going to do something in isolation because it just won't build the traction that's necessary, and we need to do it in an intentional way," Foster said. "People are going to support what they help to create."

While Foster did not point to a No. 1 challenge, he did say that one of his major concerns was the "magnitude and trends" of alcohol use on campus, in particular the number of

ABOUT THIS SERIES

All three top dean positions received new occupants this summer. Each week, the Orient will sit down with a dean and learn about his or her plans to leave a mark at Bowdoin.

students of students who are binge drinking and drinking with the intention of getting drunk, as well as the percentage of students who are playing drinking games.

According to results from last spring's student health survey, 36.4 percent of students binge

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Mills readies Darfur policy recommendation

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

President Barry Mills plans to make public his recommendations on Bowdoin's investment policy regarding the humanitarian crisis in Darfur within the next two weeks.

Last February, Mills created a nine-member advisory committee to determine an appropriate college response to the crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan. After a period of investigation, the committee issued its recommendations in a letter to Mills and the Board of Trustees in May.

"Over the summer I spent a good deal of time investigating what other colleges have done that are thinking about the problem," Mills said. "I am working and nearly done with

coming to my conclusions of what I would recommend [to the trustees]."

Committee chair Gerald Chertavian '87 said that the committee's job was to provide Mills with recommendations, and that Mills would later draft his own proposal to be presented to the trustees.

"We were the first step in the process of gathering information

from the students, faculty, and staff and trying to assess the situation," said Chertavian.

"We recommended something with the committee and then discussed that with the trustees. The next recommendation will come from the president."

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New Facebook features highlight lack of internet privacy; CPC warns against excessive disclosure

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launched two years ago, Facebook has turned into a very big deal. This week, Time Magazine reported that the social networking web site is the seventh-most highly trafficked U.S. web site, with over 8 million users nationwide, including many Bowdoin students and alumni.

But students aren't the only members of the Bowdoin community who are using the web site.

Forty-nine Bowdoin staff members have Facebook accounts, including Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett, Dean of First-Year Students Mary Pat McMahon, Assistant Director of Security Mike Brown, Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli, and Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood.

But unlike most Facebook users, almost none of these Bowdoin staffers have included personal information in their user profiles beyond their names and email addresses, which the web site requires all members to post.

Personal information fields such as activities, interests, favorite

music, favorite TV shows, favorite movies, favorite books, favorite quotes, work information, and educational background, as well as the spaces where most users post photographs and "about me" essays, are left blank. Nearly all staffers have declined to join groups, accumulate "friends," post messages, or engage in any other common activities available to users.

Hazlett, who said she has not logged on to the site since last year, cited curiosity as the factor that motivated her to create an account with Facebook.

"I heard a lot about it from students and colleagues, so I went on to check it out," she said.

Other staffers have used the popular web site for purposes relating to their official responsibilities to the College. When Security was investigating an assault that occurred on campus during the 2004-2005 year, Brown, who headed the investigation, used Facebook to help him crack the case.

Witnesses to the assault had provided Security with a consistent, detailed description of the assailant, but the investigators had been unable to make a positive identification. That was when

Brown received a tip from a student who, Brown said, told him, "I'm no rat, but if you look on the Facebook, you'll find the guy."

Brown created a Facebook account and searched the Bowdoin network for students who fit the description given by the witnesses. During the student's Judicial Board hearing, photographs printed from the student's Facebook profile were presented as evidence of the student's involvement in the assault.

Brown also mentioned that he attempted unsuccessfully to use Facebook in connection with another investigation last spring.

For other staffers, Facebook has proven an adversary. When incoming first years started posting each other's housing assignments on the web site, McMahon sent an email to the Class of 2010 telling them not to post any student's housing information without obtaining that student's permission to do so.

Hazlett mentioned that rumors and misinformation about housing assignments and course registration caused a number of concerned students and parents to call the deans' offices this past summer.

The administrators interviewed by the Orient emphasized that they only use Facebook in response to specific concerns that are brought to their attention, and not as a tool for exposing policy violations.

"We're not surfing for stuff," Hazlett said, "but if it's brought to our attention we will respond."

But officials at other colleges have taken a more proactive approach. At a conference held by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), McMahon and Pacelli said that a number of their colleagues advocated using Facebook as an administrative resource.

"We're much more concerned about people's health and safety," said McMahon.

College Physician and Director of Health Services Dr. Jeff Benson, who does not use Facebook, said he wouldn't be opposed to using the web site to research a student if he were motivated by specific health concerns.

"My understanding is that it contains public information...that...was intended to be accessible. In that spirit, I would feel free to access a Facebook profile if I thought it would prove helpful to that student's care," he wrote in an email to the Orient.

Public domain

As the widespread accessibility of information and photographs posted on Facebook has been a topic of national discussion, certain Bowdoin departments this summer sought to increase students' wariness about what they make public.

In early August, Anne Shields, director of the Career Planning Center (CPC), sent an email to students warning them to be careful about the image that their Facebook profiles project to future employers.

"I need to let you know that there is merit to the stories in the public media about employers and graduate programs Googling prospective candidates," the email read.

"Although Facebook, MySpace, and similar sites promise limited access, you need to know that your text and photos are not as confidential as you may think

(or hope)," Shields continued.

Pacelli said that she has talked to dorm proctors and resident assistants (RAs) about how their Facebook profiles might appear to the students to whom they are meant to serve as role models.

On Tuesday, Facebook launched a controversial new feature called "news feed," which records the individual actions of each user and announces them on the home page of every one of that user's friends.

Facebook also introduced "mini-feed," a chronology of each user's actions that is visible to everyone who visits his profile.

Users have revolted to what they feel has become excessive information trafficking on behalf of Facebook. Many Bowdoin students have joined groups that oppose the feed such as "Save Facebook," "I Want the Old Facebook Back," and "Facebook just crossed that MySpace stalking line with News Feed."

One group, "Students Against Facebook News Feed," has already acquired over 700,000 members, and includes a link to a petition requesting that the feature be removed. The criticism from users has been so strong that Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg responded in an entry on the site's web log, but did not announce any plans to withdraw the news feed.

"The news feed makes Facebook a stalker haven," said DeRay McKesson '07.

"In the days of old-school Facebook, I didn't sit and count how many photos you recently tagged of yourself, I didn't check how many people's walls you wrote on that day, I didn't know down to the minute how long your relationship lasted," said Chandra Cruz-Thomson '09. "Frankly, that's none of my business."

"It creeps the hell out of me," said Will Hales '08.

College administrators like Hazlett may regard this sudden alarm as overdue.

"We value students' desire to share information and ideas, but I don't think [posting too much information] is very wise, because it is public domain," she said.

Dean Foster to focus on issues of drinking, diversity



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster takes a phone call in his office in Moulton Union.

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drink—consume five or more alcoholic beverages in a sitting—at least once or twice a week.

Foster also referenced the "growing alcohol divide," or the social life disparity between students who drink versus students who don't drink. He wants to examine how the College is "offering a vibrant social life that doesn't surround alcohol."

"We're not going to tackle this by saying, 'That's the Office of Residential Life's problem,'" he said. "We're going to have to bring together a group of people to really think about this."

Another aspect of campus social life that Foster believes needs examination is the College House System, including whether there's a role for residential affinity housing at Bowdoin.

"I think it's a really important part of the experience for some students, but not most students," he said.

"We're 10 years in and what does the next 10 years look like?" Foster

asked. "We have this really vibrant academic life, a really vibrant social life, a really vibrant athletic life. What do we have that allows people to move between these arenas? How do we create opportunities for engagement and dialogue and how does the College House System fit in?"

On the academic front, Foster said the department will collaborate with the Office of Academic Affairs to strengthen the advising system as well as to support "under-prepared students" and "ensure that the curriculum is accessible to everyone."

"I think we need to do some analysis and look not just where people are choosing to major but different groups of students and where they're choosing to major," Foster said. "What are their intentions coming in and what do their majors end up being? Why do they change their plans along the way, and why do people end up succeeding and not succeeding?"

Foster is also concerned about the diversity of student organizations on campus.

"If you look at our largest student

organizations on campus—arguably athletics, the outing club, the College House System, and community service—if you look at the participation in those enterprises, I'd say that it tends to be less diverse than the student body as a whole," he said.

"I just believe that your experiences tend to be defined by those around you," he said. "It's going to be a much more powerful experience if you have a full diversity of perspectives by race, gender, sexuality, and class."

During his interview with the Orient, Foster continually put forth questions that he wanted to examine in conjunction with students, faculty, and other officials. One additional question he hopes community members can answer revolves around striking what he calls the "culture of caution" that may keep students from speaking up and speaking out.

"How do you get students to see that some of their greatest teachers are their fellow students, and the only way we're going to learn from one another is we press one another?" he asked.

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2 students diagnosed with MRSA

by Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

The diagnosis of two students this week with an antibiotic-resistant staph bacteria shows Bowdoin is not immune to the skin infection that is becoming increasingly common on college campuses.

College Physician and Director of Health Services Dr. Jeff Benson said the two cases at Bowdoin were "completely unrelated," but he and others familiar with the situation would not provide specific information on the students, citing health privacy laws.

The two students were diagnosed with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). According to Benson, "more than 90% of the time it's describable as just an irritation," which was the case with the two students. However, in more extreme cases, staph bacteria can cause serious complications, such as bloodstream infections and pneumonia, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) web site.

The diagnosis of the first student with the infection, a member of the football team, led to the closing of several athletic facilities for cleaning, including part of Farley Field House for half a day and the Morrell Gymnasium weight room from August 31 to September 5.

The reason for the closures was not posted, because "we were trying not to spread panic," said Director of Athletics Jeff Ward. "It's really possible for people to overreact in situations like this."

"Every place he'd been we had a cleaning service come in and disinfect," said Ward. The team members' rooms have been cleaned, all fall athletes' uniforms were washed, football pads were sent out to a special cleaning facility and all footballs were thrown away, he added.

Ward said no other members of the team have been diagnosed, but the team will continue to be monitored.

"One of the things you have to do in athletics is be adaptable," he said. "We worked really hard to make this have as little consequence as possible, and I think we've done

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Football captain Brendan Murphy '07 said besides missing one practice and some players moving to different rooms, there have been few disruptions to the team.

"It was something that occurred and was handled properly by everyone at the college," he said. "The way that everyone from [Residential Life] to the athletic department handled this has made it easy for us to focus again on football."

Benson said the second case was "completely random" and "would never have been detected if we weren't being super vigilant with the first case."

"The big problem with this is that there's a carrier state where you're showing no signs of carrying the bacteria, but you can spread it and keep it alive like that," said Benson, who explained that while 25 to 30 percent of the population carries some kind of staph, only 1 percent have MRSA. "It's very difficult to eradicate in that [carrier] state."

According to the CDC, while staph and MRSA occur most frequently in hospitals and healthcare facilities, the infection has become more common "in the community setting," such as at colleges and high schools. The University of New Hampshire had an outbreak on their football team in 2004 and local Brunswick High School had a wave of the infection in 2003, with the first known cases in the

school's football players, according to the high school's newsletter.

"It's out there," said Head Athletic Trainer Dan Davies, who said the growing trend of the use of antibiotics has led to a bacterial resistance to them.

Benson said MRSA is common with athletes because of "close skin-to-skin contact and the constant minor traumas to the skin."

According to Benson, information on staph will be included in a personal hygiene and wellness campaign by the health center and Residential Life.

Murphy said the team has already become more careful.

"Overall we are just more cautious than we have been in the past and we are more aware of infection and the signs so if anything does spring up, we know to report it to our trainer and let him take the proper steps," he said.

Dining maintains No. 1 ranking

by Cait Mitchell
ORIENT STAFF

For the second year in a row, the best college food in the country can be found here on campus at Moulton and Thorne dining halls. Bowdoin has retained the No. 1 spot on The Princeton Review list of "Best Campus Food."

Bowdoin also ranked second in the category "School Runs Like Butter"—up from 19th last year—and 17th for "Dorms Like Palaces." The rankings are released every August by The Princeton Review in

Common Good Day projects fill quickly

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Former Bowdoin President Joseph McKeen once said that "it ought to be remembered, that literary institutions are founded and endowed for the common good, and not for the private advantage of those who resort to them for education."

This week, students did well by McKeen's legacy, snatching up every spot for Common Good Day 2006.

With more local organizations and service options available than previous years, students are rising to the occasion to help the greater Brunswick area.

Now in its eighth year, Common Good Day is a campus tradition, providing opportunities for students, faculty, and alumni to interact with the community.

"Common Good Day is an event in the beginning of the year that gets people excited for, and involved with, community service," said Z-Z Cowen '08, Common Good Day fellow. "It's a completely positive experience and a great way for the community to get together, build connections, and set the tone for the rest of the year."

This year, Common Good Day will be Saturday, September 16. Most of the projects will run from noon to 4 p.m., with registration between noon and 1 p.m. Students can stop by Smith Union

for a catered lunch and a free T-shirt, and to meet one another before their service.

With more than 60 projects planned, more than 400 volunteers from the Bowdoin community are signed up. Projects include painting murals in the newly renovated first-year dorms and the Brunswick Teen Center, working with the Independence Association to help adults with special needs, doing grant research for Family Crisis Services, and helping with coastal cleanup at the Georgetown Conservation Commission and Coastal Studies Center.

Planning began in early July, when Cowen asked local organizations and non-profit agencies if the Bowdoin community would collaborate in service projects. Cowen said people she contacted were excited to be involved and grateful for the outreach from the College.

Since then, Cowen and others on campus have been working to coordinate the projects, advertise the event, spark the community's interest, and facilitate project registration on the internet.

"Our biggest goal was getting enough projects to accommodate everyone this year, yet we've essentially already filled the spots. I'm really happy that there's been so much interest. It's much better than having too few volunteers," said Cowen.

In order to accommodate students still looking for volunteer options, Cowen is now trying to coordinate some additional projects with other organizations.

Cowen said she understands how proactive and involved students and faculty are, and how fundamental service to the community is to the Bowdoin experience.

She added that volunteering for events like Common Good Day is a great way to venture beyond the "Bowdoin Bubble" and be introduced to Maine's communities.

"This year, I am praying for no rain. I'm expecting a huge number of volunteers to come out and do a crazy amount of work in one day," Cowen said. "And then coming back and doing it all over again next year."

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 8/28 TO 9/6

Monday, August 28

*A staff member reported a roll of black carpeting missing from a basement storage room in East Hall.

*A student reported a black Raleigh mountain bike stolen from a bike rack on the north side of Moulton Union. The bike was left unlocked and was not registered with the college.

Tuesday, August 29

*Brunswick police reported uncooperative and rude behavior on the part of a male student at School Street apartments.

*Security responded to Pine Street Apartments at 1:30 a.m. regarding an unregistered event.

Wednesday, August 30

*Two female students reported being verbally harassed by three males in a vehicle in the vicinity of Brunswick Apartments. Security located the vehicle and identified and questioned two male students. The matter has been referred to the Dean of Student Affairs.

*A smoke detector in Hyde Hall was activated by students baking cookies in a microwave.

*A smoke detector in East Hall was activated by burnt popcorn in a microwave.

*Security officers responded to a complaint of loud music at a gathering at Stowe Inn.

*Security officers responded to a large gathering at Pine Street Apartments after receiving a noise complaint.

*An intrusion alarm was inadvertently activated at a Barnister Hall classroom.

*A student reported that his blue and black Haro mountain bike was stolen from a second floor hallway at Stowe Inn. The unregistered bike had been left unlocked.

*An ill student was transported to Parkview Hospital.

Thursday, August 31

*A student reported the theft of a black Raleigh mountain bike from the north side of Chamberlain Hall. The bike was unregistered and left unlocked.

*A Brunswick Apartments student found a student's missing bicycle next to Longfellow School. The bike was returned to the owner at Stowe Hall.

Friday, September 1

*A security officer spotted a man at Smith Union who was barred from college property in June. The man, Paul Bucklin of Durham, was

detained by Security and arrested for criminal trespass by Brunswick police.

*A student's blue Toyota Yaris was vandalized with paint stripper early Friday morning while it was parked on Park Row in front of Brunswick Apartment F.

*A blue Rocky Mountain Switch S-1 mountain bike was reported stolen outside Brunswick Apartment P-3. The bike has Bowdoin registration 02557 and the rear wheel was locked to the frame.

*The rear wheel of a Gary Fisher Tass 27-speed bike was stolen from Helmreich House. The tire is a Bontrager with an eight sprocket hub.

*Students in Brunswick Apartments F-1 and F-3 reported that someone had vandalized furniture and door locks.

*Two Brunswick men who tried to enter a registered event at Baxter House were ordered off campus.

*A student was arrested by Brunswick police for driving drunk on College Street.

Saturday, September 2

*A staff member reported a sign missing from the door of the Office of Events and Summer Programs.

*A red Peugeot Carbolite road bike

was reported stolen from inside Maine Hall. The bike bears Bowdoin registration 02465.

Sunday, September 3

*A female student reported a suspicious man either exposing himself or urinating next to a tree at 2:30 a.m. between Adams Hall and Massachusetts Hall.

*A fire alarm at Hawthorne-Longfellow Library was activated by smoke from a demagnetizer at the circulation desk.

*A smoke alarm was activated at Hyde Hall by food in a microwave.

*Students at Brunswick Apartments attempted to cook a pizza without taking it out of the box. The resulting fire was put out with a fire extinguisher. Smoke activated the fire alarm and Brunswick Fire Department responded.

Monday, September 4

*A student with an ankle injury was transported from Brunswick Apartments to Dudley Coe Health Center.

*A bottle of hard liquor was seized following an unregistered event at Baxter House.

*Security is investigating student conduct at a party Brunswick Apartments F-1 and F-3 that resulted in four broken windows.

*A student reported a suspicious man in the vicinity of Brunswick Apartments.

*A student who passed out while exercising at Watson Fitness Center was transported to Parkview Hospital.

Tuesday, September 5

*A student was transported to Parkview Hospital with a head injury after he collided with another student while playing Frisbee.

*A fire alarm was activated at Chamberlain Hall by smoke from burnt popcorn.

Wednesday, September 6

*Security responded to a false alarm at the ATM in Smith Union.

*A man who had been seen loitering at Smith Union for several hours at a time late into the night was asked not to return to campus.

*Bowdoin Safety and Security officers are available to meet with student groups to listen to safety concerns and talk about crime prevention and campus safety. To schedule a session, contact the Safety and Security administrative office at 3458.

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Students dismayed over Brunswick PD alcohol stings

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buy liquor for the police decoy. "That's five more than we would like, but still, not bad," Goan said.

According to Goan, these sting operations, although simple in their execution, are somewhat complex to put together.

"What we have chosen to do in the Midcoast area—us [the BPD], Topsham PD, Bath PD and the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's office—is to have a multi-jurisdictional approach," Goan explained, "because to do an enforcement piece, it takes a few law enforcement people to pull it off."

Because the BPD is not a huge law enforcement agency, it would be difficult to engage in these stings unilaterally.

"But if we pull a guy from each jurisdiction we have five guys," Goan said.

Before the operation, the decoy is wired with a voice recorder. A hidden police officer records a video of the decoy's interactions with adults. "And we also have an officer standing near by in case something happens," Goan said. All the officers are in plain clothes.

"When a violation occurs, what we have chosen to do is allow the person to drive away and then a

Security to step up alcohol enforcement

While Bowdoin's Department of Safety and Security has no intention of engaging in undercover sting operations to combat underage consumption of alcohol, students can expect to see a few changes in Security's alcohol policy this year as a result of stepped-up enforcement statewide.

According to Randy Nichols, oversight of Jack McGee's Pub will be increased to prevent underage drinking. "We will be working very closely with the pub staff and with students attending the pub," he said. "We'll be monitoring the pub very, very closely, making sure IDs are properly checked, and making sure the bartenders fully understand what the consequences of serving underage students are."

Nichols said that students of age sometimes pass alcohol to people who are under 21. "That's a real problem. Students who engage in that practice—of furnishing alcohol to minors—will be dealt with firmly here on campus," Nichols added. If local or state officials catch minors with alcohol in the pub, its liquor license could be revoked. "We don't want to lose our license, so Bowdoin Security's role, along with the staff down at the pub, is making sure all the rules and regulations are obeyed."

Another new Security policy regarding alcohol—developed in concert with the office of Residential Life—is pre-party checks at registered events. "In advance of a party, we're going in and meeting with the alcohol hosts and the event hosts to make sure everything is in place," Nichols said. Security officers check to make sure that the amount of alcohol at the party matches the amount that was registered, that there is adequate food and adequate supervision. "We've taken the step of making sure that there is an event host for every keg. So if it's a three-keg event, there is going to be an alcohol host and three event hosts," he added. "We're getting some very good feedback on these [pre-party] checks already," Nichols said.

—Joshua Miller

marked unit, an officer in uniform, goes and stops them a little ways away," Goan said. "We don't want to bring bad publicity to the convenience store or whatever." After pulling the alcohol-buying adult over, the uniformed police officer generally issues the violator a ticket, takes their picture and lets them go. There are exceptions, however.

"Because it is a crime that takes place in our presence, we could actually arrest them and take them. We have chosen not to do that at this point," Goan said. "But if someone has a really bad attitude with police, that could change."

According to Goan, "the attorney general's office, last March or April, decided that, [based upon] statistics of groups throughout the state, there was an issue with underage drinking. As a result they've put it as a priority that they are going to step up enforcement to curb this." Midcoast law enforcement agencies decided to try sting operations because they had been successful elsewhere in the country.

During College House Orientation (CHO), in late August, the Office of Residential Life brought in Officer Goan to speak to some College House residents about Maine state law regarding alcohol. At the end of the session, Goan mentioned that the BPD was looking for volunteers to be a decoy for a sting operation to catch adults who buy alcohol for minors. He left a sheet of paper at the front of the room to get the names of students who were interested in the opportunity. Goan added that volunteers would be paid in the range of about \$14 an hour.

"I think it's ridiculous that they are doing this program," said Jeremy Bernfeld '09, a resident of Quinby House who attended CHO. "The fact that the cops are wasting precious resources on these kind of sting operations and paying kids to do this is kind of ridiculous," he added. "This isn't really a heinous crime that you need to go hunting people down for," Bernfeld said, echoing the sentiment of other students on campus.

"I think it's really unfair for the police to ask minors to go and solicit [alcohol] from random townspeople,

"Darren Fishell '09 said. "I think it would be more fair for them to go to the stores and see if the stores were checking IDs," he added.

According to Goan, however, the BPD sees going after adults as the most effective way to curb underage drinking. Sting operations to catch stores who sell to minors fall under the purview of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

"The Attorney General feels that the focus [for local law enforcement] needs to be on adults who are buying for younger people," Goan said. "I know there have been monies available at the sheriff's department's level where they actually give somebody a fake ID and send them in to buy the alcohol. They're going after the establishment, not the person; we're not," he explained. "This particular enforcement piece—the sting operations—is solely to see if adults are going to buy for the underage."

In a telephone interview with the Orient, Captain Donald Goulet of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department explained the department's position on ensuring that stores comply with state laws regarding the sale of alcohol to minors.

"What we've decided, based on studies, is that an educational piece is better than an enforcement piece because a lot of the stores don't understand the laws. After we've done the educational piece within the county, we'll follow it up with enforcement," he said.

Goulet, the captain of the department's Criminal Investigative Division, explained what the enforcement piece might look like. "What they've done in the past is to get kids to go in to attempt to purchase alcohol to see if they are carded," he said. If the store sells them alcohol without checking an ID, the store and the employee who failed to card may face summonses.

Back in Brunswick, Goan does not see the stings as particularly extraordinary operations.

"In the end it's just another program that's out there..." he said. "We try to do a lot of good things for the community. Hopefully this is another."

AG's office combats drinking 'crisis'

In March of this year, Steven Rowe, the attorney general (AG) of Maine, visited Mount Ararat High School in Topsham for the first of 23 summits on underage drinking to be held around the state. Over the last few months, Rowe has made curbing underage drinking a top priority. In August, the AG, in association with the Maine Departments of Public Safety and Health and Human Services announced "a new effort to curb underage alcohol sales," according to a press release. "Youth drinking is a major pediatric health crisis that has devastating consequences for our children, communities and economy," Rowe said.

In a telephone interview with the Orient, Special Assistant Attorney General Jessica Maurer explained why underage drinking is a crisis. "There's a lot of new information out there that has not been available until recently in relation to the effects of underage drinking," she said.

"The effects of youth drinking are tremendous and long-term. All of the research that's coming out now—and it seems like it's coming out monthly—suggests consistently that the

earlier kids drink the more likely it is that they will become addicted and the more likely it is that they will have long-term cognitive problems related to the drinking," Maurer said. Underage drinking "is an urgent crisis much like when we found out that alcohol had a bad effect on fetuses when pregnant women drink," she added. Youth drinking "is an epidemic which we're trying to get under control," Maurer said.

With regard to enforcement, "the AG has consistently said in his remarks that this is a multi-pronged problem that is going to take that kind of solution," Maurer said. "One of the solutions is in fact that adults don't provide alcohol to minors, because it's a violation of the law. He has initiated public service announcements that say that, in fact."

The attorney general has narrated two public service announcements that are being aired on Maine radio stations and are currently available on his web site. The PSAs remind adults that "providing alcohol to minors is illegal and can have tragic consequences," according to the site.

—Joshua Miller

Laffey comments could affect campaign

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Providence Journal.

In one column about the definition of the word "gay," Laffey wrote, "But I have never once seen a happy homosexual. This is not to say there aren't any; I simply haven't seen one in my lifetime. Maybe they are all in the closet. All the homosexuals I've seen are sickly and decrepit, their eyes devoid of life."

In an interview with the Journal, Laffey said that he regretted some of the things he wrote in Patriot columns, that they did not represent his views, and that at the time, they were meant to be funny.

"In college we engaged in sophomoric political satire," he said. The columns were published under a "humor" heading.

In the November 1983 op-ed, Laffey stated that homosexuals should not be persecuted or ostracized.

Assistant Professor of Government Michael Franz said that of Laffey's college statements that have been republished in recent weeks, his comment about Social Security have the greatest effect on voters, because of the program's popularity.

"I could see that as having a consequence in the campaign, at least in the general election," he said.

Laffey, who graduated magna cum laude and went to Harvard Business School, has kept close ties with Bowdoin in recent years. He visited campus last spring to speak with students, and he was the subject of an October 2004 profile in Bowdoin Magazine. And campaign finance disclosure records show that in November 2005, President Barry

Mills donated a total of \$4,200 to Laffey's campaign.

Mills said he did not want to comment on his donation.

Mills typically makes contributions to multiple candidates during each election cycle. Records show that Mills also made contributions to the 2006 campaigns of Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, and Rep. Tom Allen '67, D-Maine.

Laffey, who was once considered the underdog candidate, is now participating in one of the country's most-watched elections.

"The conventional wisdom is that his neck-and-neck," Franz said.

Laffey has run a campaign that focuses on offering straightforward talk against special interests and touts his record as mayor of Cranston, Rhode Island. He has been endorsed by the conservative Club for Growth, an organization that supports candidates who it believes offers pro-growth economic policies. Chaffee is generally recognized as one of the Senate's most liberal Republicans.

Franz said that the establishment wing of the Republican party is supporting Chaffee's primary bid, since polls show he has a better chance of winning the general election against likely Democratic nominee Sheldon Whitehouse. The outcome of the general election race could ultimately affect party control of the Senate.

Franz noted, however, that if Laffey wins Tuesday's primary, a November victory should not be ruled out.

"If he were to win the primary, he would have huge, huge momentum from unseating an incumbent senator," Franz said.

Mills calls for continued activism

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In its letter, the committee said an internal review by the investment staff determined Bowdoin currently holds no investments in the region. The committee urged the College to avoid investing in "companies with Sudanese operations which support the government's policy of genocide there," following in the footsteps of a number of other colleges, including Harvard, Dartmouth, and Brown, that have taken action regarding investments in Sudan.

Additionally, the committee made suggestions for college action on Darfur aside from divestment, including increasing opportunities to learn about the crisis, facilitating student activism, and encouraging charitable donations by the Bowdoin community.

The committee also recommended the establishment of a permanent committee to identify "international problems to which Bowdoin would have a moral obligation to respond."

Chertavian presented the advisory committee's recommendations to the trustees, and according to Mills, the discussion that followed was quite animated.

"The trustees spent about an hour and a half in what has been described by many trustees as one of the most interesting and in-depth conversations that the trustees have had on a very complicated issue where people expressed their views candidly," Mills said. "It's fair to say that views were expressed that were all over the lot on appropriate action for the College to take."

"There are colleges and universities that have taken the position that the sole role of the college and university is educational, and it should not become involved in activism, and that view was expressed. The polar opposite view was expressed, that we stand as a community that must draw a line in the sand when

we see something abominable as what's happening," said Mills.

Mills said he told the trustees he would continue to analyze the situation, and that he expected that his recommendations would be made public in the next 10 days to two weeks. He also said they would be presented to the trustees either in the board meeting in November, or in another venue sooner than the next meeting.

In the meantime, Mills encouraged ongoing action by community members.

"There are a large number of students on campus who have been actively involved on this issue in humanitarian ways, in educational ways, and faculty who have been involved. I would encourage all of those folks who are genuinely committed to these issues to continue the education and the effort, because they are vitally important to the way we think about ourselves," Mills said. "And so I would expect that individual campus activism would continue on this subject."

Shelley Barron '09, a member of the Darfur Coalition, a group composed of Bowdoin Students for Peace, Democratic Left, Bowdoin Women's Association, Hillel, and Global Justice, said that she felt the College had a responsibility to do more than divest.

"I think this college has a bigger obligation to take an active role in trying to end the violence," she said. "So I would want to see a lot more action-taking on the part of the College, whether it be student education about the issue, or having a permanent committee that deals along these lines, or significant donations to the Genocide Intervention Fund [now the Genocide Intervention Network], or other organizations that are trying to support the African Union. I think the College has an opportunity to be a significant player."

FEATURES

9/11

FIVE YEARS LATER

Five years ago on Monday, tragedy struck.

Today, the Orient asks members of the Bowdoin community to share how 9/11 affected their lives — in their own words.

BY MARY HELEN MILLER

A STATE TROOPER

Randy Nichols: On the case in South Portland

The really interesting thing about this for me is that my office was located in South Portland, on the Maine turnpike, right next to the Portland Jetport. And, directly across the turnpike from my office where our troop headquarters was there was the Comfort Inn where Muhammad Atta stayed the night before he then drove with his companions, with his cohorts, to the jetport for the flight. So if you looked out of my office, I had a big picture window, it was an old building, and if you looked out my office I could look virtually right into the room where Muhammad Atta was staying the night before, which was interesting.

It was interesting that he was driving the roads right near us. He could've been stopped by one of my troopers. Any number of things could have happened. If you think of all the things that might have happened to prevent what occurred. It could have been something as simple as a traffic stop, where an officer senses something is wrong,

starts looking into it, starts to find something in the car that's suspicious. An officer could have gotten

killed on one of those stops. But, it was very interesting, and I remember the video tape footage that came out from the Portland Jetport that was on all the news broadcasts, showing Atta and his cohorts actually going in through the line to board the plane. It was very famous footage that was released by the Portland Police Department. And the car that they used was parked at the Portland Jetport parking garage. We had to conduct a search for that vehicle. We found it,

and we towed it up to the crime lab up in Augusta for processing.

So, it was interesting how it all came to be, and it was all very close to home for me and my troop because it happened virtually just across the street. Or one of the key elements of this day occurred right there under our noses basically, but how were we to know?

Randy Nichols is Bowdoin's director of safety and security. He spent 27 years as a trooper with the Maine State Police.



"I could look virtually right into the room where Muhammad Atta was staying the night before."

A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT

Adam Baber '05: Saw the battle lines drawn

In many ways I think it brought out some of the best and some of the worst in higher education in general.

It brought out the best because you saw people from all different backgrounds come together to talk and think about what had happened...As a freshman it was pretty impressive to see the administration come together. Remember, it was Barry Mills's first year as president as well, so he was very new. This was a challenge to any sort of institutional leader in the country at this point. I remember he was very eloquent at the meeting they had

that Tuesday afternoon, and keeping the campus updated about stuff that the campus was doing. So that's the good part. The bad part is soon you saw the politicization of what had happened. Once the initial shock wore off, you started to see people asking, "Why did this happen?" "What prompted this," "How should we respond," and immediately you saw the battle lines drawn, in classes, in debates...I think college campuses, and Bowdoin is no exception, are politicized to extreme on both right and left. 9/11 did not help that situation. Then what ended up happening for the people in my class, 2005, that is sort of colored in the next few years because we went from 9/11 to

Afghanistan and then fairly quickly into Iraq. So, the military aspect of what 9/11 brought around really col-

ored campus politics and I think made the 2004 elections very close and very heated. It was a very exciting time. It was a great time to be on campus, it was a great time to work with the newspaper because there was no shortage of material, but at the same time, you saw people on both sides of the political spectrum try to sort of take advantage of the political climate and say some things that probably should not have been said.

Being a freshman, obviously, in a totally new environment with totally new people, totally new routine; you are struggling on a day to day basis, some students to a bigger extent than others, but having that happen and really throw not only your little world out of whack, but the whole world out of whack for a little while was pretty intense. I know some students had a fairly difficult time with it... It sets the class of 2005, no matter where the graduated from, apart in that sense. Anyone starting anything new in September 2001 had sort of a double burden. It's memorable, in sort of a dark sense I think.

Adam Baber '05 was co-editor-in-chief of the Orient during the 2004-2005 academic year.



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FIVE YEARS LATER

A STUDENT FROM BANGLADESH

Arnab Quadry '09: Saw peers dismiss U.S. study

I think there was more sympathy for the U.S. at that point than I can remember at any other point. I mean obviously, I haven't been in the world forever, but in my lifetime, yeah definitely—which is very weird thinking about it right now when everyone is mad at the U.S. for a variety of reasons. At that time it was just like, everyone was like "Oh my God. How did that happen?"

People's perception of the United States I don't think really changed that much, except the fact that everyone was a little bit scared that if this could happen to the United States, what else could happen?...

The only thing that did change, I think, is that it became harder to go the U.S. ...If I had been a graduating senior in 2001, I probably would not have been able to come to Bowdoin, which is understandable,

but at the same time it is tragic. A lot of people who normally could have come here to study could not do so because the U.S. embassy back home was really, really strict about that kind of thing. One of those things though, is that affected a lot of people who went to study in a lot of places that had not been popular before like Canada, and then England or Australia...A lot of people, like the brightest people, would go to the U.S., but after that they decided on different destinations...I think that today hasn't changed a lot. People do go to the U.S. a little bit more, but it's still not like pre-9/11 standards even now. All these people found out that, for example, school in Canada is much cheaper than school in the U.S. ...No one would think about going there, except now a lot of people do, just because that started up a trend.

Arnab Quadry '09 is from Dhaka, Bangladesh.



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AN AIDE ON CAPITOL HILL

Pat Collins: Hears public concern

It's really apparent in D.C. that security and security precautions have become an everyday part of life for Capitol Hill staffers, and I think generally a lot of people around the city, even the private sector, have to kind of bulk up their safety precautions...The Capitol Hill police are kind of constantly training and retraining us for potential security issues...I think twice since I've been here we've trained on evacuation hoods that would be used in case of chemical or biological issues arising in the Senate building itself. It is very much part of life in D.C.

I think one of the big things, one of the conflicting concerns that we see constituents trying to work the right balance between privacy and personal freedoms versus national security. These are sort of the day-to-day concerns that people have...We received a lot of mail on, for instance, the NSA

wiretapping and data collection scandal when it broke. I think that issue kind of served to bring out the issue of privacy and how far our government should be allowed to reach the private lives of citizens in the effort to protect us at home and abroad in terms of terrorist threats. So, I think that's one issue of where the balance lies.

A lot of people, I think, are much more concerned, and I think people are increasingly more informed about politics in the Middle East and our presence there. Part of that has to do with the war in Iraq...There are a lot more people out there voicing their concerns with a better understanding of these issues than probably anyone had before the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Before,

there was a region in the world that people didn't really know much about, and frankly, care much about, I think, until a bunch of guys crashed some buildings.

Alum Pat Collins is a staff assistant to Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.



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A VENTURE CAPITALIST

Karen Mills: Sees change in travel and investments

I have a venture capitalist firm in New York, so I've been commuting every week, this is my sixth year. This actually had a pretty profound change, because I used to get to the airport at the very last minute, and I used to feel if I wasn't the last person on the plane that I had wasted some time. And this really forced me to get to the airport at least a full hour in advance of flight time. Actually, this has proven to be pretty productive because it takes all the stress out of traveling. You know you aren't going to miss the plane because you've left enough time. And, it turns out that between having a Blackberry and a cell phone, you can sit quite comfortably in the jetport or LaGuardia or in any airport and be pretty completely connected to work. So, it turns out that it actually gives me a lot of work time and makes

traveling a lot less stressful in a way that I never would have chosen, to be at the airport an extra hour early, but now I am.

...Well, we did move our offices in New York just after that, and I will tell you, we did choose a new location that was on the third floor, and that one of the reasons that we liked the third floor did have to do with reflecting back a few months on September 11. In terms of work, the investment climate is really pretty much recovered. Airlines had a huge loss, but there hasn't been anything that we've seen that has really been affected. I think that industries that were more home based, for a while had more business.

Karen Gordon Mills is a managing director of Solera Capital, LLC, in New York City.



AN INTERN IN D.C.

Armand Gottlieb '07: Heard immigration worry

I think a lot of the immigration politics now have a lot to do with terrorism and 9/11. One thing that happened a lot was people would send bricks to the office because they wanted us to build a wall between the United States and Mexico...

I think September 11, is one thing that really made you start thinking about how we want to control our borders. I don't think we'd really thought about that much whether our borders, our border patrols, our border security is a real threat to our own safety. People think, you know, that people are coming in maybe is hurting our

economy if they are working on welfare or whatever. People have economic concerns about it, but I think that ever since 9/11 people have been thinking of it as a safety issue.

I think people want to know more about why people are coming into our country. People are more concerned about people coming in from Canada and Mexico...It is hard to say whether it is justified or not. People are more concerned about how and why people are coming into



our country. Armand Gottlieb '07 spent a month interning for Rep. Tom Lantos, D-California.

A LONG ISLAND RESIDENT

Jackie Li '09: Felt a changed skyline, city

I was home actually by myself, which was terrifying because my mom works in a hospital, and when something like that happens the hospital goes in lockdown, so she wasn't allowed to come home. So, she was stuck there. My dad was working that week in and out of New York City, so I didn't know if he was there or not. So, I was by myself, I hadn't heard from anyone, I was terrified...

Obviously I didn't go into the city for awhile after that. My parents, even after it was safe to go in, my parents didn't obviously want me to, they were kind of strict about that. But, when I did finally go, it was so weird. Just think, obviously just the sky-

line is just—it's more than just seeing, it's the feeling that you see. It's a huge something missing, and not just visually something missing, but, oh my God, you know? ...When you pass by ground zero you just don't know what to say.

Definitely, socially, I feel like in my high school there was just prejudice, even. There's a 7-11 right near our high school, and the people that work there are predominately Arab, and there was a lot of harassment and that kind of thing, and obviously that really upset me.

Things changed in every way possible, in every way you can imagine. Jackie Li '09 is from Long Island, New York.



Health center provides variety of medical care

Ask Dr. Jeff,

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Dear Students:

Welcome to Bowdoin 2006-2007, from all of us in the health services!

In this first column of the new school year, I wanted to review some of our programs and services and write a little about our sense of mission here at Dudley Coe.

The health center staff is happy to see you for a broad spectrum of primary and acute care needs. We see students by appointment, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. More urgent medical needs are always scheduled for same-day appointments. Really urgent needs are of course always treated, well, urgently! Routine physical exams, GYN exams, allergy shots, and travel consultations may be scheduled a few days out. If you



want to make an appointment, please call us at extension 3770, or stop by in person.

On weekends, we're open for urgent care services from noon to 2:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. No appointments are necessary. Medical needs that could have been handled during the previous week, or that can safely wait until Monday, really should wait for Monday!

All of the care we offer at the health center is free to you. Whether you have Bowdoin's Koster Health Insurance Plan or are covered under your parents' plan, you'll have unlimited access to all of the services offered at the health center and the counseling center, free of charge. Your insurance policy will cover visits to outside providers and the emergency room, as well as most of the send-out lab tests we may order for you. Pap tests, pregnancy tests, and STD tests for both women and men, including HIV testing, are all paid for by us. To protect your privacy, they will not be billed to your Bowdoin or your family insurance.

Our in-house, formulary prescription medications are dis-

pensed to students free of charge. Our formulary includes over 30 of the most commonly prescribed medications, from antibiotics to generic Prozac to the Emergency Contraceptive Plan B. We also have two top brands of Birth Control Pills (Cyclessa and Desogen) and the vaginal ring (Nuvaring) on our formulary, all available to you free of charge.

Prescriptions for non-formulary medications can be filled at a number of nearby community pharmacies.

Once again, this year, we have a supply of liquid nitrogen, for freezing warts, etc., and we'll continue to offer minor office surgery for moles and "lumps and bumps."

Our "Self-Care Room" is up and running, and in it you'll find the information, diagnostic tools, and remedies to evaluate and treat—by yourselves—some of your more common ailments. You can also help yourself to a variety of condoms.

This year we are offering an expanded menu of vaccines. We now have the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine, Gardasil, which we strongly encourage all women to

We hope to help you gain access to the information, resources and services you'll want in order to understand your own health needs, to pursue your own health care, and to promote and sustain your own well-being.

consider, at present, it's not yet approved for men—but stay tuned! It's a series of three shots, and available to you at our cost. We will soon be offering free flu shots to all students, and will be very strongly encouraging all of you to get vaccinated when the time comes. Travel vaccines, the new Tetanus-Pertussis vaccine, Hepatitis B, Polio, Measles/Mumps/Rubella, Chicken Pox, and the pneumonia and meningitis vaccines, are all also available at cost.

We've had some staffing changes over the summer. Andree Appel has left (though she'll still be helping out on some weekends). Sandy Hayes and Karen Marlin, who have been working part-time at Dudley Coe for years, are now both on our "regular" staff. And Carri Kivela, with years of college and family health experience under her belt, has also joined us.

Dr. F. Lincoln Avery, from Orthopedic Associates in Portland, will be here again this year on Monday and Wednesday mornings for orthopedic consultations. Mona Alley, R.D./L.D., will be coming to the health center on Tuesday mornings for nutrition consultations.

We are eager to advertise our smoking cessation support efforts. If you're thinking about quitting smoking, or just want to learn more about your options, or just want to help someone else out who might be thinking of quitting, come on in!

We are also eager to hear back from you about your needs and concerns, and about how well (or poorly) we seem to be meeting them. Please feel free to contact any of us by email or phone, or fill out our web site feedback form, or stop by to chat. We will also soon be starting back up our Health Center Student Advisory Group, to address these questions longitudinally. Contact Nicole Colucci if you're interested in joining the group.

Let me say a few words about our sense of mission in the health services.

Besides coming to Bowdoin, most of you were likely cared for by pediatricians, and very likely under your parents' direct and attentive supervision. You might not have had the opportunity to develop independent provider-patient relationships of your own. You might not have needed to be responsible for pursuing your own health care, and you might not have even been expected to understand your own health needs.

This is exactly what we would like to offer you: the opportunity to take charge of your own health care and needs, with as much support, information, and hopefully good advice and guidance as we can muster.

In providing health care services on campus, we try to emphasize health promotion and disease prevention. We offer preventive exams and vaccinations, sponsor health education programs, and treat acute and chronic illnesses. We hope to help you gain access to the information, resources and services you'll want in order to understand your own health needs, to pursue your own health care, and to promote and sustain your own well-being.

Finally, there's this weekly column in the Orient. It was always meant to provide an open forum for discussion about any questions or concerns you might have, related to health care, public health, preventive medicine, health policy, health center services, or any other issues involving health or wellness. Please feel free to email me with any of these questions or comments. If published, they would be printed anonymously, but our discussion might benefit the whole community.

Salud! To a great year together!

Jeff Benson, M.D.
Dudley Coe Health Center

If we had our way ... We'd drive everyone out of town.

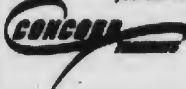
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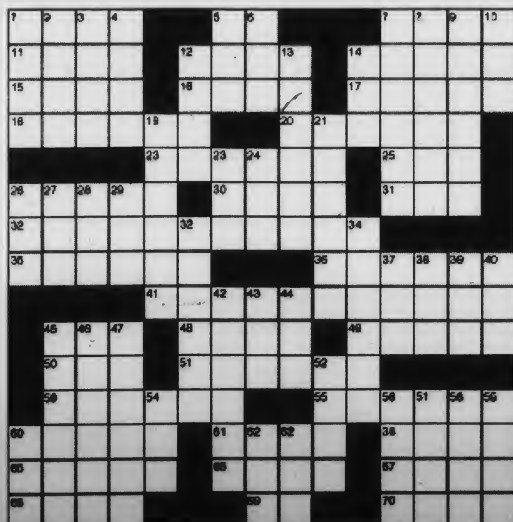
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Students spanned globe for summer endeavors

by Tara Rajiya
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Nick Manny '09

Nick Manny traveled to Switzerland and Austria to work on several organic farms. He participated in this venture through an organization called Willing Workers On Organic Farms (WWOOF). Over the course of the summer, he worked at five farms in Switzerland and one in Austria. Manny was motivated to participate in the program because of his dual interest in horticulture, particularly organic techniques, and travel.

The program involved farm labor, in Manny's case mainly weeding, for four or five hours a day, five or six days a week. When he was not working, he managed to spend a great deal of time exploring the areas where he was staying. He appreciated this approach to travel because it allowed him to "see the way people actually live," he said. He said it was more fulfilling for him than conventional tourism. Although Manny speaks High German well, he ran into a language barrier while trying to communicate with the Low German-speaking Swiss farmers.

Manny's summer experience made him think critically about the state of modern agriculture and where people actually get their food. "I gained an appreciation for humans' connection to their food," he said. "I feel we've lost that in the hyper-industrialized society we live in." As a result, Manny has cultivated an interest in harvesting his own food and growing a small vegetable garden.

Bier Kraichak '08

Bier Kraichak spent his summer in Thailand teaching and studying natural history. He instructed junior and senior high school classes on the subject and also participated in field research. Kraichak said his goal was to immerse himself into the "new" culture of the people there and to learn how people interact with natural history. He was able to participate in this program through the financial assistance of the Freeman Foundation, which funds grants for students to study in Asia.

Kraichak chose to go to Thailand because it is his country of origin. He found that his close relationship with the country proved to be an asset in his study of natural history. His contacts and relatives in Thailand allowed him to meet people who assisted him with his studies.

One of his favorite experiences was returning to a school he had not been to for over 10 years and reuniting with a teacher he knew. He enjoyed exploring the countryside.

"I did a lot of one-man travel," he said.

Kraichak said he encountered a different perception of natural history than he was anticipating, which forced him to radically adapt plans for research. He said that Thai people, over half of which still farm the land, see natural history as an integral part of their life and culture.

Kraichak plans to integrate his summer research into his education this year by doing an independent study and a research paper that analyzes the data he gathered during his visit.

Charles Stern '09

Charles Stern '09 traveled halfway across the world to Tibet in order to teach English for a month and a half.



Courtesy of Charles Stern '09

Charles Stern '09 played with elementary school children every morning during his summer spent as an English teacher in Tibet.

He discovered this life-changing opportunity through friends of a friend, and he had been planning it for a year before he left.

To finance his trip, Stern met with Anne Shields, director of the Career Planning Center (CPC), who introduced him to the Freeman Foundation, a national foundation that provides various universities and other educational causes in Asia with funding. Stern, who was particularly interested in the opportunity since it incorporated many of his interests such as anthropology and education, gratefully accepted the grant.

In Tibet, Stern headed off to the Lucky Start School (Tashi Garma in Tibetan) to teach English and play with elementary school kids each morning. This task was especially difficult for Stern at first, because he was unfamiliar with Tibetan. However, Stern quickly picked up some key phrases. After leaving Lucky Star School each day at around 1:30 p.m., Stern attended Tibetan language classes. These classes served as compensation for the English classes he taught from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lhasa Kunghon Language School for adults.

"I learned how to teach and come up with different [educational] strategies," Stern said.

Stern believes he could have undergone some of these daily exposures from teaching at a high school in Brunswick, but he thinks his overall experience in Tibet is incomparable to one he could have had anywhere else. While he noted that Tibet had the same modern conveniences available in the United States, he gained first-hand experience and knowledge of the political tension between China and Tibet.

Stern said that the Lhasa Kunghon Language School is always looking for English teachers and any Bowdoin student is eligible and in high demand for this position.

Susan Morris '07

Susan Morris spent her fourth consecutive summer working with Denver SummerBridge, a program associated with Breakthrough Collaborative. SummerBridge provides highly motivated low-income students with the opportunity to attend summer school for free to keep up with their education. Morris teaches mathematics to seventh, eighth, and ninth graders.

As much as it is a rewarding summer post for Morris, she said the program allows students to be "extremely passionate about their own education." She especially loved the experience of working with students and watching them progress.

One of Morris's favorite experiences was working with two African refugees in the program, because she said they were "extremely grateful and the most enthusiastic" students to teach. She was also able to use her Spanish-speaking skills, because she had to make phone calls one time each week to the students' parents, many of whom could not speak English.

Because of her work at Denver SummerBridge, Morris has decided to become an education minor at Bowdoin, and she plans to pursue a career in teaching after college.

Yessenia Torres '09

Yessenia Torres worked at the Reading to Kids office in Santa Monica, California. The non-profit organization holds reading programs for students and workshops for parents at four different schools in the downtown Los Angeles area during one Saturday of each month. At the end of the program, every child and parent receives a free book.

As an intern, Torres spent her five hour, shift recruiting book and money donors, entering data into a computer, and translating brochures and posters into Spanish. She also had the opportunity to visit schools and work with kids.

Torres recalled one of her afternoons reading to a group of third grade boys: "The boys were really crazy, but the minute I started reading to them, they quieted down. At the end of the program, a little boy came up to me and said he wanted to finish reading the book [I had started]."

Torres chose this internship from several others that the CPC had suggested.

"It [gave me] the opportunity to have office experience and to work with kids," she said.

Torres hopes to start her own non-profit organization in order to help women facing acts of violence.



Courtesy of John Hall '08

As an intern with A&E, John Hall '08 pursued his interest in web analytics.

John Hall '08

As an intern at A&E, John Hall '08 gained experience in the world of web analytics, an industry he may pursue in the future. Hall only discovered this internship opportunity late last spring. While working at Bowdoin's graduation last May, Hall received an email from the CPC's eBear database alerting him of the internship. He sent his resume before the May 31 deadline, and two weeks later he found himself in a cottage in Samford, Connecticut, interning there for three days a week and New York City for the remainder. Hall worked in the web analytical department, which was headed by a Bowdoin alum from the Class of 2000.

An average day's work consisted of tracking the company's three network web sites and making conclusions about various website traffic periods and demographics.

"You hear stories about internships where people [are just] coffee-getting," Hall said, "[but I] was treated like an employee."

Hall's main project was setting up a program on Microsoft Excel that allows any A&E employee to view all the web statistics from the previous day with the click of a mouse. Interns were also invited to weekly luncheons that A&E held for their interns in New York City. Each luncheon was complemented by a lecture delivered by company figureheads such as the president of one of A&E's television channels and the company president. Interns were also asked to participate in various panels, during which they were shown an array of different web sites and asked to help gear A&E's three web sites to a younger demographic.

"They really cared about us," Hall said. "I really felt like I made a difference...I could even see some of the changes on the websites [as a] result of the advice we gave."

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Jason Spooner plays at the pub



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The Jason Spooner Trio, a perennial favorite at Jack Magee's Pub, performed for the crowd at Senior Pub Night.

Alum's thriller reveals insider world of intrigue

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

When William Cohen '62, secretary of defense under former president Bill Clinton, left office, many people surely expected him to write a memoir about his experiences. Instead, the Bowdoin alumnus authored "Dragon Fire," a highly charged thriller about a fictional U.S. secretary. His investigation of a potential nuclear threat thrusts him into a world of underhanded politicians and international terrorist threats.

Cohen's desire to educate the world about the increasing danger of potential terrorist threats prompted his surprising decision to commemorate his experiences within the realm of fiction.

"In writing creatively about a serious subject," Cohen said, "I hope both to enlighten and entertain, potentially reaching an audience beyond those who might read a non-fiction tome."

Since its publication in late August, the novel has already touched a broad international audience, such as a Russian television host who said that the novel "had given him a virtual tour of the minds and machinations of powerful people who play on the global chessboard."

Cohen's life experiences give him exceptional insight into this world of international power and intrigue. After graduating from Bowdoin

College with a B.A. in Latin, Cohen was elected to both the House and the Senate, serving three terms in each respectively.

In 1997, Clinton asked Cohen to lead his Department of Defense, making the moderate Republican the first elected official in modern U.S. history to be chosen as a member of the opposing party's cabinet.

During his tenure as secretary of defense, Cohen experienced not only the largest defense spending increase in 15 years, but also oversaw the United States' military transition into the post-Cold War era of biological warfare and terrorist threats. After 31 years of public service, Cohen founded The Cohen Group, an organization that helped multinational clients pursue international business opportunities.

This insider knowledge about the global world of high stakes power and espionage gives "Dragon Fire" an unrivaled authenticity and realism. As a fictional secretary of defense, Michael Santini encounters an alliance between a conservative Chinese general and a billionaire Russian mafia boss. Cohen's knowledge about the global environment renders this frightening situation believability and fascinating.

"I've chosen to reveal how a shift in the balance of power might be brought about by those who operate

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A tribute to Irwin, 'an ordinary bloke'

by Gabe Kornbluh
STAFF WRITER

I thought the world had seen enough tragedy lately. Crikey. Our minds, our TV sets have both been stuck on the Calamity Channel for ages, weathered by the reliable vehicular accident, natural disaster, military mishap, the child molester du jour.

Now, Steve Irwin is dead, and in an increasingly sad time around the world—a sad time bolstered by a disaster-obsessed media—the passing of one koala-cute croc-wrangler may oddly enough be the most dynamic tragedy to hit the news in a while.

That's because Irwin's death was much more than just sad. Untimely, unfortunate, unlikely. It was all those things, but it was also ironic. He met his end while filming the program "Ocean's Deadliest," dealt by the barb of a normally passive and harmless stingray.

Call it poetic as well: the conservationist killed at the hands of his beloved creatures. Obviously adept at sniffing out harmful situations, Irwin regularly discussed this scenario with both the media and his family. Hearing him grapple with such matters, in his many wide-eyed interviews, is to witness more than just eerie premonitions. He seemed to know that death-by-nature was com-

ing, and looked more enamored for it.

That danger-tinged sense of awe was what first drew me in to "The Crocodile Hunter." I rushed home from school on weekdays to catch the show air back to back, at which point Irwin revealed to me, and many of us, that exotic animals were intriguing, but even more so when they were gnawing on the forearm of an excitable TV personality.

We're not such young blokes anymore, and neither are our television programs. Where we once ran home eager to be wowed by reptile wrestling, we now sulk back to our sets to hear about the latest nuclear missile warnings or evocations of terrorists that recall the Nazi threat of WWII. On Monday, we found Steve Irwin staring back at us once again, but in the wrong place and with the wrong tone. It was as though, for some reason, the bad news we have all come to expect was shocking and heartbreaking for the first time in a long time.

Steve Irwin's death is a glorious tragedy because it is apolitical at a time where most of the international news is not. There are no villains in this story—news pundits can't go on a rant against a species of bottom-feeding sting-rays—a testament to Irwin's struggle to de-vilify and demystify the world's most danger-

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Burke '84 wages 'Tabloid Wars'

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
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Kerry Burke '84 has moved well beyond smashing Hostess cupcakes with a hockey stick.

The dessert destruction occurred during the talent section of the 1984 Mr. Bowdoin pageant, when Burke also remarked on Bowdoin sports and tuition. As a city reporter with the New York Daily News for the last four years, Burke now devotes his time and energy to the stories of New York.

"I cover murder and mayhem," he said. "If it's got blood and dirt on it, it's my story."

His dedication led to a significant role on the Bravo series, "Tabloid Wars." The show focuses on what Burke describes as the "life and death struggle" between the Daily News and its rival, the New York Post.

At first, Burke hesitated to appear on a television show about the paper. As a city reporter who handles news as soon as it breaks, "anonymity in my job is an asset." However, Burke acknowledged that the press should be transparent and people should understand what goes into media production.

"I traded anonymity for legitimacy," he said. "I go to people on the worst day of their lives and say, 'Tell me everything.' It would be hypocritical to not do it when people asked me to tell my story."

That trade paid off for Burke. In "Tabloid Wars," his stories run the



Courtesy of Nora Grudman, Bravo Publicity

Kerry Burke '84, former Mr. Delta Sigma, hits the streets for the Daily News.

gamut from Robert DeNiro's nanny, a kleptomaniac, to a heroin junkie couple that scalded its toddlers to death. Other stories

include a shooting involving two cops and a perpetrator who then

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Bowdoin's own stars in 'Tabloid Wars'

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jumped out of a 14th floor window, and a racial riot on Howard Beach, where a similar racial attack happened 20 years earlier.

"I don't like covering celebrities, but it's still news because it captures New York's attention," Burke said.

"New York is a city of extremes. Its diversity is unprecedented, with harrowing and beautiful stories."

Burke, a Boston inner city native, fell in love with New York because of these stories.

"Being in New York is like playing for the championship Celtics," he said. "If you want to play in the big leagues, you go to New York."

He attended Bowdoin on scholarship, calling it his first formal education. He then received his graduate degree at Columbia School of Journalism.

Burke credits Bowdoin with providing him with a liberal arts education that "applies to everything," but heading to a major metropolitan area and throwing himself headfirst into journalism gave him an opportunity to learn the industry by doing the job firsthand.

"My shift is 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., but it never works out that way," he said. "It starts as early as the news breaks and I'm usually out until 2 a.m."

Burke's drive also focuses on the "high stakes and exacting standards" involved with working for the Daily News.

"If you get something wrong, it's people's lives. There could be riots. We play it straight and don't want to take people down. We sacrifice large parts of stories because we can't nail it down."

With regard to "Tabloid Wars," Burke admits that he doesn't watch the show. He does, however, have good reason: "It's not about me. It's about the stories of the city."

'A Scanner Darkly' leads summer gems

by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Another summer has come and sadly gone, along with your disposable income thanks to the movies. "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" may have captured hearts, but the true gems of this summer, as usual, were not found in the multiplexes. Here are my favorites.

A SCANNER DARKLY

This adaptation of a Philip K. Dick short story by director Richard Linklater tells of Bob Arctor (Keanu Reeves), an undercover agent tracking down citizens in a not-so-futuristic society addicted to a drug named Substance D.

Semi-autobiographical in nature, Dick's personal drug problems were well known and influenced much of his work, and in typical style it sears with Dick's inner torment conveyed through Reeve's character.

Arctor's friends in "Darkly" have all rejected the typical suburban life: its anesthetized blandness and lack of excitement. Arctor's house is full of a motley crew, including Robert Downey Jr. and Winona Ryder, finally returning to screen acting. Arctor dwells in the underbelly of suburbia, residing in the house he lived in while married.

Much of the compelling nature of "Darkly" is enhanced by the animation. Like Linklater's "Waking Life," animation was drawn over live action footage, enhancing the visuals. Most notable is the suit Reeves wears for his job, a human chameleon suit with superficial attributes washing over its surface. The growing trend of adult animation surely is a positive one, as is the usage of hand-drawn animation—much more artistic in its creation than digital images.

The drug use and lack of a clear directional path were bound to catch up with Arctor sooner or later. Reeves brings calm confusion to the



Courtesy of movieweb.com

Keanu Reeves stars in "A Scanner Darkly," a film especially notable for its animation drawn over live action footage.

role, perhaps channeling his persona from "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," centering a film that teeters on the edge of complete despair and despondency.

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

This summer added another socially conscious documentary to a growing list that includes "Bowling for Columbine" or "Super Size Me." This time around it's Al Gore, victim of the 2000 electoral fiasco, back with a message. While derided during his years in office for a lack of personality, his passion shows here in full force.

The point of the film is clear: to make the American public understand the imminent catastrophe of our planet's climate change. This is accomplished with a range of carefully selected and horrifying statistics, with visuals to back them up. Regardless of political persuasion, one cannot deny the levels of carbon in the air, or that Kilimanjaro will be snowless in a matter of years.

The middle section of the film waxes nostalgic, as Gore recounts

the summers of his youth, living on a Tennessee farm.

The sincerity of this message cannot be denied. Progressive and personal action is the order of the day, and Gore admits the political system is unable, or unwilling, to take the first step; citizens must begin it at the grassroots level. Using fluorescent lightbulbs, taking shorter showers, and buying a car with miles per gallon above 35 are all important steps.

If this is Gore's future, then philanthropy and the American public should be very happy indeed.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

This charming film, now playing at Evenstar Cinema, tells the story of Olive (Abigail Breslin), a young girl who qualifies for the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant. Although her family is struggling financially, they all travel to California to help her fulfill her dream.

So they take off in a big VW Van. But though they seem to be a typical suburban American family, each character has plenty of neuroses to

deal with. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is an obnoxiously positive self-help writer, Uncle Frank (Steve Carell) recently attempted suicide after a failed relationship with a student, Grandpa (Alan Arkin) snorts coke, and Dwayne, Olive's brother, hasn't spoke for almost a year in protest against his family's insanity.

Their trip across the southwestern desert is filled with hilarious comedy, including a malfunctioning horn. But more valuable is the warmth to which directors Dayton and Faris bring to their characters. They may all have their difficulties; but they are not demeaned for them.

"Sunshine" mirrors much of Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath," and the family is filled with the desire to see Olive achieve her version of the American Dream. She set her sights on what her goal is and vows to fight till the end. But true liberation is not found in the unending quest, but in the liberation from the confines of that goal.

May all discover this in as uplifting fashion.

Cure post-summer beer blues

by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

Magic Hat Circus Boy — (\$7.95 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's Market)

As the summer months fade and all eyes turn towards fall, most jovial beer drinkers can only sigh as their beloved summer ales begin to leave the shelves and empty out of taps everywhere. I suffered this exact fate just Tuesday night at Sea Dog, when the bartender could offer me only a Red Ale rather than my usual Summer Wheat. Instead of fits of rage and bouts of profanity, I offered him a simple smile and a \$5 bill. For I, my friends, have found a place where summer breezes on eternally; a place where amber prevails over darkness and smoothness triumphs over puckered lips and watery eyes. Just the other day, at a little slice of heaven called Uncle Tom's Market, I found the Circus Boy.

Now this is not to say that I used Tom's keg-littered back room as a personal jungle gym. What I did instead was to pick up Magic Hat's delectable spice/herb/vegetable Circus Boy beer brewed in Burlington, Vermont. (Note: Magic Hat classifies Circus Boy as a "Hefeweizen," a German beer

known for its cloudy nature and wheat taste. After more research, however, I discovered that the presence of lemon technically qualifies it as a spice/herb/vegetable beer.) But don't be fooled by the fancy terminology. This is not your mother's V8.

After my purchase, I sat down with some friends for the first of what I expect to become weekly beer tastings at Pine Street B (invitation only, please). The group's positive reaction came as a surprise to me, at least until I tried it for myself. Circus Boy boasts an amber orange color

and an overwhelming taste of citrus infused with wheat. My good friend and frequent beer-drinking partner Ted Upton remarked boldly that Circus Boy went down "smoother than a summer ale." Not to be outdone, roommate and infamous Boston beer aficionado Eric Gutierrez added, Circus Boy "tastes like a summer ale with the lemon already squeezed in." Indeed, cracking the beers filled the room with a sweet lemon aroma. The first sip went down so smoothly that it was as if my stomach stole the pleasure of tasting the first sip directly from my taste buds.

Undeniably, my friends and I took an immediate liking to the sneaky little Circus Boy. However, there are some qualities of this beer that need to be noted before all heads can bow to its divine omnipotence. Firstly, though your taste buds will deceive you, Circus Boy is not a summer ale. Like most microbrews, Circus Boy is best drank from a glass, leaving the last centimeter of sediment remaining in the bottle.

The other quality of Circus Boy that you are sure to notice is that, though crisp and smooth, it is almost impenetrable by light, even in a clean glass. The back of every bottle states: "Circus Boy is cloudy by nature, like Burlington, Vermont, itself." If you're like me, this doesn't exactly inspire carefree consumption, but rather makes me wonder what nasty storm cloud this beer fell out of and who could be sick enough to bottle it. But fear not—cloudiness is typical of many beers. Besides, even paradise is cloudy sometimes, right?

In the end, Magic Hat's Circus Boy left me filled with hope. I no longer need to linger beneath the taps for the last drops of summer ale. Circus Boy is light and smooth and delicious. Hell, each bottle cap even offers a nifty phrase, like the alcoholic equivalent of Snapple. And as my first cap humbly told me: "If you can spare one, share one."

Tyehimba Jess reads award-winning 'leadbelly'

by Astrid Taran
CONTRIBUTOR

Huddie William Ledbetter, better known as "Leadbelly," was a Southern folk and blues musician whose songs have been covered by everyone from Johnny Cash to Kurt Cobain.

Aside from being an inspiration to timeless musicians, Leadbelly has also been the force behind rising poet Tyehimba Jess's award-winning book of poetry, "leadbelly."

"Poets and Writers Magazine" recognized Jess, a Brooklyn native, as one of 2005's "Eighteen Debut Poets to Watch." He also won the 2004 National Poetry Series. "leadbelly" itself gained critical acclaim. "Black Issues Book Review" voted "leadbelly" as one of the three best poetry books of 2005.

Mississippi blues poet Sterling Plump states that "Jess willingly accepts the challenges of vernacular in contemporary poetry; to push it further, to squeeze more from it, to improvise miraculously within it, and then to riff his unique song."

Fortunately, for those who were at the Donald B. MacMillan House last night, Bowdoin students experienced Jess's unique style.

Jess read from his book to a packed house, engaging the audience with his poetry for over an hour.

He paused every few readings to tell the audience back stories of some of the characters or inspirations behind certain verses. His voice echoed throughout the room, emphasizing the power of his poetry.

Throughout the house, audience members nodded their heads and smiled as they were enraptured by Jess's performance.

Jess put on a true performance. With his gray newsboy cap sideways on his head and the many cups of coffee that were being sipped around the room, one felt as if they were in a small coffee house in New York at the height of the beat poet generation.

A short Q&A session followed the reading, and students bombarded Jess with questions about his poetry. Several members of the audience thanked Jess and gushed about how amazing his reading had been.

When one student asked Jess, a creative writing professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, if he ever performs for his students, Jess laughed and replied with, "I wouldn't do that to them!"

Luckily, Bowdoin students had the opportunity to enjoy his performance.

Nintendo video game to gauge 'brain age'

by Joey Cresta
CONTRIBUTOR

Ever worry that your weekend "extracurriculars" are destroying your brain cells? Thanks to the work of Dr. Ryuta Kawashima, you can give your mind the exercise it needs with the Nintendo DS game "Brain Age." Kawashima is at the forefront of Japanese research on brain imaging and turned that research into a video game, which, played daily, could increase your brainpower.

Like the rest of your body, your brain needs exercise. "Brain Age" functions as a training tool for your prefrontal cortex, which Kawashima calls the control tower of your brain since it controls how the brain uses stored knowledge. Through

daily training of the prefrontal cortex, Kawashima believes that you can increase your intelligence.

Nintendo recently stated that its targets include the casual gamer and even the non-gamer. "Brain Age" is great evidence of this philosophy in action. Players utilize the user-friendly stylus for all the activities in this game. While your grandmother might be confused by the typical video game controller, even she can use the DS's stylus.

The training programs consist of simple math problems, reading aloud, and basic deduction (like determining how many people are in a house by watching them rush in and out). Often the goal is to finish as quickly as possible.

The reading program may slow some players down, however, or at least warrant a slower re-reading due to the high quality of passages presented (just today, I read a passage from Swift's "Gulliver's Travels"). As incentive to play every day, Kawashima rewards you with more training programs for practicing frequently.

Steve Irwin, 'Croc Hunter,' dies at 44

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ous animals.

It's also a tragedy devoid of heroes. Irwin's father shot down the idea of a state funeral, calling his son "an ordinary bloke." As sad and ironic as Irwin's death was, what made it special was its refreshing and infuriating freedom from blame or judgment. Irwin's love of nature was an appreciation of instinct, that quality free of politics or opinion, that quality that makes the animal world singularly awe-inspiring. He acted on his instincts in his passion for nature, as did the stingray when it raised its barb in self-defense. Steve Irwin's death was a glorious tragedy because it was, at its core, a dance of instinct, nothing more, nothing less.

Beyond the training programs is the actual "Brain Age" test. Kawashima determines your brain's "age" based on how well you do in three random tests. Your results can range from 20, the ideal brain age, to 80, meaning that your brain is running as well as an 80-year-old man in the Boston Marathon.

Kawashima may ask you to speak aloud during the test. Answer yes and he administers the "Stroop Test," where you are expected to say the color of a given word. The word on screen might be

"yellow," though its color is blue. This proves to be one of the trickier tests of the game, as the microphone sometimes has trouble with voice recognition.

Another test, Word Memory, can be similarly frustrating. The game gives you two minutes to memorize 30

words; you then have three minutes to write them down. The frustration begins after trying five times to write the letter "K" to see the game recognize it as "X." Slight software problems aside, the game runs very smoothly.

If you have three friends play the game, you can look at graphs of your scores to see who has the fittest brain (thus satisfying the competitive side that every Bowdoin student has). "Brain Age" is so accessible that even your parents, or perhaps our beloved professors, can enjoy it: As an added bonus, "Brain Age" contains 60 SuDoku puzzles—a great time waster. Add in the portability of the DS handheld, and "Brain Age" is a revolutionary game that everyone should look into purchasing.

William Cohen '62 entertains, intrigues

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in shadows, secretly plotting how power might be seized through selective assassinations and covert actions," Cohen said.

As the plot races across the world at breakneck pace, Cohen describes military maneuvers and political machinations with detail and insight that could only be acquired through first hand experience. Unfortunately, the secretary's prose occasionally falls short of his insider expertise. Some phrases—such as "The Pentagon signified solidity. Simple. Interconnected. Enduring. Like America itself"—seem cliché and clunky, detracting from the otherwise engaging story.

However, for readers who are looking for an exciting thriller rather than a formal literary narrative, "Dragon Fire" offers a creative and authentic account of the currently charged political climate. In the words of Clinton, Cohen has "drawn upon his extensive experience to write a gripping tale of

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Volleyball nets new head coach

by Kate Walsh
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Volleyball Team, led by interim Head Coach Karen Corey, is gearing up for a new season of bumping, setting, and spiking.

Corey, who was the team's assistant coach in 2005, attended the U.S. Naval Academy, where she studied oceanography and played volleyball. Corey was named second-team All-Patriot League Conference her junior and senior seasons. During her six

years of service in the U.S. Navy, Corey coached at various high school programs, and when her husband was stationed at the Brunswick Naval Air Station, she began coaching for Bowdoin College.

Corey said she is optimistic about the 2006 season.

"We have a solid core of veterans and enthusiastic first years who bring energy to the program," she said. "I expect a winning season."

Also new this year is Assistant

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Karen Corey is in her first season of leading the women's volleyball team.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Kate Gormley '09 pushes the ball downfield in field hockey's Tuesday practice. The Bears' first match is Saturday.

Field hockey aims to repeat as NESCAC champions

by Burgess LePage
STAFF WRITER

Returning to the turf this fall, Bowdoin's field hockey squad is primed and ready to defend the incredible 18-1 season the team boasted last year.

Undefeated until the team's loss at the NCAA Final Four tournament in Virginia, the women went down in Bowdoin field hockey history, advancing further than ever before, collecting several national honors for individual success along the way.

The Polar Bears are facing the loss of five key players, notably Taryn King '07, who passed away in January while abroad in Ireland.

Her absence marks far more than just the loss of an incredible athlete.

"Her rare kindness and characteristic wit will linger predominantly in the memories of all who met her," said senior Sarah Horn.

Kate Leonard '07 described King as "a tremendous leader who was able to instill confidence in every

player she touched the field with. Her ability to brighten anyone's day on and off the field contributed greatly to the strength and cohesion of our team."

With King's love for the game as inspiration, the team will drive on, recognizing the luck each player has to be a part of the closely knit squad that she helped build.

Many of last year's starters graduated, including Margaret Gormley '06, Allyson Craib '06, Christi Gannon '06, and Abby Daley '06.

"It is all a part of the game. This year is a new year and we cannot dwell on skill we had last year. We will fill the holes. It might take time to get used to an entirely new dynamic, but we will make it work by working together," junior Hillary Hoffman said.

Filling in the holes are first-years Shavonne Lord, Emily McKinnon, Megan McCullough, Ashley Peterson, and Kara Kelley.

Speaking of the new talent, senior Gail Winning admitted that the new-

comers "were faced with a pretty hard transition into a tight team, but they have made it seamlessly."

"Their stick skills and intuition for the game is on pace with the rest of the team as well as their desire to work hard," she said.

This desire has paid off thus far for the Bears, who faced Bates last weekend, claiming a 6-1 victory after four 25-minute scrimmages against the Bobcats. The win was a true team effort, reminiscent of the standard for excellence it set last season.

Hoffman described the team's sentiment upon opening their season.

"I am most looking forward to the motivation that I feel behind this team this year," she said. "The returners got a taste of glory last year and the first years know that they have come onto a successful team. We know what it takes and I am looking forward to feeling that intensity again."

The Polar Bears play Wellesley and Wheaton colleges at home this Saturday and Sunday, respectively, with 1 p.m. matches.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

First-year goalkeeper Garrick Sheldon blocks a teammate's shot in Tuesday's intrasquad match.

Men's soccer challenges Bates in season opener

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Men's Soccer Team looks to kick off its 2006 season at home against Bates on Saturday. The Polar Bears are optimistic, and hope to utilize their maturity and talent against the Bobcats.

The 1 p.m. match against Bowdoin's NESCAC rival will also provide an opportunity for the Bears to prove that they merit the No. 16 ranking in D3Kicks.com's preseason poll.

Captain John Hollis '07 described his anticipation.

"We're excited as a team to get on the field and try to grind out a result against an always very tough Bates team," he said.

The team hopes to rebound from last season's disappointing defeat in the first round of the NESCAC tournament.

After finishing last season 7-2 in the NESCAC (11-3 overall), the second-seeded Bears failed to live up to expectations when they lost to the eventual

champions, Wesleyan, in the first round.

But the team plans to use that disheartening experience as "fuel for the fire," explained returning All-NESCAC forward Nick Figueiredo '08.

The Polar Bears are determined to last longer this year, Head Coach Fran O'Leary said, declaring that he firmly believes that his players "want to be part of the best team in the NESCAC."

O'Leary's offensive attack should be relentless as the Polar Bears return with forwards Simon Parsons '07 and Wolf Greuber '08, who combined to score 17 goals last year, along with dynamic midfielders Figueiredo, Hollis, and captain Anthony Regis '07.

At the other end of the pitch, the unit will be lead by captain Brendan Egan '08 and Dominic Fitzpatrick '09. Nathan Lovitz '08 will tend goal for the Polar Bears, hoping to improve on his impressive 1.05 goals-against average from last season.

Said Egan, "We have a very good chance at doing something special this year."

Volleyball bumps into season on Wednesday

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Coach Erin Estrada, who was an assistant at the University of South Maine last year. Coach Estrada is happy to join the Bowdoin coaching staff.

"I'm very excited for this team because they are one of the most fun teams I have ever coached, but also

they're focused," she said. "It's a team where everyone can learn from everyone else."

The players are excited about the coaching changes, and feel they have had a positive effect on the team so far.

"I am really excited for Coach Corey and Coach Estrada," captain Jess Liu '08 said.

"They bring a new focus and intensity to the team, and they are good role models," captain Julie Calareso '07 added.

A unique aspect of the 2006 Bowdoin Volleyball Team is its extraordinary chemistry. Calareso cited the team's chemistry as one of the main reasons for her high expectations for this season.

"I have played in a lot of leagues for a lot of teams," said Calareso, "and this is the closest group of girls I've ever played with."

With star players having graduated from several rivals, Bowdoin should be able to make its mark in the division.

"This is the first year we have had a strong group of veterans who have played together for several years," said Liu.

Last year, the volleyball team finished 1-9 in the NESCAC, beating only 0-10 Hamilton. Still, the Polar Bears compiled a respectable 12-17 overall record.

Bowdoin's season starts on Wednesday in a home game against the University of New England. Its first NESCAC game will take place on September 15 against Middlebury, also at home.

Athletes are just like us

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

When kids are growing up, they look at professional athletes as demigods who inhabit historical battlegrounds called playing fields. I used to see Mo Vaughn and Robert Parish as untouchable combatants who dominated their respective sports. These were no mere approachable mortals; they were the guys who I watched nightly on TV, true celebrities with extraordinary powers.

My viewpoint did not change throughout my teenage years. I once met Pedro Martinez at a mall in Boston and was hardly able to push words past my lips. Here was the great Pedro, the guy who went 23-4 with a 2.07 ERA in 1999, the ace who would eventually lead the Red Sox to the Promised Land. How could I, a mere mortal, talk to this hero?

This summer, however, I had an experience that totally altered my impression of professional athletes. I worked at Kraft Media Communications, inside Gillette Stadium (home of the New England Patriots, winners of three of the last five Super Bowls).

Just walking into the office was intimidating enough. Each day on my way in I would walk through a veritable Patriots Hall of Fame, including historic balls and jerseys that left me wide-eyed. But inside the office was an even more amazing atmosphere.

My first assignment was to take down post-game quotes from the New England Revolution players.

Granted, America's Major League Soccer is not nearly as big as the NFL or MLB, but these guys are still professionals. There are kids walking around every day wearing Taylor Twellman or Clint Dempsey jerseys.

Upon drawing this task, I was petrified. After watching these men compete for a full 90 minutes, I was now supposed to walk up to them and ask them about their match? Simply inconceivable. I could not even fathom saying "hello" to Curt Schilling if I ever happened upon him at the ballpark, but now I was to have a full question and answer session with these guys immediately following a game?

From the moment I entered the locker room, I knew I had to get this done. So I walked up to the first player I recognized, goalkeeper Matt Reis, a team leader easily identified by his shaved head. This guy had just shut out the opposition for 90 minutes, and there I was talking to him. The strange thing was that he was more than happy to oblige.

Over the course of the next three months, I had more conversations with the players, interviewing almost the entire team at various times. For the most part, they were congenial, down-to-earth guys.

These soccer players weren't superstars, but it was a great place to learn that professional athletes are just ordinary guys. They like hanging out with their families, playing video games, and going out to bars. They do all of the normal stuff that any men their age would do.

The only difference is that they are exceptionally good at their craft,

which happens to be athletics.

This revelation has really changed my perspective on sports. Now David Ortiz is no longer that legendary figure who belts out unbelievable homeruns in the most clutch situations. He is a man who works very hard at his job and is gifted with the ability to deliver in the clutch. The men we see competing on TV every night, who appear to starry-eyed kids as invincible superheroes, are in fact just normal guys.

MEN'S GOLF

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/9 Bowdoin Invitational 10:30 A.M.
Su 9/10 Bowdoin Invitational 10:30 A.M.

VOLLEYBALL

SCHEDULE

W 9/13 v. U. New England 7:00 P.M.

MEN'S SOCCER

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/9 v. Bates 1:00 P.M.

MEN'S TENNIS

SCHEDULE

Th 9/14 at Babson 3:30 P.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/9 v. Wellesley 1:00 P.M.
Su 9/10 v. Wheaton 1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/9 v. Bridgewater State 2:00 P.M.
Su 9/10 v. Babson 2:00 P.M.

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A delayed reaction

This week, Facebook debuted its latest innovations: a self-updating catalog of friends' activities dubbed the "news feed," and a record of personal activity on each user's profile called the "mini feed." Now, every time a student adds or deletes an activity or interest from his profile, every time he adds a new photo, or changes his relationship status, or joins a new group, or adds a new friend, or RSVPs to an event, the change is broadcast to everyone in his network of friends.

Along with an unprecedented level of connectedness, these new features have brought an equally unprecedented level of outrage from users. Students have angrily joined the myriad anti-feed groups that have popped up all over the global network. One group, "Students Against Facebook News Feed (The Official Petition to Facebook)," accumulated over 700,000 members its first 48 hours of existence. That makes disapproval of the new feeds perhaps the most overwhelming consensus among college students ever.

So why the uproar? Why the instant, passionate repulsion? "News feed is just a little too creepy," states the manifesto of the group to which nearly 1 in 8 of the site's registered users subscribe, "too stalker-esque."

It is interesting that it has taken this long for students to grow wary about what information they willingly make accessible on Facebook. In a Wednesday blog entry, Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg pointed out that the site's privacy rules have not been altered. "This is information people used to dig for on a daily basis," he wrote. "None of your information is visible to anyone who couldn't see it before the changes."

He's right. As the director of Bowdoin's Career Planning Center recently reminded us, our Facebook profiles are (and always have been) easily accessible to employers, parents, and college administrators.

We agree that the news feed and the mini feed represent excessive, even glutinous information trafficking on the part of Facebook developers, and we urge Facebook to remove these two features.

But as embarrassed as you may be when the news feed informs your friends of your recent break-up, you will be substantially more embarrassed when you are denied a job because a would-be employer saw that you subscribe to a group called "Alcoholics Forever" and have tagged photos of you funneling jungle juice.

That's the kind of "Facebook stalking" that should most concern students. And it has been going on for far longer than the news feed has existed.

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First year of the rest of your life

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Hey there, [your name], you old horse thief, you! How was your summer? "Good?" Really? Because I usually get a different answer! No, it wouldn't be awkward if you had said anything other than "good," not awkward at all!

Now that we've gotten that out of the way, I'd like a few minutes alone with the first years. The rest of you put down your copy of the newspaper and leave the room.

Hi, first years. Congratulations; you made it. You did the essays; you nailed the interview; you submitted all the proper forms; you bravely endured your meningitis inoculations, judging by those Daily Duck Band-Aids on your shoulders; and most impressively, you survived your pre-orientation trip without contracting cholera or getting mauled by bears, both common incidents the Office of Admissions accounts for in its acceptance/yield calculus.

And now, after securing a decent schedule, taking careful notes on "Animal House" and "PCU," and purchasing a T-shirt that has cleverly inserted the name of your school into the logo of a popular beer variety, you're ready to jump into the college

experience headfirst, right?

No, you're not.

Sorry, Van Wilder. College isn't like it is in the movies. The difference? More ugly people. And the dialogue isn't as snappy. Also, you have to go to class.

College isn't much like high school, either. Remember how many activities in which you were required to participate for the sake of becoming "well-rounded?" Well, now that you're in college, you can be as boxy and uneven as you like. Want to sit around 13 hours a day watching "Flavor of Love" marathons on VH1? Be our guest! The Freshman Fifteen will find you well-rounded in ways that require far less effort and involve eating cookie dough and drinking stout ale. Take that, mandatory high school wellness class!

Of course there always are some first years who, for one reason or another, want to avoid the Freshman Fifteen. Wacky justifications abound, ranging from, "I need to stay in shape or I could lose my athletic scholarship," to "I want to appear attractive to the opposite sex," to "I've read that obesity is unhealthy." To appease you madcap "nutritionists," I've included a brief list of ways to avoid that infamous extra neck roll:

1) There is a fast food restaurant/trough on Bath Road called "Fat Boy." Its name is portentous: Eating there often can not only make you fat, but it can also make you a boy, rendering void your torturous puberty.

2) The beer belly is not a myth. And covering for your gut by telling people

that you're pregnant is only slightly less embarrassing (or in the case of males, who must claim sympathetic pregnancy, infinitely more embarrassing). Temperance isn't just an unincorporated community of Monroe County, Michigan, you know!

3) Get your daily quota of fruit. "Froot" doesn't count.

4) Get regular exercise. If you don't have time to jog or play an intramural sport, take a few laps around the room during class blocks. You might consider taking classes that meet in Cleveland 151 or on the second floor of Hubbard Hall.

5) If you're drinking heavy beer with a high caloric content, do jumping jacks between drinks. At worst, you'll burn off all the calories you absorb from each. At best, you'll puke it all up!

Inevitably, there will come a point when, in between bong hits in the basement of your affiliate house, you will decide that maybe you should make productive use of your downtime. You'll consider joining a club sports team, like Ultimate Frisbee. But a quick glance around the smoky cavern will reveal that you're already taking part in team practice. So perhaps a political organization might be more appropriate.

A word on campus politics:

What's convenient is that they more or less resemble national politics, only the suits are cheaper and the participants generally believe in what they're saying. Problem is that there are no procedural statutes keeping arguments civil, so the tenor of political debate is so shrill that sometimes only dogs can hear it.

Bowdoin is fortunate to have a student body that is engaged in public affairs and enthusiastic about its convictions. It is easy, however, to get seduced by the ease of reactionary politics and sanctimonious indignation. This is because nobody's going to criticize you for adopting such techniques. Well, no one except the people who disagree with you, but what do they know?

Issues are complex. Reflecting on your own convictions is difficult, time-consuming, and annoying, not to mention devastating to both your self-confidence and your self-esteem. It's tempting to kick back with a tasty brew, pop in a "South Park" DVD, and be content to say that you're on the side of angels and the other guys are jackasses.

But if you're serious about effecting positive change, then you're going to have to embrace the fact that you're a lot less qualified to speak to certain issues than you think you are. So choose something that you feel strongly about. Study up on it. Form an opinion. Understand why people disagree with you. Then proceed in whatever manner you judge most reasonable, appropriate, and constructive. If this rigorous standard seems inconvenient, I encourage you to stick to basement bong hits.

Of course, you get to do whatever you want. You're in college now, and college means freedom. So take this guidance to heart, or don't. The fact that you're reading this right now means that you're savvy enough to have survived an endless onslaught of excruciating name games and soul-crushing "ice-breakers," so maybe you don't need my help at all.

College is fleeting. Whatever course you choose, please take care to enjoy this, the first year of the rest of your lives.

Immigration insanity

by Sam Minot
CONTRIBUTOR

While you may have heard some faint murmurs of the cacophonous debate over immigration this summer, it's often difficult to break through the banal partisan talking points for long enough to see what proposals are actually under debate. While many bills have been proposed from both sides of the aisle, only one has made it through even one chamber of Congress. HR 4437—passed by the House of Representatives in January 2006 and currently before the Senate—represents the most likely version of immigration reform to be enacted. However, this flawed piece of legislation would only exacerbate our already deplorable policies toward immigrants to this country.

Among the highlights of the provisions of this bill are the construction of 700 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, the investigation of the U.S.-Canada fence under construction, and the complete elimination of the Green Card lottery. This bill would also increase the maximum penalty for employing an undocumented worker to \$40,000, as well as prohibit immigration from any country that delays or refuses the deportation of its citizens from the United States. Not only would the undocumented status itself be criminalized; it would also become a crime to give aid to an undocumented alien. Charity groups and neighbors who provide food, shelter, or clothing to undocumented workers could face prosecution for an aggravated felony on the order of human trafficking.

Currently, anyone facing removal from the country may be granted "voluntary departure" by an immigration judge, if the judge decides he or she has good moral character. This means that he or she can lawfully apply to enter the United States in the future. Under HR 4437, however, anyone who has taken part in these removal proceedings would be barred from reentering the country. Although people may currently ask the courts for consideration of special circumstances, this bill nearly totally eliminates judicial review for immigration proceedings, giving the immigration authority complete and unchallenged decisionmaking power over the fate of hundreds of thousands of immigrants.

Not only does the American economy rely on immigrants, but our culture also is greatly enriched by their addition. Nonetheless, we enact policies that restrict many from coming here legally and we most harshly punish those who have fought hardest for the American dream. HR 4437 would shut us off from the ongoing immigration that keeps our country strong and would force those who have struggled to reach our shores into a permanent underclass.

We need to work toward a policy that is based on what Americans want and need, instead of one that walls us off from the rest of the world. Once we form realistic policy to let people in, then we can start worrying about keeping people out. Until then, all these efforts will do is penalize those who are trying the hardest to be American.

Sam Minot '07 is a co-chair of the Democratic Left.

BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY

CLASS OF 2007 PRESIDENT

DeRay McKesson

In the two years that I served as Class President we set the standard for Class Officer Teams through the consistency of our and high quality of our programming. To recap, we had '07 Movie Nights, Proud to Be '07 Week, Valentine's Day programming, '07 Coupons to name a few. Our first years here it was important to engage the question, "What is '07?" and to ensure that everyone understood and/or felt a coherent answer to that question. Now that we're seniors we have to be more intentional when we program; I want us to focus on co-sponsoring programs with the CPC, Residential Life and the President's Office about post-Bowdoin life, sponsoring and planning trips to explore more of Maine, having mini-lectures/reading groups to actively discuss issues that we're passionate about that don't get covered in the classes you take, and public-speaking workshops to prepare us for the '07 life we'll lead after Bowdoin.

My focus has been and continues to be building the spaces in which great ideas can develop and flourish. If elected president I want to focus on the following questions:

1. How can programming help build substantive relationships among '07 members?
2. How can we create and support activities/programs that allow those '07ers who studied abroad to share their experiences with the larger Bowdoin community in meaningful ways?
3. What broader world/life issues are important to talk about? How do we do it?
4. How do we foster discussions which create healthy tension in order to help us develop, defend and rely our views?
5. How do we prepare ourselves to be active alumni and productive and responsible leaders?

I've always loved the Class of 2007 and would greatly enjoy working once more as Class President. Thank you for your time.

Jay Tansey

My name is Jay Tansey. Before studying abroad last spring, I served as your Vice President for two consecutive years and I would be honored to continue to work for you. Throughout my time here at Bowdoin, I have become deeply invested in our class. It is because of my commitment to improving our class and the need for a dedicated senior leader that I am running for President of the Class of 2007. Though I have gotten the chance to meet most of you, I would like to help you get to know me better. I am from Milton, Massachusetts and currently live on Potter Street. I am a tour guide, a student ambassador for Alumni Relations, a BCNews sportscaster and a member of the football team and the Campus Activities Board. With my encouragement, our class supported a Salvation Army family over the holidays, participated in Common Good Day and supported Solar Fest and the IronBear. I also worked to bring you subsidized movie tickets, Pub nights, '07 T-shirts and Koozies, dorm pizza nights, '07 pride week, coupons to the Pub, Café and Polar Express, as well as the blenders, smoothies and George Foreman grills in the dining halls. While these additions and events were very successful, as seniors our needs and wants have matured and so too must the goals of the '07 officer team. This being our last year together, I aim to promote class unity through various events and activities. I will create an arena for seniors to meet on a weekly basis to enjoy the company of fellow classmates. Whether this means Wednesday nights at the Pub for discounted drafts or Sundays at the Café for free coffee is up

to you. As President, I will look towards the best interests of our class as a whole, but will also cater to individual needs. I have overheard many of you talking about Senior Week and Graduation, and, while thankfully they are many months away, it is important that the '07 officer team has a clear vision of what we want as a class for our senior spring. These events require much time and commitment in order to be successful. I believe that I am the right person to lead our class and to assure that our final memories of Bowdoin are the best that they can be. In addition to teaming up with the other officers on these important events, I will work with Facilities to improve the parking situation on campus. I will propose extended hours at the library and a class Casino Night. Also, through the A-Board, I want to bring more renowned bands to campus. As President, I will be able to achieve these goals because of my experience and my undivided dedication to our class. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve all of you during our first and sophomore years. Now let me help make this our best year yet! Best of luck to the other candidate.

Please vote Jay Tansey for President of the Class of 2007. Dedication matters.

CLASS OF 2007 VICE PRESIDENT

Jun Sun Kim

My name is Jun Sun and I am running to be the Class of 2007 Vice President. I bring experience in leadership as well as an excitement to make our final year especially memorable. As the leader in other student groups, such as KASA and the Peer Health Educator Program, I can assure that I will bring an element of surprise and quality to your class officers. My ability to relate to people and hear their issues and wishes are ones that will contribute to the success of my position as your Vice President.

My enthusiasm and vision for senior year is one of unity, togetherness and passion. There are things that I have in mind to enhance your experience; from getting new Class of 2007 t-shirts to programming to bridge the classes at Bowdoin to senior nights at different bars in town... I want to assure you that I want this year to be fun, productive and memorable. My own desire for these will affect you when you vote for me to represent you. Together we can make this our best year yet. All I can say is CLASS OF 2007 LOVE. That is all. Thank you.

CLASS OF 2007 COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Lisa Peterson

I truly enjoyed serving as the Class of 2007 Community Service Officer last year and am seeking re-election this year. I believe my strong community service background and previous officer experience equip me for the position. Last year, I organized a Class of 2007 Service Day in the fall, creating service projects at local agencies for people to complete and reflect on. I also organized a class team for the Relay for Life in the spring as well as a class table for the Kids' Fair in May. Finally, I regularly publicized service opportunities being offered by the Community Service Resource Center, hoping to make volunteer projects more accessible to everyone. My involvement in community service at Bowdoin spans from volunteering, interning at non-profits, coordinating the Community Immersion Pre-Orientation Trips, serving on the Common Good Grant Committee, and co-presiding over the Community Service Council. These experiences have given me an informed view on the nature of service work, both its rewards and challenges. If elected this year, I hope to collaborate with the other classes so that more can be accomplished. I would like to have another

service day for the class and sponsor additional service opportunities throughout the year. I consider Bowdoin's commitment to public service to be one of its greatest merits and strive to get even more people involved in the community in some capacity. With only one year to go, anything that fosters cooperation between class members is valuable. Working toward a common goal, whether it is volunteering, a fundraising initiative, or increasing awareness of social issues, creates class unity. With such a diversity of needs in the community, it is nearly certain everyone can find something they feel passionate about and to which they would like to contribute. I would like to be able to furnish you all with these opportunities and more as your Class of 2007 Community Service Officer.

CLASS OF 2010 PRESIDENT

Ari Bittel

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me in my campaign. My name is Ari Bittel. I come from the great diverse city of Miami, FL. I am running for class president of class of 2010 and seek to represent the ideals and beliefs of our class through my candidacy. I come from a diverse background, which is a key factor in representing our diverse population at Bowdoin. I would like to get the chance to become acquainted with the different issues amongst the members of our class. Also I would do my best to improve and embrace these issues. I am familiar with many of the issues that are going on at Bowdoin already since some of my family members came to Bowdoin and to this day remain rather active alumni of the school. I have had previous experience in many leadership roles from putting together a fun filled Christmas celebration for underprivileged children in my neighborhood to organizing events such as concerts to relieve hurricane victims. Despite having fulfilled leadership positions I am also a very social student who can truly find out the issues of the students and best present them and solve them. I would like to represent my class of 2010 with the skills I have to offer by making campus a better learning environment and living environment for all.

Lydia Deutsch

If asked which I'd rather be, a title role or the second-in-command, I'd ask as to which position was responsible for making the policies and setting the tone for the group, club, organization, embassy, etc., because that's the one I'd prefer. I'm not running for President for the title, I'm running because of the responsibility. We have so much that we can do!

Were this a simple plug, I would look ask you to look at all the positions of leadership and responsibility that I have thrived in; I could bring up that I was Editor-in-Chief of my high school newspaper, and that I was president of my high school's Amnesty International chapter. I could go on about playing high school sports, singing in choirs, high school jobs or working as the assistant to the President of the American Bar Association in Hawaii, or interning for a District Court Judge. All the candidates will be listing attributes and achievements.

And yet, we're all freshmen now, at the start of our college career and staring out at the horizon of our future at Bowdoin. Borrowing the words of Jack Sparrow, I will bring you that horizon.

We are, according to all the data, the most qualified and competitive class yet. Let's make our presence known to this school and to each other. I have always been very outgoing, and pride myself on both being approachable and taking the initiative to approach others. It seems to surprise people, and I under-

stand that it is uncommon to walk up to a group of strangers for the sole purpose of introducing myself. However, our class was designated as the class to bring back the "Bowdoin Hello", and who better to lead that class than someone who can't help but greet everyone. In addition to being outgoing, I have the leadership abilities it is going to take to help unite this class and starting off our college years to be some of the best years of our lives.

There's an inspirational quote that reminds us to "shoot for the moon, because even if you fall you'll still land among the stars." Vote for me, Lydia Deutsch, because I'll shoot for the moon, and together we'll all land on it!

Alejandra Diaz

Leadership is a concept of unity. Bowdoin College has a history in excellence, diversity, intellect and the pursuit of the same. Perhaps what makes Bowdoin a particular among the many institutions of higher learning—well apart from the food—is the manner in which it incorporates not only issues that affect our community but also the world, without neglecting the diversion of every day life. As president of the class of 2010 I seek to represent the ideals of our generation, of the promise we hold and which we will fulfill together. Growing up in Monterrey, Mexico and often living the dual life of moving from one country to the next, I have learned to hold on to my beliefs, and yet to integrate and mold to the new. Bowdoin culture nests the ability to embrace our differences while simultaneously adapting to new ways of life. With this idea in mind, I yearn to include the many interests of our rich population, and to cater to the most remote of them to the best of my abilities. Being president is something many would consider a large task, intimidating and perhaps overwhelming. However I do not fear the position primarily because I am aware that I will not be alone, with the support of the class, I shall be the representation of a number exceeding 400 and yet truly one.

Diego Rivera

My name is Diego Rivera from Birmingham, Alabama. I decided to come to Bowdoin College to pursue an extraordinary liberal arts education that will make me a future leader. I believe that each and everyone of us have the potential to change the world as well as the lives of people around us in a positive way. Coming from a family of Colombian refugees, I have learned to look at life from a different perspective. It is through these meditations that I have decided to run for the position of vice president of the class of 2010.

I have been involved in student government organizations for the past five years, in positions that have ranged from treasurer to class president. I am active member of the Alabama Democratic Party and the Hispanic Coalition of Alabama, were I previously volunteered to participate in different community service activities in which I have acquired well founded leadership skills defending Civil Rights of diverse groups of individuals back in my home state. I feel that I have the potential and sufficient leadership skills to be able to represent the class of 2010. I have attended different leadership and diversity seminars around the country, were I have learned how to exploit my leadership skills and successfully apply them to different issues. Being the class vice president, I ought to represent each and everyone of the students in our class and promise to do my best to resolve different issues that we, together as a class, will face during the best years of our lives at Bowdoin. I know we this will be an exciting year for all of us and I would

be delighted to represent the ideals and believes of the class of 2010.

Another very important aspect that influenced me to run for this position is that I am planning to be a Government and Legal Studies major, and being the class vice president will be a great experience in the pursuit of my future career.

I would like to thank everyone for their support in my campaign and remember to vote Diego Rivera for class vice president!

CLASS OF 2010 TREASURER

Fatoumatta Kunjo

"Vote for me to be your treasurer. As your treasurer, I will develop and maintain an effective cash management program to ensure that Bowdoin class of 2010's funds are invested safely and economically in enthusiastic and charismatic activities to the maximum extent possible with the constraints of the College's investment policies. And most importantly, I shall develop and maintain the Class's financial accounting system to properly account for the receipt and expenditure of all funds and to report operating results to administration and necessary agencies. I look forward to serving you. Thank you!"

CLASS OF 2010 REPRESENTATIVE

Keri Forbringer

Hi, I'm Keri Forbringer and I would love to represent the Freshman Class as a member of the Bowdoin Student Government. As a Representative to the Class of 2010, my most important job would be to communicate your ideas to the Student Government—something that I would be very good at. I am approachable and accessible, and always ready to listen to new ideas. This is a job that I would take most seriously: I listening and helping get things accomplished. As student body president back in high school, my biggest accomplishment was strengthening the school as a community. I think this is an essential goal here at Bowdoin, too: becoming more involved and united as both a class and as new members of the college. We could do this, for instance, by promoting activities and events together, such as movie nights, parties, or games. I am passionate, experienced, and motivated, and ready to do whatever it takes to get your ideas implemented. So vote for me, Keri Forbringer.

Bryce Spalding

Class of 2010: My name is Bryce Spalding and I am running for the position of Class Representative. I realize that many of you probably do not know who I am and I do not know everyone in the class. It is my hope that over the course of our first year here at Bowdoin that I will have the opportunity to meet each member of the Class of 2010. I am running for class representative because I want to be able to voice the concerns and wishes of our class to the Bowdoin Student Government, a place where such concerns and wishes will be addressed. I believe I have the experience to be this voice. I participated in Student Government throughout High School, and last year I was Student Body President. While experience is crucial, determination, hard-work, and commitment are key. I will bring all of these attributes to the role of class representative. I look forward to meeting more of you in the following days and if you have any concerns or questions of me feel free to e-mail, facebook, or call me. So on the 13th/14th vote for me Bryce Spalding, 2010 Class Representative.

Statements have printed as received by the Orient. Other candidates did not submit statements within required guidelines. Voting will take place Wednesday and Thursday.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

September 8-14

Friday

**Common Hour with
Professor Paul Franco**

Government professor and published author Paul Franco will give the Karofsky Faculty Encore Lecture.
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
12:30 P.M.

Back to school concert

Rock out to tunes by Oh No! Oh My!, a group from Austin, Texas. They will be accompanied by The Day Jobs, four Bowdoin students who describe their sound as "deep-space passion-rock."
SMITH UNION, MORRELL LOUNGE,
9 P.M.

Saturday

LaRiche & Company

Come relax to this oboe, cello, harpsicord trio. They will perform famous works of the 18th century, including those of Vivaldi. Join the trio for a brief lecture prior to the concert.

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
3-4:30 P.M.

A cappella concert

Enjoy performances by all six Bowdoin a cappella groups: Bellamafia, Boka, Longfellows, Meddies, Miscellania, and Ursus Versus. A chance for new students to preview the various groups prior to auditions.

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
7 P.M.



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Seniors Charlie Johnson, Jordan Krechmer, and DeRay Mckesson dress to impress at the annual Lobster Bake.

Sunday

Sunday Mass
BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

Parking open forum

Students are welcome to attend a forum on the new parking policy led by Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols.
LAMARCHE GALLERY, SMITH UNION,
7 P.M.

Tuesday

Movie on the Dudley Coe Quad
"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,"
courtesy of the Bowdoin Film Society.
DUDLEY COE QUAD,
8 P.M.

Wednesday

Pat LaMarche

Green Party candidate for governor will speak to the community on issues such as war, poverty, and women in politics.
CRAM ALUMNI BARN, FEDERAL STREET,
7 P.M.

"A Year Later..."

Elizabeth White's documentary on those affected by the wrath of Hurricane Katrina.
MACMILLAN HOUSE,
7 P.M.

Thursday

**American Indian
Higher Education**

Lecture by AIHEC Executive Director Gerald Gipp. Discussion to follow.
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL
4-6:30 P.M.



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Residential Life staffers and house affiliates take a break from first-year move-in on the morning of Orientation's kickoff.



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Democrats: LaMarche could hurt Baldacci

Political leaders say Green
could have Nader effect
in November election

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

Green Party gubernatorial candidate Pat LaMarche spoke at Bowdoin on Wednesday night, as the Bowdoin College Democrats (BCD) warned that she might draw potential voters away from Gov. John Baldacci, who is campaigning for re-election.

In an open letter to "those who are bringing Pat LaMarche to campus," co-presidents Tom Rodrigues '06 and Charlie Ticotsky '07 warned that "the latest polls indicate that the election will be a close one," and that "LaMarche has no chance of winning but could tip the election to Republican Chandler Woodcock."

LaMarche was brought to Bowdoin by Bowdoin Students for Peace (BSP), the Bowdoin Democratic Left, and the Bowdoin Women's Association.

At the end of the letter, Rodrigues and Ticotsky cite the 2000 Gore-Bush-Nader presidential contest as an example of how third-party candidates can impact elections, and said that

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Jeff Bush '10 relaxes in the newly renovated Hyde Hall common room. Renovations on Hyde and Appleton were completed this summer, and the dorms reopened this fall after a year of work.

New dorms get high marks

by Adam Kommel
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin's first years are impressed by newly renovated Hyde and Appleton dorms.

The renovated dorms break the mold of first-year triples and doubles, instead consisting almost exclusively of quads.

"It's a lot easier to find someone you can get along with," said Hyde resident Raya Gabry '10.

"This is a lot nicer than Maine and Winthrop. I really like the quads... they're very spacious," said Alexandra Hyde '10, who lives in

Appleton. "I like the setup of two double rooms. I like the study rooms."

Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli agrees that the renovations were a success.

"I'm very pleased with how the buildings turned out," said Pacelli. "They seem much more spacious and light-filled, and from what I hear from proctors, seem to be effective at fostering a more communal sense among proctor groups because students see each other more often."

"Not many other freshman dorms in other schools could fit three couches, a TV, and a couple of desks

in just their common rooms," said first-year Appleton resident Cliff Webster.

The current renovations of Moore and Coleman should be finished near the end of November, according to Pacelli. When the second semester begins, Maine's current residents will move into Moore, while Winthrop's will move into Coleman. Maine and Winthrop's renovations are scheduled to begin after the students move out and will be finished in time for the arrival of the Class of 2011.

The renovations also mean

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College reworks parking

Parking report released;
Security plans to crack
down on scofflaws

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin students now have reason to think twice before parking in the admissions lot when they're running late for class.

Following the recommendations of a private parking consultant, Bowdoin Security is cracking down on parking enforcement this year to help alleviate the parking situation.

One of the changes to Security's parking policies most directly affecting students is increased consequences of receiving too many parking tickets. While official policy called for the revocation of parking privileges after six or more parking tickets, students could accumulate a large number of parking tickets—one student last year received 15—without any disciplinary action or having their vehicle towed.

Under the new ticketing policy, students can receive up to three \$25 parking tickets or warnings without risk of further penalty. Upon obtaining the fourth ticket, the fee is doubled and the student's car will be towed for a charge of

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Mckesson sweeps 2007

by Chris Marotta
STAFF WRITER

The results of the Class of 2007 and Class of 2010 elections are in, and DeRay Mckesson '07, who has served as Class of 2007 president twice in the past, secured another year in the post with his 201-89 victory against Jay Tansey '07. Mckesson will also begin his second-straight year as president of Bowdoin Student Government, a position he was elected to in April.

For Mckesson, the election was not an easy one, as he was forbidden from self-campaigning after being designated a college resource in his role as BSG president. Last year, he was disqualified in last year's election for endorsing a vice-presidential candidate.

"It was a stressful election," said Mckesson. "This was the only election I knew going in I couldn't talk about my campaign."

This year, Mckesson also encountered different controversy as some questioned his ability to hold both a role as Class of 2007 president and BSG president.

"I'll be spending a lot of time on both," said Mckesson. "Neither is more important than the other."

Now elected, Mckesson has big plans for the year. Among other programs, Mckesson looks forward to creating "healthy tension" on world issues, preparing the Class of 2007 for life beyond Bowdoin, and engaging the rest of the campus as a class.

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CHANGING FACES: 3 DEANS, 3 WEEKS

Shain wants friendly admissions

by Beth Kowitz
and Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

Bill Shain gives out lots of bad news—but that doesn't mean he likes doing it.

"We're going to turn down probably fairly quickly more than 80 percent of the people we meet," said Bowdoin's new dean of admissions. "That doesn't mean the journey has to be obnoxious."

On Shain's list of top priorities as he enters his new post after leaving the equivalent position at Vanderbilt University is to establish an admissions process that "treats people well."

"One of the things I'm really concerned with is the high level of service to families and students," he said. "I would like to do everything we can to make our process one that people enjoy whether or not they get in."

Shain said that he has come into a strong office that functions well, but he plans to make sure the office responds quickly to email and phone calls, wants to get acceptance letters out earlier than in the past, and has



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

New Dean of Admissions Bill Shain poses in his office. Shain says that he hopes to get acceptance letters sent out earlier than in the past.

given admissions officers their own recruitment areas. Shain himself will keep a territory, including parts of metropolitan New York.

"One of the things about having a territory is that there will be people with whom I'll already have a relationship and some students I can follow through," he said. "I'll have to know everything about how [the

recruitment process works] because if you don't have to do it, you don't learn it."

Yet Shain is concerned with the trickle-down effect of providing a certain level of recruitment: receiving more applications.

"I'm the only dean of admissions

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Under new parking policy, cars towed after three violations

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\$50. After six violations, the student's parking privilege is revoked and he or she is reported to the dean of student affairs.

Students cars will also be ticketed and towed if they park in marked "no parking" areas, such as fire lanes and emergency access areas. The fine for parking in a disabled-person space is still \$200, to be enforced by the Brunswick police.

Because of the increased severity of the new policy, there is a two-and-a-half week "courtesy warning" window, which started August 29 and ends September 17, in which students will not be ticketed or fined but receive a warning card. The warnings do not contribute to the three allowed warnings or tickets before a towing and increased fine.

The idea behind the courtesy window was to "roll out the new policy gradually" by informing the community before penalizing them, and as a result of the informational period, "we expect to tow very few vehicles," said Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols.

The efforts are part of a larger campaign to increase the amount of visitor parking on campus. Currently, visitors are allowed to park in any dark blue (faculty and staff) decal lot. During workday hours, these lots are often full of faculty and staff vehicles, leaving visitors to scramble for the few public parking spots on the street. Day-to-day parking problems are exacerbated during sporting or campus events, when the influx of visitors forces faculty and staff out of their designated lots.

Last winter the College brought in

Walker Parking Consultants, the world's largest parking consulting firm, to assess the situation. The decision to do so came two years after the writing of a strategic master plan for the College, which contained recommendations for the physical campus in the year 2010, but did not address the issue of parking.

"Each time we approached the town and neighbors with a new building project, they would ask us, 'What is your parking plan?' So it seemed prudent to develop an overall parking plan along side the campus plan, and to bring in some parking experts to help," said Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration & Treasurer Katy Longley.

Over the course of January and February 2006, Walker Parking Consultants spent two weeks on campus surveying the parking situation. The company found that the current parking capacity on campus was inadequate, and that "reliance on public spots [i.e. Park Row, Bath Road] is 'real.'"

New lots have been proposed for Farley Field House, as well as a temporary lot to take the place of the soon-to-be demolished Dayton Arena. The addition of these two new parking lots, scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2008, will provide 568 parking spaces, a statistic that led Walker to conclude that "with the proposed additional parking capacity at Farley, improved utilization and better enforcement, there is adequate parking capacity on campus."

Other short-term initiatives recommended by Walker to alleviate the parking crunch in the short term, which are reflected in Bowdoin Security's new parking policies for the academic year, include increased signage in park-

ing areas, as well as larger and more colorful parking decals on registered cars.

Longley viewed the increased visibility of parking signs as a way to better inform visitors of the parking regulations on campus.

"Better signage will help everyone who comes to Bowdoin. No one from the outside knows what a 'blue lot' means, and many of our signs are inconsistent," Longley said. "Last year we installed new directional signs around the perimeter of the campus and we've been told the signs have helped improve navigation."

The design of this year's decals came from Walker's recommendation that enforcement should be stepped up to keep students from parking in visitor or faculty and staff lots, thereby further reducing the amount of spaces available to those members of the community.

With brighter, larger decals, "it is clear to the entire community what the stickers mean and how to read them. This allows us to achieve a higher level of compliance," said Nichols. Students also are only assigned to one lot, as opposed to last year, when more than one lot bore the same color parking decal.

Further short-term suggestions include a Zip Car-type car-sharing service and a promotion of alternatives to driving around campus, such as improved lighting, better snow and ice removal from pathways, paving, and the installation of security call boxes.

In the long term, Walker suggested the creation of a culture that depended less on cars for transportation around campus, and more on supporting "longer walks and designated parking for students and staff."

Shain anticipates no changes to early admissions policy 'at present time'

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that I know that worries constantly about if it's going to be harder, much harder to get in here, because who wants to spend all winter turning down 85 percent of the likeable young people that you meet," said Shain. "I really believe that the potential to have an admit rate below 15 percent here is very real. I'm not sure I like it. I'm not sure you can control it."

However, Shain said the single thing he most wants to do at Bowdoin is attract the best minds the College can find.

"Admissions at its most exciting can really enhance the classroom," said Shain. "It's a new challenge for me because I'm coming to a place that's much more actualized than any place I've worked since Princeton. You're already starting with a very good campus with very bright students. Where do we go from here? But it would be whatever would make the classroom more [vibrant]."

Shain said the admissions office and the faculty committee on admissions are planning on having a dialogue about the types of students who make the classroom more dynamic.

"You know the people who make a classroom more interesting for you, and you also know the people who make the classroom more annoying. But there are some people whose comments in a classroom can be hugely useful to everybody in it. It would be nice to be able to find those more," said Shain. "How you get to know that through an admissions process is a challenge."

Enhancing what Shain called Bowdoin's "traditions of diversity" is also on his agenda, especially diversity of background and ethnicity. He'd like to see Bowdoin become a model nationally.

"I would think what you would really want is diversity of perspective so you have people who think differently than you do," he said. "And with 1,700 bodies on campus how many different ways of being can we get? You don't admit somebody because they're different. You admit someone because they're qualified and because their whole person seems to fit in with what we're trying to do here."

Shain said that instead of focusing on what makes up the ideal student, the real question to ask is what makes up the ideal class. Yet, he also believes it is essential to keep admissions focused on people rather than symbols.

"Every file is a person and every person is an individual," he said. "You try to see them in context and figure out what's there, and of course it requires wisdom that nobody has."

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Bill Shain
Dean of Admissions

The announcement on Tuesday of Harvard's plan to end early admissions, citing that it puts minority and low-income students at a disadvantage, has the potential to put Bowdoin's and other admissions offices around the country in the spotlight.

A record proportion of this year's entering Bowdoin class was admitted on early admission.

Shain said in a follow-up email on Wednesday that it's not early decision itself that's the issue but "it is a problem when there is disproportionate tilt towards candidates who apply early."

"If your class is not excessively filled through early decision, there are ample slots available for students whose families were unaware of early decision, and, indeed, the diversity (economic, ethnic, geographical) of our entering class leaves me comfortable that we are responsive to families in the full range of socio-economic circumstances," he wrote.

He added that while early decision will always be a topic of discussion at Bowdoin, he did not anticipate any changes "at the present time."

Shain said he does not foresee any changes to Bowdoin's commitment to "a Maine presence," and that Bowdoin wants to keep its in-state composition at over 10 percent. However, he noted that a challenge to doing so are Maine's declining population and the state's high schools that have trouble competing with big-city suburban high schools.

"You might be a strong candidate from Maine with a very different testing pattern—though tests are optional—than you would from other places," said Shain, "but here do fairly well—though maybe not freshman year—as you adjust to a very different pace of academics."

In discussing the role of athletics and legacy in the admissions process, Shain said academics take precedence, noting that "what's really important is that somebody with athletic skill be primarily a student," and that "we don't admit anyone because of who their parents are."

College Democrats hope to collaborate with groups on 'common goals'

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they "hope to collaborate on our common goals for the fall."

In an interview with the Orient, LaMarche said that she held no more common goals with Baldacci than with Woodcock.

"I know one thing. The things that I believe in I'll fight for no matter what," LaMarche said. "There are certainly things I agree with Woodcock on better than I agree with Baldacci...he's much more environmentally concerned than Baldacci is...What we know from the polling we've done is that the people of Maine agree with me more than they agree with anybody else."

"We're not getting the kind of things this country needs because we're pandering to people who threaten to be a little bit worse or a little bit better," she said.

LaMarche, who also ran for vice president on David Cobb's ticket in 2004, is focusing on lowering taxes and creating new jobs through her universal health care plan, and also said that she wanted to use Maine's water extraction fee to help students pay for college.

Sam Minot '08, co-chair of the Bowdoin Democratic Left, said that he would support LaMarche as long as doing so wouldn't allow Woodcock to win.

"If, in campaigning for a third-party candidate, I felt that...that would be putting us at risk for handing the election to the Republican candidate...then I would be reticent to do so," Minot

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Pat LaMarche
Green Party gubernatorial candidate

said. "I think personally and our group thinks that it's important that Woodcock is not elected."

However, Minot stressed that not every Democratic candidate is better than every Republican candidate, and that part of being a progressive is evaluating each candidate individually.

Merry Segal '08, co-chair of Bowdoin Students for Peace, said that although her group helped bring LaMarche to Bowdoin, they are not endorsing her for governor.

"Our group is definitely not endorsing her...she approached us and we asked her to come partly because of common ground on Iraq."

Segal said that BSP would continue to work with the College Democrats.

"We certainly do believe that there are common goals and we work with them [BCD] on many campaigns. We definitely...support the work that they're doing," she said.

DeAlva Stanwood Alexander Professor of Government Christian P. Potholm, who also works as a consultant for the Baldacci campaign, said that LaMarche "has an

uphill battle."

"For any independent to succeed, both the Republicans and the Democrats have to nominate candidates who are for one reason or another not really appealing to their own party...In this case, I think the party apparatus is very strong for Woodcock, and the Democratic Party apparatus is very strong for a sitting governor and all the patronage he has," he said.

"However, for a Green...were she to get 20% of the vote, that would be a spectacular success and that would really boost the whole Green Party," he added.

According to Minot, a number of progressive groups on campus will be meeting with the BCD this weekend to coordinate actions around a referendum, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

"That is definitely one of the common goals we share among many," Minot said.

"I think it's very important for everyone on the left to work together...towards common goals, and we always room have room for improvement in that regard," he said.

17 Bowdoin Alumni are serving around the globe in Botswana, Peru, Kyrgyz Republic, Panama and Mali. You can join them...



**Peace Corps Info. Session
Tuesday, September 26th
7:00 pm
Lancaster Lounge,
Moulton Union**

Questions? Contact Recruiter Josh Strauss,
jstrauss@peacecorps.gov or call 617-565-5558.

www.peacecorps.gov

Public wireless back on track

Wiretapping issue resolved; town councilor expresses concerns over costs

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

After resolving a series of technical and logistical issues, the College is now finalizing plans to extend its wireless network into downtown Brunswick. Students and faculty will have access to the network along Maine Street indefinitely, while Brunswick residents will be able to use the wireless Internet during a free two-month trial period.

"Originally, we wanted to link Fort Andross with the College using our wireless network through Brunswick," said Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis. "Even if Brunswick doesn't want the wireless after two months, the network will still be there for Bowdoin students to use."

Early last spring, Bowdoin developed a plan with local Internet service provider Great Works Internet (GWI) to extend its wireless network into downtown Brunswick for students, faculty, and town residents. GWI was interested in developing pilot projects for wireless Internet in Maine towns, including Brunswick.

However, a few problems impeded its progress, including a need to access the power poles in town to hook up the new wireless access points. A bigger issue was the Federal Communications Commission's "Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act" (CALEA). Initially created to allow phone tapping by law enforcement if necessary, the regulation was revised and now applies to Internet networks as well.

Davis was concerned about opening a private network to the public and was unsure how the new CALEA regulations would affect Bowdoin's standing with the law. Now, Davis said, there shouldn't be a problem with the law as long as GWI is the Internet service provider (ISP), and not the College.

In addition, Davis said he has since talked with officials and gained access to the Verizon, Brunswick, and Central Maine Power (CMP) power poles, if necessary.

Bowdoin's Manager of Network Operations Jason Lavoie said the wireless network, using new "mesh" technology, will consist of six wireless access points attached to power poles along Maine Street in Brunswick. Lavoie described the network as a relatively simple extension when compared to the 195 access points already on campus.

"Is this going to disrupt the town or the business model we have already worked to provide?"

Ryan Ewing
Town Councilor

During the two months Brunswick residents will be able to access the network, GWI hopes to collect general information about its users: who's using it, where, for what services. With these data, GWI will be able to propose options for continued service to Brunswick or other municipalities.

If Brunswick wants to continue using the network, they can also expand it. "With this technology, in the future it may be feasible to link the network to more local businesses or restaurants, such as the Sea Dog Brewing Co. on the river," said Lavoie. "It will all depend on the success of the network in town and how it is later coordinated."

Town Councilor Ryan Ewing said that he supports wireless Internet in town, but needs to explore the options.

"As a councilor, of course I want to provide whatever services I can to residents. I definitely want this to happen for Brunswick—it's a great amenity to offer as an incentive to move and start businesses here—but I have a few concerns," said Ewing. "Is this going to disrupt the town or the business model we have already worked to provide?"

Currently, Verizon wi-fi is available to local businesses and area hot-spots, such as the Little Dog Coffee Shop and the Bohemian Coffee House. Ewing said that it seems fair that the wireless Internet should encompass all of Brunswick, citing other towns in Maine with similar setups, such as Waterville, Bar Harbor, and Bangor.

"If this becomes a paid luxury item that the whole town won't even have access to, then we need to prioritize. We're still trying to cut taxes and build up some infrastructure, such as the sidewalks for the town," said Ewing.

Davis insisted that implementing the system in Brunswick is not going to cost the town anything, nor is it any sort of a definite commitment. He said that once the trial period is over, there is no obligation to continue with GWI. Also, Bowdoin's network would not interfere with any options later pursued by Brunswick.

Paul Harrison, owner of The Little Dog Coffee Shop in Brunswick, offers free wireless Internet to patrons. He said people come in to use the Internet "all the time," and thinks it would be a positive thing for the rest of downtown to have wireless, too.

"When people look for a town to start a business or move into, the great college helps, as do any extra amenities," said Harrison.

"If the wireless was already there, then it's just one more selling point for someone to start a new business," he said.

There is still some planning left to do for the network and access point sites are being tested to see what works best. Bowdoin will have to confirm plans with the town of Brunswick, but Davis and Lavoie said downtown residents are excited about it.

"You can't please everybody if you want to start something new," said Harrison.

"You look for something that's a smart use and has a lot of potential, and then it grows from there."

College to install printers in dorms

Contrary to rumors, IT will not charge students for printing

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

Students will no longer need to make the trip to Hawthorne-Longfellow library to print out papers. Information Technology (IT) has begun the process of adding printers to dorms, college houses, and other locations.

Currently there are five public locations where students can print on campus. By the end of the school year, however, students will likely be able to print for free from common spaces in their dorm.

Before IT can install more printers around campus, it needs to collect more information about the usage of each machine. Because Bowdoin plans to pay for all the necessary supplies, IT will log data to track how much paper, toner, and other general maintenance is needed for each printer.

After IT has determined how much each printer is used, it will buy the necessary supplies and distribute them appropriately. A

trial run is set to begin within the next few weeks, though a location has not yet been specified.

According to Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis, since only a couple of the public printers are accessible 24 hours a day, a readily accessible printer would make a huge difference for students finishing up a paper in their rooms late at night. Instead of walking back to the library, the farthest they would have to walk would be the dorm next door.

There will be no charge for printing from any of the new locations, just as there is no charge now for printing on campus. Although this year students are asked to swipe their cards when printing, this system is only for tracking and does not actually cost students money. There is technically only enough money on each student's balance for a limited number of pages per semester. However, Rebecca Sandlin, the executive director of consulting and support for IT, assured that if students exceed that amount, they "will still be able to print and will not be charged."

Davis added that requiring a card swipe cuts down on the amount of wasted paper, in accord with Bowdoin's "green" policies.

Cell phone tower to be installed on Coles

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

Students apprehensive about having to brave Maine winters now have one less reason to worry. A new arrangement with Cingular means that by the end of this month, students should get cell phone service in their dorms.

According to Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis, the CIO advisory council, a student group established by the BSG to express student concerns over technology, identified poor campus cell phone service as a problem. Davis and IT responded by making a deal with Cingular that allows the company to install a cell phone tower on Coles Tower.

As part of the deal, students will

not only receive better cell phone service, but Bowdoin will also be paid \$24,000 a year, with that amount increasing 3 to 4 percent a year by Cingular, said Davis.

"We're providing a service to them," he said.

Additionally, Cingular will be installing devices called "trickle antenna" in individual dorms if reception is still not available in dorms after the installation of the tower.

Davis said that he also contacted Verizon about installing a tower, but that the company responded that their coverage in the area was already sufficient.

An informal survey of students confirmed that while Verizon's service may be adequate, Cingular's is lacking.

"Verizon I think is the best around

here," said Alex Weaver '07.

"I'm in Pine Street, which is I guess kind of notorious for having bad cell phone service, but mine is fine," he said.

"If anybody needed to put up a tower it would be Cingular. My roommate has Cingular and he has miserable service," he said.

Rutledge Long '10, who has Cingular, agreed.

"There's one spot on my hall, but if anyone's talking you can't hear anything," he said.

"It's not like I'm psyched about [the cell phone tower]... it's like a 'why wasn't it here in the first place' kind of thing... I switched my cell phone service from Sprint to Cingular over the summer because they said they recommended Cingular and then I got here and I was like, 'huh, guess not.'"

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 9/7 TO 9/13

Thursday, September 7

•Bowdoin Security and Brunswick Police responded to a property damage motor vehicle accident involving two staff members' vehicles in the Russwurm parking lot.

Friday, September 8

•A first-year student was cited for consuming alcohol at Jack Magee's Pub.

•A sophomore was cited for consuming alcohol at Jack Magee's Pub.

•A sophomore was cited for consuming alcohol at Jack Magee's Pub and for presenting a false identification card. (The above alcohol policy violations were referred to the Dean of Student Affairs.)

NOTE: Jack Magee's Pub is a state-licensed establishment and is subject to strict oversight by the Maine Department of Safety's Licensing and Inspection Unit to ensure compliance with Maine

Liquor and Liability Laws. No licensee shall permit consumption of liquor on licensed premises by minors (under age 21) or persons visibly intoxicated. Please help Jack Magee's Pub protect its liquor license by abiding by Maine liquor laws and college policy.

•Damage to a refrigerator door handle was reported at the Bowdoin Express convenience store.

•Brunswick Police arrested a female student for drunk driving on Whittier Street.

Saturday, September 9

•Shortly after midnight a student reported that a female student was lying on the ground near Park Row. Security officers located the student, who was intoxicated, and called Brunswick Rescue for transport to Parkview Hospital.

•A Security officer on patrol discovered vandalism to a blue light emer-

gency phone near Pickard Theater.

•The alarm at the TD Banknorth ATM at Smith Union was activated. False alarm.

Sunday, September 10

•A male student at Howard Hall suffering from abdominal distress was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•A mother called Security for assistance in locating her daughter who was staying with a friend on campus.

•A student reported that a visiting friend's car parked on Harpswell Road was sideswiped at 2:30 a.m.

•Security responded to a loud noise complaint involving a student gathering at 10 Cleveland Street

Monday, September 11

•A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from the north side of Moulton Union between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. The bicycle was left unlocked and leaning against a tree. It is

described as a tan 1954 Sears Free Spirit woman's 10-speed with a brown leather seat, college registration number 02392.

Tuesday, September 12

•A false fire alarm at Quinby House was caused by a malfunctioning smoke detector.

•An abandoned, unregistered bicycle found at Smith Union was placed in secure storage. The bike is a silver men's Mt. Fury Roadmaster. The owner should contact Security at 3314.

Wednesday, September 13

•A fire alarm at Brunswick Apartment Q was activated by a student frying food.

•A student reported some of her laundry missing from the Maine Hall laundry room. The missing items are three purple and pink striped Pottery Barn towels and a pair of white, blue and green pajama pants.

The Safe Ride student van service is fully operational and available seven days a week from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. Safe Ride provides transportation to Bowdoin facilities and off-campus student housing in close proximity to the main campus. To request a Safe Ride call 725-3337 or Ext. 3337.

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And finally, DID YOU KNOW that Maine has a zero-tolerance Teen OUI law? Any driver under 21 who operates or attempts to operate a motor vehicle with any alcohol in their blood will have their license suspended for a minimum of ONE YEAR.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

Renovations mean new affiliations

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revised house affiliations. Hyde Hall is now affiliated with Quinby House, Appleton Hall with Baxter House, Winthrop/Coleman Halls with MacMillan House, Maine/Moore Halls with Helmreich House, East Hall with Ladd House, and West Hall with Howell House.

Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli explained why Howell, the chem-free social house, which has traditionally been affiliated with Hyde, is now affiliated with West.

"It became clear as the Class of '10 requests came in over the summer that Hyde, which only has about 70 spaces, wasn't going to be big enough," she said. "That's when we made the decision to use a bigger building for chem-free this year."

After the last round of first-year dorm renovations are finished, school officials will have to decide what to do with the newly constructed East and West Halls.

"It's too soon to tell yet how exactly we'll use East and West for the next academic year," said Pacelli. "There's a bit of a false rumor circu-

lating that those buildings will be completely upper-class housing. If that were true, there wouldn't be enough first-year housing. That said, I expect we'll have some of spaces in first-year buildings available in the housing lottery this coming spring, but we'll finalize those plans in the coming months."

Director of Capital Projects Don Borkowski commented that the ivy that once clung to Hyde and Appleton, as well as the Maine and Winthrop, will soon be destroyed by renovations.

"Maine has got a lot on it. The ivy does damage to the masonry of the buildings, but we realize the aesthetic value of it," he said, noting that there is a chance of ivy being replanted.

"There's been discussions about it, but no plans have been finalized," he said.

Borkowski said that more renovations in the near future are possible.

"We're looking at the hockey arena, and a couple of houses: 80 Federal and [Cleveland]. We're in the process of interviewing architects for a new fitness center in Morrell gym."

Laffee '84 loses bid for Senate seat

Stephen Laffey '84 will not be the Republican candidate for a U.S. Senate seat in Rhode Island.

In one of the nation's most closely watched primary races, Laffey, the mayor of Cranston, Rhode Island, lost his bid on Tuesday to incumbent Sen. Lincoln Chafee.

Although the race was considered a toss-up, Chafee, one of the Senate's most liberal Republicans, beat the more conservative Laffey by a comfortable margin. The final tally

showed Chafee had received 54.2 percent of the vote, leaving Laffey with only 45.8 percent.

Laffey, a Bowdoin graduate and former president of the financial company Morgan Keegan, was elected the mayor of Cranston in 2002 and re-elected in 2004.

Chafee will now face Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse, the former attorney general of Rhode Island, in November.

—Joshua Miller

Yantakosol, Ogden win 2010 top leadership roles

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Among the other Class of 2007 officers up for election, Jin Sun Kim won the race for treasurer against Justin Strasburger with 162 votes to 124. Emily Hubbard and Torri Parker will be the BSG representatives for the senior class. Elizabeth Laurits and Lisa Peterson both won unopposed as treasurer and community service officer, respectively.

In the race for Class of 2010 president, Matthew Yantakosol won a close election

with 139 votes against runner-up Emma Verrill, winning by only five votes. Ari Bittel, who caused controversy with his campaign posters, came in last with 14 votes.

Scott Ogden beat Diego Rivera for Class of 2010 vice president by a margin of 305 to 79. Francis Huynh will be the treasurer for class of 2010, winning after defeating Fatoumatta Kunjo 222 to 151. Of the four first years that ran for the two class of 2010 BSG representative spots, Alicia Martinez and Bryce Spalding were elected with 151 and 169 votes, respec-

tively. Voters chose Désirée Jones to be the class community service officer with 140 votes.

According to Dustin Brooks '08, vice president of student government affairs, there was relatively little controversy surrounding this year's election. Only one formal complaint was made when a candidate protested the BSG's decision to extend the deadline for applications for community service officer. The complaint was ultimately dismissed.

"There wasn't much of a debate," said Brooks.

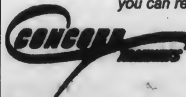
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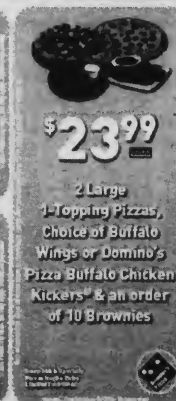
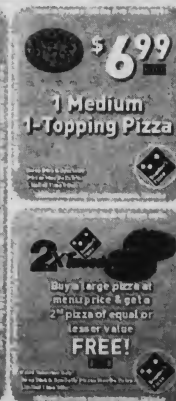
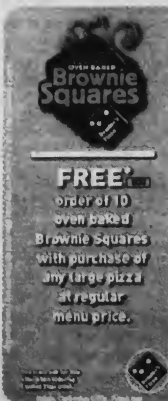


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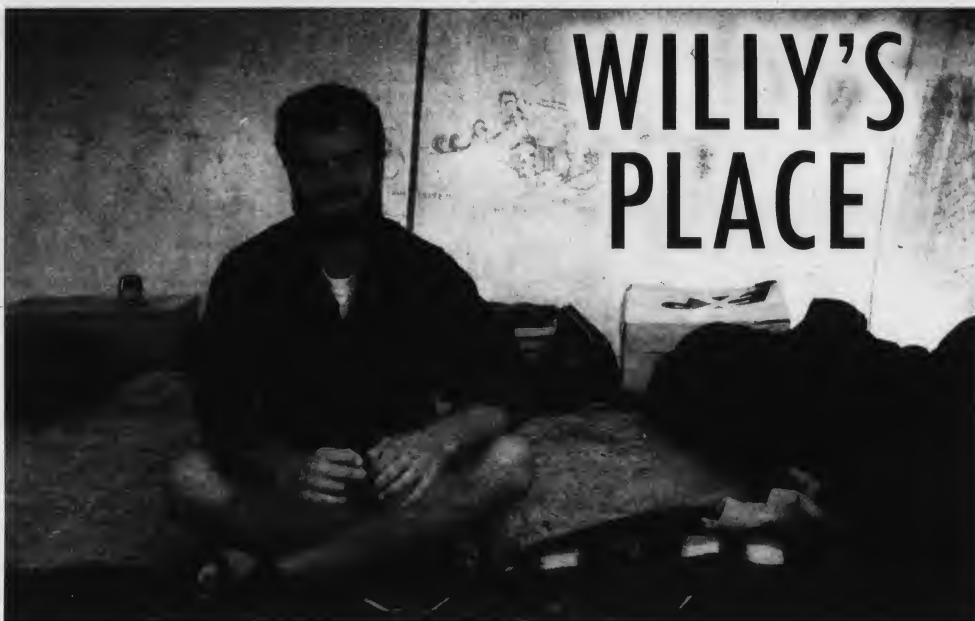


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FEATURES



WILLY'S PLACE

Photographs by Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

One student is passing up dorm life for a home that is off the beaten path.

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Sophomore Willy Oppenheim lives off-campus in the single of his dreams, and he does not pay a cent for housing fees or rent. Granted, he does not have access to running water, electricity, or even a bed—but commodities such as these are not to be expected in a tent.

Oppenheim's white canvas tent, which is set up in a Bowdoin professor's backyard on a side street a couple blocks from campus, measures ten by 12 feet and it is eight feet tall at its peak, so there is plenty of room to stand and walk around inside. His "library," a few cardboard boxes full of books, is located at the back of the tent, and he keeps his clothes in a plastic car-top carrier just to the right of the entrance. A stove, which Oppenheim said is more for ambience than warmth, is situated near the middle of the tent, with its chimney extending through the roof.

Oppenheim sleeps on a multi-layer pallet on the floor of the tent that consists of pine branches, blankets, a faux sheepskin, and sleeping bags. The pine branches are for cushioning as well as for the scent, he said.

At night, a propane lantern lights the tent and gives it an enchanting glow from the outside. The interior walls of the tent are decorated by pictures and quotations that Oppenheim and his friends have added over time. He keeps a stash of permanent markers so that anyone who visits the tent can contribute to the gallery.

Although a tent is an unconventional choice of housing for a college student, the idea is not new to Oppenheim. After high school, Oppenheim took a year off, during which time he spent three months in a monastery in India and six months in Colorado teaching ski school and working in construction. When he arrived in Colorado, he had plans to find a place to stay and pay rent, but these plans were abandoned when he got a new idea.

"I thought it would be more fun and



cheaper to live in this tent," he said.

He spent his time in Colorado, which included the winter months, living in his tent and cooking meals such as omelets and stir-fry on his stove.

Oppenheim said that his time in the Indian monastery affected his decision not to have any furniture. He loves to stretch, and he believes that living in a tent without furniture is conducive to stretching and the awareness of body that comes with it.

Last fall, as a first-year student, Oppenheim was unhappy with his living situation in Coleman dorm, and he spent most nights staying with friends in other dorms.

"I was thinking I'd love to be living in a tent," he said.

Without even having to ask, one of Oppenheim's professors offered his backyard as a site for Oppenheim to set up his tent. Since he already was not staying in his own room in Coleman, Oppenheim said it seemed like a natural progression to move to the tent. At the start of second semester, during the coldest time of the year, he made the transition.

Oppenheim said even though there are many things he likes about Bowdoin,

when friends and relatives back home ask him about college, the first thing he tells them is, "I live in a tent, and I'm so happy in the tent."

When asked what his parents think of his living space, he laughed and said, "It's cheap for them!"

But Oppenheim's tent-living should come as no surprise to his parents. After all, he built a lean-to outside his house in Connecticut. Although he is not home a great deal of time, he often sleeps in the lean-to when he is.

"I haven't slept in a bed in the summer for about four or five years," he said.

Oppenheim feels that spending so much time in class inside is very confining, so sleeping outside "serves as a necessary counterbalance," he said.

Additionally, he thinks that his tent is quieter, cleaner, and more private than alternate housing options.

"I'm very conscious of the way that one's living space is more than raw physical area," he said. "I recognize the connection between where you're living and the state of mind you're in," he continued.

Although many people may find the prospect of sleeping outside during the Maine winter bone-chilling, Oppenheim said he has never been cold in his tent. He

has a stove, but he said that his own body serves as his primary source of heat. In fact, Oppenheim said that sometimes in the winter his tent becomes so warm that he sleeps without clothing.

Oppenheim also believes that people have misconceptions about tent-livers' hygiene. Despite his lack of plumbing, Oppenheim said he showers every day.

"I have a few strategically located towels and soap stashes in friends' apartments around campus," he said.

Oppenheim is just as serious about his dental hygiene. He has several toothbrushes and floss containers in his tent, and he is very diligent about using them. In fact, his dentist is concerned that he may have gum damage because he brushes too firmly. In addition to his extreme seriousness regarding teeth brushing, the way he does it also sets him apart.

"People think you need water to brush your teeth—I don't think you do," he said.

To Oppenheim, the trail that he takes to access the tent is of the utmost importance. The start of the worn pathway is marked by a small stake on the edge of the driveway, and it winds through shrubbery and trees for about thirty feet. Although it would probably be quicker and easier to access the tent by cutting across the yard, Oppenheim always takes the circuitous route.

"Walking on the path is very important because it ritualizes the process of coming home every night and leaving every morning," he said. "It's almost like saying grace before you eat a meal," he added.

Oppenheim gladly welcomes visitors to his tent, even if he isn't home.

"There is no lock on this door," he said.

Some of his happiest memories from this past spring were when he came home after staying late at the library to find four or five friends hanging out in his tent.

"I don't think of it as my tent—it is the tent," he said.

Santoro Gomez: teaching for social justice

by Tara Rajiya
CONTRIBUTOR

"Teaching is an incredibly powerful way of working for social justice," Assistant Professor of Education Doris Santoro Gomez said. "To be a teacher who is committed to a just society is probably the most exciting job."

Entering her second year at Bowdoin, Santoro Gomez devoted last year to combining philosophy and education in the classroom.

Before arriving at Bowdoin, Santoro Gomez worked in urban public school systems in New York City, Jersey City, and San Francisco, where she taught high school-level English and mentored new teachers. She even worked in the literacy office of Jersey City's school department and set up the bilingual framework for area schools.

Santoro Gomez has always been interested in education. During her adolescence she became increasingly aware of how social change can be affected through education.

In high school, Santoro Gomez, although capable, opted not to take courses on the advanced education track because she thought a quality education should be available to everyone. Back then, Santoro Gomez was turned off to teaching because of the low pay and the fact that it was considered a woman's job. In college,

after taking education classes, Santoro Gomez realized that change could be employed in the classroom.

"[I am] incredibly sensitive to people being treated without dignity, and as a teacher I know I can create an environment of dignity, even if just for 45 minutes," she said.

After completing graduate work at Columbia University, Santoro Gomez decided to bring her passion for education to a place where teaching was highly valued. Although she was initially hesitant about moving from New York City to Maine, Santoro Gomez knew Bowdoin College would be a good fit.

"I knew [Bowdoin] was a place where the kinds of questions I asked are valued," she said.

Santoro Gomez and her husband, Lodrys Gomez, moved to Portland. Her husband, an architect originally from the Dominican Republic, loved

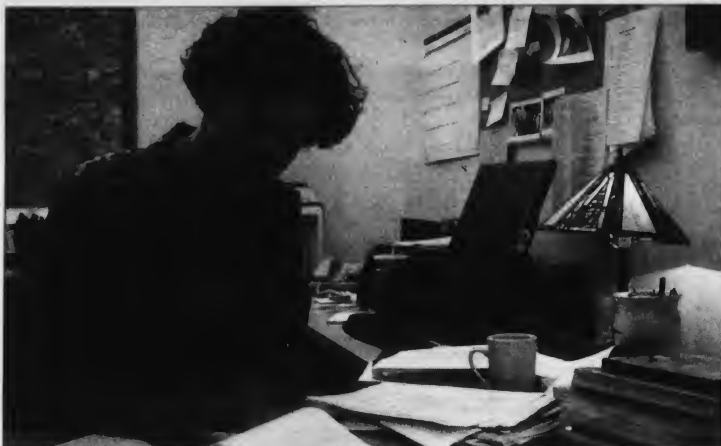
the change of scenery.

For Santoro Gomez, however, adjusting to life in Maine was shocking at first because of the shift from working in underprivileged schools to working at an elite liberal arts college.

"I will never miss the subway or being frisked every time I walked into the building. [But I] never want to get out of touch with [what I did before]," she said.

To do this, she has recently reached out to Portland's public school system.

During her time at Bowdoin,



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

In her second year at Bowdoin, Assistant Professor of Education Doris Santoro Gomez uses her devotion to social justice to foster a similar dedication in her students.

"To be a teacher who is committed to a just society is probably the most exciting job."

Doris Santoro Gomez
Assistant Professor of Education

Santoro Gomez has been working to create a curriculum that marries her passions of education, philosophy, and social justice. The culmination of this work is Education 245: Education and Social Justice, a course which is being taught for the first time this semester. She is looking to bring in guest speakers from the Portland public school system, educators from other urban areas and scholars devoted to the cause of education and justice to share their thoughts with her Education 245 class.

Another way Santoro Gomez has been working to bring her passion

of justice to the classroom is by requiring her Education 245 class work on a social justice project. Each student will need to identify an educational problem, research how and why it is an issue, and then propose a specific course of action for a community. Santoro Gomez hopes that many of her students will then use this assignment as the basis for an independent study, during which they will work towards applying their course of action.

Santoro Gomez is also using her time here at Bowdoin for research. Currently she is exploring ways to understand and affect good teaching.

Specifically, she would like to know what teaching means to teachers. Drawing on the philosophy of John Dewey, Hannah Arendt, and Martin Heidegger, Santoro Gomez is researching successful teachers from high-poverty schools who left after eight or more years of teaching. In an effort to understand what conditions are needed to sustain the practices of these highly effective teachers, she is going to research what made them leave.

After all, she believes teachers are the basis for social justice and equality in the classroom.

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Dear S.A.: The development of Gardasil, the new HPV vaccine, constitutes a huge breakthrough in women's health care. The more women that get it, the fewer women there will be that will get cervical cancer.

As historic as it is, however, Gardasil will not eliminate the need for regular Pap tests. Here's why.

Infection with HPV causes all warts, including genital warts. Of the over 100 sub-types of HPV that have been identified, about 30 of them cause infections of genital mucosal sites. Two of these subtypes—six and 11—cause very noticeable but painless, cauliflower-like growths. They have virtually no carcinogenic potential.

Two other subtypes of HPV, however—16 and 18—are the most prominent of the 16 "high-risk" subtypes. Together, they cause some 70 percent of cervical cancers and over 95 percent of the most aggressive and invasive cervical cancers. HPV 16 and 18 are also strongly associated with anal and rectal cancers. Most often, they cause no visible lesions at all.

Sometimes, they cause a few small, flat growths to appear, which look very much like normal "skin bumps."

Genital HPV infections are among the most common STIs worldwide, with the highest rate of infection found in women under the age of 25. In this country, it is estimated that over 50 percent of sexually active people contract HPV at one time or another—possibly as many as 75 percent of college students. At any given point in time, 20 million Americans have genital HPV infections that can be transmitted to others. Over 6.2 million people become newly infected every year.

Less than 1 percent of those infected with HPV ultimately develop cancer. But given numbers like 20 million or rates like 50 percent, the risks add up quickly.

Every year, nearly 10,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and nearly 4,000 women die from this largely preventable disease. Worldwide, about 500,000 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed each year, and 250,000 women die. Cancer of the cervix is the third most common cancer among women (after breast and colon cancer).

Enter Merck, with "Gardasil" (and GlaxoSmithKline, in hot pursuit, with "Cervarix"). Gardasil has been shown to prevent 89 percent of infections caused by the four viral subtypes it covers: HPV

16, 18, 6 and 11. And Gardasil prevents 100 percent of the genital warts, the precancerous lesions, and the cervical cancers, that are caused by these four HPV subtypes. That means that Gardasil (and presumably Cervarix as well) can prevent 70 percent of all cervical cancers and over 95 percent of all invasive cervical cancers.

But, as fantastic as this is, 70 percent and 95 percent are obviously not 100 percent. Until something even more effective than Gardasil is developed, two tried and true preventive measures are essential to block that residual 30 percent: condoms and Pap tests.

It is true that condoms cannot provide complete protection against the spread of HPV, because HPV can infect genital areas not covered up by condoms. The HPV

protection condoms do provide, however, is especially important for preventing internal infections—of cervical and rectal tissues. Condoms

also, of course, offer very effective protection against the spread of HIV, chlamydia, and other STIs, and offer reasonably effective protection against unwanted pregnancies as well.

There are no blood tests to detect HPV infection. Pap tests remain the most effective way to screen women for cervical HPV. If evidence of HPV infection is found, then tests to sub-type the HPV can be undertaken. Here's why Pap tests are so important.

Cancer of the cervix and rectum

are among the more treatable of cancers if they are caught early. In fact, early, microinvasive carcinomas of the cervix and anus are nearly always curable surgically. Both have a prolonged, pre-clinical phase, permitting this early detection and this very effective treatment. Most women diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer have not had a Pap smear in the previous five years. Many have never had one. Cervical cancer may indeed be an HPV-related "STD," as the OB-GYNs like to say, but, more importantly, it is a disease of medical neglect. The same is very much the case for anal cancer.

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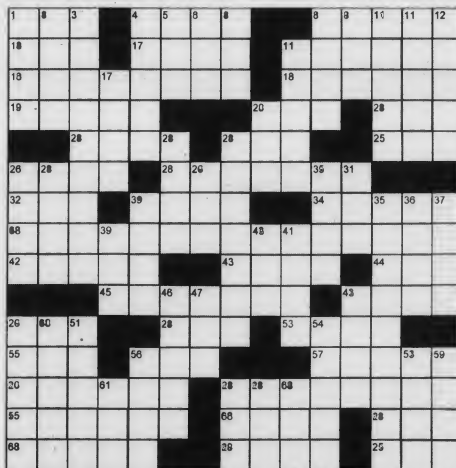
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Fall Baffle Ball



Puzzle by Adam Kommel

ACROSS

- 1 Skip
- 4 Excess flesh
- 8 Trusting
- 13 Green government group (abbr.)
- 14 Small particle
- 15 Bowdoin's men's team defeated Bates by one goal on Saturday
- 16 Critic
- 18 Dress
- 19 What angry animals do
- 20 Complete
- 21 Top-left key on keyboard
- 22 Bars
- 24 Healthy
- 25 Lab animal
- 26 Ancient Greek contest
- 28 Old Testament prophet
- 32 Obtained
- 33 Eye
- 34 ____-country team
- 38 Stoned Clown game
- 42 Ablaze
- 43 Ornament
- 44 Jazz instrument (abbr.)
- 45 Resulting
- 48 Lawyer (abbr.)
- 49 Bundle
- 52 Manipulate
- 53 South Asian dress
- 55 I: You: am: do
- 56 Discs (abbr.)
- 57 Stabs of guilt
- 60 Bowdoin's men's team played at Babson yesterday
- 62 Bowdoin's team's season starts September
- 63 at Williams
- 65 Being
- 66 Twofold
- 67 Ball holder
- 68 Rough voice

DOWN

- 1 Not his
- 2 Tennis or golf tournament
- 3 Italian tenor
- 4 ____ hockey team went
- 18-I last year
- 5 Not high
- 6 Dined
- 7 Lawyer's test
- 8 Musical symbol
- 9 Part of play
- 10 Colder
- 11 Vice
- 12 Construct
- 15 Quoth
- 17 Cast metal
- 20 By way of
- 23 Heroic tale
- 24 Given without charge
- 26 Spanish "water"
- 27 Bowdoin's team finished second at Thomas College on Tuesday
- 29 Deli order
- 30 Harmful rain
- 31 Married woman
- 33 Sign
- 35 Stubborn
- 36 Chair
- 37 Gorgeous
- 39-Anger
- 40 Marsh or bog
- 41 Tatters
- 46 Soapy
- 47 Ship initials
- 48 Middle East dweller
- 49 ____ polo team
- 50 Stadium
- 51 Fender blemishes
- 54 Ably
- 56 New York
- 58 Deep, long valley
- 59 Luge
- 61 Pinch
- 62 Food regulator (abbr.)
- 63 French "yes"
- 64 Paddle

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Spouse rocks out at alma mater



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Spouse frontman Jose Averde, a Bowdoin alum, belts out his brand of experimental rock at Jack Magee's Pub.

Hype doesn't save 'Sexyback'

by Boz Karanovsky
CONTRIBUTOR

The second Justin Timberlake album, four long years in the making, has already gotten much more hype than it deserves. "FutureSex/Love Sounds," a brainchild of Timberlake and urban producer Timbaland, who collaborated with Justin on six of the 13 tracks on "Justified," is confused, awkward, cocky, repetitive, and pseudo-original.

Nevertheless, it is amusing, if only for our ex-boy band member's efforts to convince us that he is more than the average grown teen imitator of Michael Jackson in a time when Jackson's career has experienced some catastrophic slumps.

The new "FutureSex/Love Sounds" is not a mess, but a well-intended failure. If "Justified's" role was to establish Timberlake as a solo artist, his sophomore album is more concerned with creating a unique style that will actually legitimize the former teen idol into the real new king of pop.

Guess what? It fails completely. The two "Timbs" try to get their point across by blurring the borders between rap, R&B, and pop (as it has not been done before a gazillion times) and cram in as many hints about sex as they can.

Actually, "hints" is an overstatement. Just look through the titles of the tracks: "Futuresex / Lovesound," "Sexyback," "Sexy Ladies," "My Love," "Love Stoned," "Summer Love" and "Chop Me Up." One need not be at Justin's level of profundity to notice that there are not that many layers to this album, and there is nothing to speak of that establishes a new style.

Thematically, the album is filled with empty claims and boasts of Justin's

empty bravado and self-assuredness, displaying his supposedly powerful libido and manhood. However, Timberlake, the object of desire for so many girls, never gets romantic at all. Timberlake claims that he will bring "Sexy Back," on one track, but this has to be one of the unsexiest albums ever. And it is far from a concept album either.

But, hey, subtlety and lyrical grace are not prevalent characteristics in the music industry today, so let's not blame Justin for this lack thereof. Unfortunately, the problem with this album is that it entertains only in places where it does not intend to.

Timberlake demonstrates his maturity by throwing some four-letter words in here and there. This strategy is interesting enough, after such experiences as the infamous Janet Jackson incident and promoting his new album by announcing to interviewers that, in his very own words, "Music needs an arena."

Timberlake also inserts a displaced but somewhat tolerable ballad against drugs called "Losing My Way" sung from the point of view of an addicted father. It would have touched me to the bottom of my heart if our hapless character hadn't begun his story with the lines, "Hi, my name is Bob/And I work at my job."

Other highlights of Timberlake's lyrical performance include "I am bringing sexy back," "Let's go to Dubai / I know you want a piece of that pie," "Call me candleman simply because I am on fire," "If I'm a Casanova/ then you're a supernova."

Musically speaking, the album is too calculated. While the beats are still the

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'The Female Orgasm' to excite student body

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

Multiple orgasms. The clitoris. Female ejaculation. Unless you need to get your eyes checked at the health center or are a rare example of a college student with no curiosity about sex, you've probably noticed these topics on posters advertising "The Female Orgasm." And they're not for a special screening of an unreleased episode of "Sex and the City."

"The Female Orgasm" is a lecture given by sex educators Dorian Solot and Marshall Miller, which they will present in Kresge Auditorium on Monday at 8 p.m. This hour-and-a-half talk will cover, in addition to the aforementioned topics, the subject of female orgasms in general.

The lecturers will seek to illuminate the topic for women who aren't having them, students who are debating the existence of the G-spot, people who want to please their significant other, and anyone interested in sexuality and women's empowerment.

Solot and Miller combine extensive knowledge with a playful, honest approach. The educators are a couple who claim not only to talk about sex but also to "once in a while...get lucky and actually have sex. With each other." They advertise their program as "sex education unlike like any you've had before."

"The Female Orgasm" is a continua-

tion of the couple's previous experience with Bowdoin. Last year, Heather Day '06, then co-chair of the Bowdoin Women's Association, learned about the duo as part of an honors project she was doing on sex education.

The team presented a general educational program, "Sex Discussed Here," which focused on, according to Bowdoin Women's Association co-chair Alison Driver '08, "The nuts and bolts of how sex works and how it can work better." The presentation attracted over 150 students and was an enormous success.

"The energy in the room was so positive, and everyone on their way out was smiling and talking about how much they enjoyed the program," said Day. "Everyone left more informed, certainly, but also more empowered."

Encouraged by the success of the couple's previous presentation, Karin Clough, former director of the Women's Resource Center, campaigned to bring the couple back to Bowdoin in 2006. The Women's Resource Center, which is sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Bowdoin Women's Association, hopes that this year's presentation of "The Female Orgasm" will contribute to its mission of improving reproductive health and general sexual knowledge.

"If you're going to take the risks [of having sex], you should also get some before."

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Racer X driven by New Wave philosophy, music

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

Here's what the public knows about Racer X:

It features Bowdoin Assistant Professor of English Aaron Kitch on the keyboard and Assistant Professor of Music Vin Shende on vocals and guitar. Other members of the band are Dave "Big D" Morrell and Pat "the Snake" Cyr.

The band plays '80s music.

But beneath this premise, Kitch and Shende insist there lies a dark and sometimes twisted history full of intrigue and references to obsolete pop stars.

According to the two professor-musicians, Racer X found its inspiration through Shende, when he was locked in a dark room until the age of six and forced to listen to what Shende referred to as the "commerce machine" of classic rock. The artists included, but were not limited to, Lynyrd Skynyrd and some Led Zeppelin. Shende emerged from the room in 1980, calling it the birth of his love for New Wave music.

"The idea of classic rock became wallpaper," Shende said.

"It was water torture, musically speaking," Kitch said.

Instead of bowing to this commerce machine, Shende embraced just "the machine," which he defined according to the technology of the New Wave movement and simulacrum, a post-WWII-philosophy that states a copy is not reflective of the original, but rather an operative of the original. Therefore, Racer X sees itself as "rehumanizing the machine."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Racer X and Professor Vin Shende perform in Morrell Lounge on September 1.

The band also found its muse in a "Knight Rider" poster, an '80s television show starring David Hasselhoff. The futuristic nature of the show plays into the digital character and technological aspects of Racer X's shows.

"We're humanities professors," said Kitch, "but really we're about Flock of Seagulls."

As with all '80s cover bands featuring professors, Racer X has had its share of awkward moments. One incident involved a request from Steve Perry to play "Don't Stop Believin'" with them after the band kicked Perry out.

"He showed up at our gig in Portland in drag," Shende said. "They had ugly security."

"The pictures and hate mail we got from Steve Perry after that were a little much," said Kitch. "I mean, with the slaughtered goats and all."

Kitch also got into an argument about scientific empiricism with an audience member during the group's performance of "She Blinded Me with Science" by Thomas Dolby.

Shende said that the band takes necessary spiritual steps to perform

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What's the best album ever created?

SCS: That's really a question that should be asked by century. Twenty-first, I gotta go with "O" by Sigur Ros. Twentieth? Toss-up between Charles Mingus's "Mingus Ah Um" and Radiohead's "OK Computer." Nineteenth, it's definitely between The Decembrists' "Her Majesty" and Beirut's "Gulag Orkestar," but I can't decide which one...

CT: "After the Gold Rush" by Neil Young. Since 1990, a tie between "Kerosene Hat" by Cracker or "Yeah It's That Easy" by G. Love & Special Sauce.

Who is the greatest living musician?

SCS: Sonny Rollins. Best breath support of any 76-year-old in the world.

CT: The Edge. He's also the coolest living person.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

SCS: Definitely this awesome electronic jazz festival in Genk, Belgium. I mean, who wouldn't want to go see the Esbjorn Svensson Trio right next to electronics wizard Leafcutter John in a town called Genk?

CT: Big show is sixth row at a Rolling Stones stadium concert. Small

show is Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion in a tiny club in Galway, Ireland.

What is the first album you ever bought?

SCS: "Picture of Nectar" by Phish (like a good Vermont boy should).

CT: "Waking up the Neighbours" by Bryan Adams.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

SCS: "Battleflag." Lo-Fidelity All-Stars. My country's gonna have a Trotskyist permanent revolution and we'll definitely need some pump-up music.

CT: "I Don't Want to Work (I Just Wanna Bang on the Drum All Day)" by Todd Rungrun; however, that may not be best for the economy.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

SCS: "So there was this woman..."

CT: Presumably I have them in the palm of my hand, so after asking them to vote for me, I would go on either an anti-umbrella or pro-pine nut rant.

Chapple-Sokol and Ticotsky's show, "At the Bottom of Everything," airs on Tuesday nights from 12:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

Give thanks for Pumpkinhead Ale



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

SHIPYARD PUMPKINHEAD ALE:

\$7.99 for a six-pack at Hannaford
Last Thanksgiving, I had the unique pleasure of visiting my girlfriend in Prague, where we were treated to an incredible traditional Thanksgiving spread complete with an enormous turkey and all the fixings. Surprisingly enough, however, it was not the food that made this Thanksgiving so distinctive and unforgettable—it was the beer.

You see, we were not squeezed into a family member's living room, waiting patiently in the buffet line as infant cousins were enticed with flying vegetables and voracious uncles helped themselves to half the turkey. Instead, we were seated comfortably in the basement of a Czech brewery.

Here the turkey was as plentiful as the beer. Let me remind you, we were in a brewery. Oh, and I forgot to mention: Czech beer is by far the most incredible tasting (not to mention the cheapest) beer I have ever tasted in my life.

Perhaps it was because my taste buds were performing a euphoric synchronized swimming routine in my mouth, or maybe it was because my waiter was intent on offering me two of every beer on the menu (and I was intent on obliging), but whatever the case, the beer I drank that day fit perfectly with the meal and flooded my senses with

everything autumn, familial, and delicious.

I tell you this not to practice my travel guide spiel, but instead to provide some words of comfort. Like me, you may have a long buffet line in your Thanksgiving future, but you can go armed with a delicious seasonal ale. Once again, I have found a beer that meshes perfectly with the drop in temperature, the costume-clad masquerading, and the turning of leaves. Friends, I give you a spice/herb/vegetable elixir that goes by the name of Shipyard Pumpkinhead Ale.

To clarify, ale is a category of alcoholic beverage brewed from a combination of hops and barley malt where the yeast rises to the

top of the fermentation tank rather than falling to the bottom, as with beer. Ale is typically stronger and more bitter than beer.

The first thing to notice about Pumpkinhead is the killer label. Instead of a lame logo or a picture of some dude, Pumpkinhead is embossed with the image of the headless horseman riding his stallion with a pumpkin sitting atop his shoulders and a full beer in his upraised hand (I tried this on my bike. Not easy). Awesome, I know. Now pick your jaw up off the floor and let's move on to the taste.

Unlike most other pumpkin ales, most notably that of Sea Dog's, which begin bitter and ease you into a watery pumpkin flavor, Shipyard Pumpkinhead boasts a clean, smooth pumpkin taste right away and finishes

off with an aftertaste of cinnamon and nutmeg. It is full in body, taste, and aroma.

Again, my trusty beer tasters all seemed to agree. Sweet and sensitive roommate Ted Upton noted that his first dainty sip reminded him of "fall spices." Other roommate Eric Gutierrez, who consistently lets his stomach do the talking, added, "It makes me want a huge turkey dinner," and it tastes like "leftover pumpkin pie."

Interestingly enough, however, two of Pumpkinhead's best qualities—full body and flavor—also provide the source for my only complaint: Pumpkinhead is not only quite filling, but the taste also becomes somewhat overwhelming after your second or third go.

Now I don't expect that most Bowdoin students are rushing out some Shipyard to get the party started. Still others, like my proctor prodigy Lauren Huber explained to me over a drink last night: "I like my pumpkin pie in triangle form."

In the end, Shipyard Pumpkinhead Ale boasts a delicious aroma and a superb taste. So grab a sixer and watch the leaves turn with a loved one. Sip on some over Thanksgiving dinner. Hell, hand them out to the kids at Halloween for all I care (just kidding). But bear in mind that old eye-rolling adage of middle school DARE programs everywhere: Only drink (Pumpkinhead) in moderation.

'FutureSex' can't clear soph hurdle

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strongest aspect of the album, they are too cramped and wooden. The melodies are nonexistent and the arrangement too edged, abrupt and futuristic.

"FutureSex/LoveSounds" is overloaded with sexual references, conflicting arrangements, early 80s pop influences, ballads, hip-hop, T.I. and Will I Am (Black Eyed Peas) contributions, Justin beat boxing, and a song against drugs. Enough is enough—the album can't bear its own weight.

The beats intermingle with each other and desperately try to be more creative. Interestingly enough, they sometimes succeed, as in the song "Love Stoned," which runs well over five minutes. The only other song I liked was the Riek Rubin-produced ballad "(Another Song) All Over Again" and, to a lesser extent, "Summer Love."

The songs themselves sound like their names do—compound, superfluous and combining too many simple riffs and beats into one big mess. Similarly, expressions such as "Futuresex" and "Sexyback" also add up to nothing, but Timberlake thinks that combining two overused words together makes them special.

The tracks tend to evolve one into each other, which gives some needed freshness. Overall, Timberlake's second production is overproduced and overstated.

Couple gives spice, humor to 'The Female Orgasm'

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of the pleasures," Driver said. By sponsoring a program focused primarily on sexual pleasure, a topic often neglected in sexual education, the organizations hope not only to remedy this problem, but also to promote healthy sexual relationships.

"If you're not being respected, you're not in a good situation," Driver said, "and you're probably not having an orgasm."

Racer X discusses '80s music, solo projects

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these '80s covers. These spiritual steps are painstakingly complete, including robes, incense, and oils.

"Soft Cell is all about a lack of spirituality and original sin," he said. "There's even a fourth verse that many people don't know, which involves Satan, the apple, and a warthog."

Kitch and Shende are currently focusing on solo projects in addition to their roles in Racer X, in order to keep the covers fresh. Kitch is creating his "dream": a musical with Karen Carpenter's "Rainy Days and Mondays" set to a hip-hop beat, along with her redemption of a stripteasing Richard Nixon.

Shende, instead, is indulging his passion of artisan cheese making. He currently has a herd of cows in his basement and has built a table and refrigerator completely out of cheese.

For those curious about Racer X's name and its costumes, the name came from a discussion of simulacrum on the way to a Speed Racer convention in New Hampshire. The band felt that Speed Racer's older brother, Racer X, embodied many of their ideals about the machine.

The costumes are made by a mysterious German woman who refused to have her name printed. She lives on an island off Maine's coast and



Courtesy of Prof. Vineet Shende
The "Knight Racer" photo that inspired Racer X.

comes to every one of the band's concerts at the very end of try to snatch back her designs, due to the controversial nature of their kqala bear skin material.

Kitch and Shende remain curious about the love Bowdoin students' express for '80s music, especially since most of their songs were released before the birth of the student body.

After a lengthy discussion, Kitch and Shende concluded that Bowdoin students were idealists and could easily relate to such '80s songs as "Africa" by Toto.

"They just won't stop believing," Kitch said.

Have strong opinions about movies or music?



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Murakami refreshes summer reading with 'Norwegian Wood'

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

Summer novels are usually advertised and associated with words such as "fun," "light," "classic," and "best-seller." Though the weather is

often in sync with these choices, it can prove refreshing to throw in the occasional foreign or slightly heavier novel. I don't like to include more than one Russian author on my summer reading list, so having discussed Gogol, I chose Haruki Murakami's "Norwegian Wood."

As a Beatles aficionado, I was intrigued by the title immediately and Murakami did not let me down. The melody of "Norwegian Wood" pulls the reader back into Watanabe's recollections of his college years, and it subsequently serves as a haunting backdrop for the twists of fate in the protagonists' lives. It is hard not to fall beneath the spell of this story. As in the song of the same title, "Norwegian Wood" is about love.

Toru Watanabe is a Japanese student attending university with no particular interest in his classes. He is also the only friend of Naoko—the girlfriend of his friend, Kizuki, who committed suicide.

Watanabe's relationship with Naoko, as well as his relationships with women, is woven from the pleasurable strands of loneliness, love and the complexities of existence. Watanabe the narrator has some 20 years of distance between him and the events that he recounts, but it is evident that the impact of these relationships lingers.

Murakami develops remarkable

characters that live in a solitary manner. They are not hermits but they do not force themselves on the world. It is not a result of sloth or apathy, but is a distinctly different sort of character development than what one might typically find in another novel.

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The lives of Watanabe, Midori, Naoko and Reiko may be less social than many of their literary contemporaries, but their interactions with the world are never casual. The results are sometimes tragic and often exquisite.

The book is funny, puzzling, illuminating, poignant and ultimately far from melancholic. Murakami deftly writes about the pressing weight of existence without overt sentimentality. The actions of his characters are deliberate and sometimes mystifying in their precise decisions to kiss or cook or take their own lives. The lovemaking and life taking that unfolds across the pages of the book are events handled with incredible honesty.

Murakami does not mince his words and there is nothing superfluous about the quality of the information he provides. This book speaks to the confusion that comes with the discovery that the world you live in may not know you or love you back, but the people in it can.

There's no better time than the present for this book. College is certainly about loneliness, confusing attractions, and darkness (we are in Maine), but it's also about parties, new experiences, and tests. If "Norwegian Wood" doesn't make it off the shelf this year, pack it for the beach next summer.

SPORTS

Field hockey starts season with three wins

by Emileigh Mercer
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Field Hockey Team proved it is ready for another winning season after beginning this September with a 3-0 record.

The Bears won their season-opener on home turf against Wellesley College on Saturday in thrilling fashion as sophomore forward Lindsay McNamara scored the game's only goal in the second overtime to secure the 1-0 victory.

"We dominated the game and even though it took two overtimes to score, it showed the character of our team and we were able to learn from it," said senior goalkeeper Kate Leonard, who made a split save to keep the game at 0-0 before the overtimes.

The game was "exciting, but scary to watch, and we were all glad it ended in a Bowdoin win," said Hamilton field hockey coach and Bowdoin College alum Gillian McDonald '04.

Sunday proved to be equally fruitful for the Polar Bears as they beat Wheaton (MA) College 5-1. McNamara and Julia King '09 both scored two goals, and captain Burgess LePage '07 notched one. Hillary Hoffman '08, Katherine Gormley '09, and Meaghan McCullough '10 each tallied an assist.

"We have been successful on



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Meaghan Maguire '08 passes to a Polar Bear teammate in practice on Tuesday, Bowdoin's field hockey team shut out Husson College the next day 4-0.

offense due to the team effort and contributions from many different people," said Hoffman. "It's reassuring to know that the depth is there, and it is a critical element of a strong team."

The two-game weekend gave the Polar Bears a chance to test their endurance.

"Doubleheader weekends are

always a challenge. However, we have a couple of them this year, so it was a great way to prepare for and start our weekend," said senior defender Gail Winning. "We came out ready to go on this past Sunday, playing a smart game, and if we continue to improve on our endurance, Sunday games should be a strength for us."

But the week was not over for the Polar Bears, as they visited Bangor Wednesday night and beat Husson College 4-0. Bowdoin's defense played a big part in the Husson game, as Leonard faced a total of only two shots.

The Husson win was also notable for another reason.

"The win against Husson was a

big deal for us because Coach [Nick] Pearson tied Sally LaPoint's record for winningest coach in Bowdoin Field Hockey history. It is apparent that Nicky has a lot of respect for Coach LaPoint and we are all honored to be a part of such a successful and tradition rich program."

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Disc teams fly to Bowdoin

by Benjamin Stormo
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's ultimate team begins its defense of the New England regional title this weekend with a two-day tournament on its home fields against some of the top club teams in the region. The Bowdoin ultimate team that won last year's Division II regional tournament in convincing fashion returns many players from that successful squad.

Bowdoin's A team, Stoned Clown, starts off its action at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Farley Field against Red Tide B, a club team from Portland, with later contests against Tron Blue and Tufts B. If Bowdoin wins all its games on Saturday, it will enter a four-team bracket on Sunday. Last year, Bowdoin lost to a team from UNH, Hillflow, in the section finals, only to beat it in the regional tournament to win the Division II championship. (More than one team from each section can make it to regionals.)

Bowdoin has a total of three teams competing in the tournament.

Held at the same time as the Division II competitions is the Division I tournament, which contains some of the top club teams in the entire world. Last year's New England champion was Death or Glory (DoG), which eventually made it into the semi-finals of the Ultimate Player's Association (UPA) club championship in Sarasota, Florida. Other elite teams include Metal from Cambridge, Massachusetts, which also



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Chris Hickey '09 dribbles down the field as Simon Parsons '07 follows.

Soccer beats Bates

by Eren Munir
-STAFF WRITER

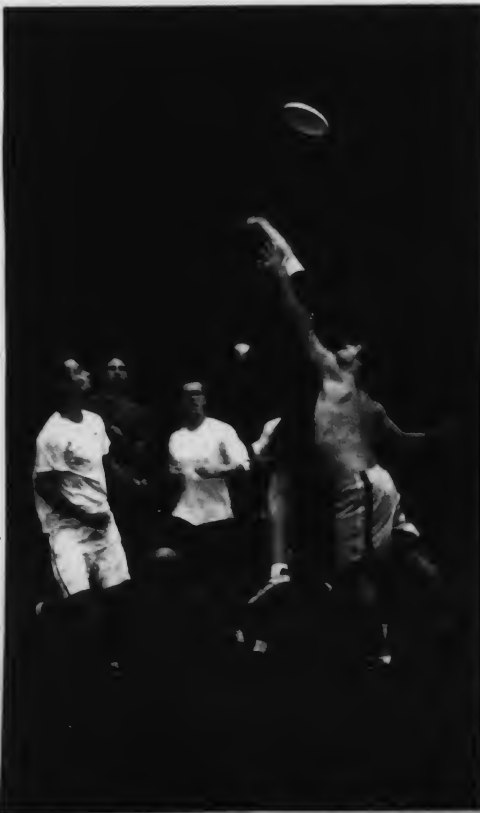
Men's soccer held on for a 2-1 win this week against NESAC rival Bates.

The Polar Bears looked impressive right from the get-go on Saturday as forward Micha Grueber

'08 rifled a cross from captain Anthony Regis '07 into the back of the net at the 1:52 mark.

The Bobcats fought back with a goal from Greg Nelson at 22:21. This did not faze the Bears, however, as All-NESAC junior Nick

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Michael Duckworth '07 and Drew Kantor '10 go up for a disc in practice.

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Men's golf looks toward NCAA berth

by Alex Dalton
CONTRIBUTOR

Fall is fast approaching, and for the Bowdoin Golf Team that means it's time to hit the links. While Tiger Woods works on a five-tournament winning streak on the PGA tour, the Polar Bears will be happy to win just one.

In fact, one win is all it would take for the squad to make it to the NCAA Division III golf tournament this year. The winner of this season's NESAC tournament goes directly to the NCAAAs. And Bowdoin will have the good fortune of playing host to the NESAC tournament at its home course at the end of September. So it was with great excitement that the Polar

Bears took the first step toward their goal of a NESAC championship and NCAA tournament berth last weekend.

The team opened the season with the Bowdoin Invitational at the Brunswick Golf Club.

Hamilton took the victory with an overall team score of 604, while Bowdoin, which had two teams competing, finished eighth and fourteenth with scores of 634 and 697. Senior captain Brandon Malloy was the top finisher for Bowdoin, shooting rounds of 73 and 78. Sophomore Jeff Cutter shot a 79 the first day and a 77 the next. Despite not bringing their "A" game, the Polar Bears were in the hunt with only a three-shot differential separating them and fifth-place

finisher Tufts.

Cutter was disappointed, but expected the Invitational to be tough.

"The pins were set in difficult spots, and a lot of kids from all schools were putting up some big numbers on a couple of holes," he said.

Bowdoin's coach reflected positively on the tournament.

"The course was in great shape and this was the best competition we've had at this tournament," said Coach Tomas Fortson.

On Tuesday the men from Bowdoin were at it again, playing at the Samoset Golf Course for the Thomas College Terrier Invitational in Waterville.

"Samoset was one of the most beautiful courses I've played, right along the Atlantic," said Cutter.

The team played well and improved on its performance from the previous weekend, finishing second out of eight teams with an overall score of 314 and falling just short of Husson, which won the tournament with a score of 306. Malloy nearly won the tournament shooting a 73, but settled for second place.

"We made up shots on Husson, the best team in the state, in one



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Senior captain Brandon Malloy takes a shot during yesterday's practice.

week," Coach Fortson said.

Next week the men's golf team will head to Vassalboro to play in the Maine State Tournament. The Polar Bears will be looking to build

on their promising start. "It's a process, and we're hoping to develop quickly and put ourselves in a position to win when it counts," said Fortson.



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advanced to the national tournament last year.

DoG's roster boasts enough superstars to field a fantasy team, including Josh Ziperstein, the former winner of the Callahan award, which is given to the top college player in the country, and veteran Jim Parinella, six-time national champion.

"The competition is going to be fierce and just watching is going to be a huge learning experience," said Dan Yingst '07.

"To be able to watch ultimate played at such an elite level is really a treat," said sophomore Sam Dinning. "It is going to be awesome to see such incredible players up close and personal."

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Are sports contracts fair? Field hockey wins three

Professional athletes are choosing money over love

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

Contracts in sports are truly unfathomable to the average person.

SPORTS COMMENTARY In many cases, millions of dollars are doled out to athletes over the course of a few short years.

During the winter of 2000, the Texas Rangers signed Alex Rodriguez to a 10-year, \$252 million contract. Fans often view players as greedy for holding out for a few extra million dollars, and generally I would agree. Latrell Sprewell's comment that a three year, \$21 million deal was not sufficient because "I need to feed my family" was an embarrassing statement about the state of sports and its stars.

But then there are the players who do not seek out big figures like bounty hunters. Guys like Fedy Bruschi, who took less money than he could have gotten out on the free agency market to stay with a Patriots team he loved. Or Bronson Arroyo, who negotiated a three-year deal with the Red Sox last season that priced him between \$11 and \$12

million over that period, a price well below his market value. Arroyo brokered the deal against the advice of his agent because he wanted to remain a Red Sox player. However, the team took advantage of the situation and traded off the discounted pitcher because of his high production and low price.

The question then becomes, "How should professional athletes negotiate their contracts?" Should the bottom line be all they care about, or are loyalty and team chemistry major factors?

In New England, Deion Branch most recently filled the role of the spoiled athlete who was holding out for the big bucks. Local papers and fans vilified the former Patriots wide receiver because he refused to play even though he still had one year left on his contract. But to be completely fair, contract rules in the NFL entirely favor team ownership, not the players. NFL contracts are not guaranteed, which means that a team can cut a player at any time and not pay off the remainder of his contract. Granted that the player did agree to perform at that dollar value, it is unfair that only one side should be able to terminate the contract.

One factor to consider is the average length of a professional football

player's career. Due to the extreme physical grind of the occupation, the average length of an NFL player's career is only 3.2 years, according to the NFL Players Association. That means that during that period of time, the athlete needs to make as much money as he possibly can to avoid a career in car dealerships or Viagra ads after his retirement from athletics.

So is Branch the bad guy here? He put up very good numbers last year and wants to cash in on his success before his career is over, due to injury or old age. If he were to suffer a career ending injury while playing for his sparse rookie contract, he would forgo the big bucks he feels he has earned through his professional success. However, he did sign a contract. Is it right to bail out of this legal agreement?

The issue concerning Branch ended when he was traded to the Seahawks on Monday and subsequently signed a contract that he viewed as fair. However, contracts will continue to be an issue in athletics so long as people are willing to shell out big bucks to see their teams play. While that money is pouring in, teams will continue to show outrageous revenue figures and players will want their piece of the pie.

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said captain Susan Morris '07.

In addition to being proud of Pearson's success, team members are particularly pleased with the strong start, but are mindful that they can still improve.

"Kicking off the season with three wins has given us a great platform to build on by highlighting specific aspects of play we need to work on for continued success," said senior forward Sarah Horn.

After such a strong start, Pearson could not stress enough the importance of preparation as Bowdoin heads into its first NESCAC game against rival Colby College this Saturday.

"Having three non-league games has given us the opportunity to come together and not only execute game plans, but also focus on our communication on the field," she said. "Hopefully, this has prepared us well for the upcoming league game against Colby."

Men kick back Bobcats

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Figueiredo quickly answered back with the go-ahead goal off another sharp assist from Regis at 25:10.

Less aggressive play in the closing minutes was the only cause for concern the team had after an otherwise impressive opening match. Regis explained this frustration.

"We felt we put in a strong 75 minutes but became slack in the remaining 15," he said.

The men moved up two spots to 14th in the Division III rankings with last Saturday's result. They will look to improve on this position in

next Saturday's match at NESCAC rival Colby. The two teams battled into overtime last season before Bowdoin ultimately won the contest.

The challenge of defeating an always tough Colby team is increased when paired with the fact that this will be Bowdoin's first game away from Farley in 2006.

Coach Fran O'Leary emphasized the importance of overcoming such obstacles.

"If we are to push on to a successful season, we must be able to gain wins on the road," he said. "Colby will provide a great first test."

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Volleyball wins first match

by Kate Walsh
CONTRIBUTOR

The volleyball team won its season opener on Wednesday, beating the University of New England (UNE) Nor'easters.

After a shaky start in the first game the Polar Bears managed to tie at 17-17, before pulling ahead and eventually winning 30-21. The Polar Bears rode this momentum into the next two games, winning them both (30-24, 30-17) to take UNE in straight sets.

The win was Karen Corey's first as head coach.

"I was very pleased with our team's performance," said Corey. "I think our first game jitters got us down in the first game, but I was impressed to have our players shake it off and catch back up with UNE at 17-17. I felt that our strong serving earned us many scoring opportunities and solid passing got our offense ignited. We were really able to keep UNE's offense limited and that provided us with great control of the match."

First-year Gillian Page led the team with 14 kills, 8 aces and 5 digs in her first game as a Polar Bear.

"I was a little nervous going in, but we have strong leadership with the cap-



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The volleyball team practices for its three home NESCAC games this week.

tains," said Page. "Now I am really excited for the rest of the season and for our games this weekend."

The win gave the Polar Bears a 1-0 record, while the Nor'easters fell to 3-6. The real test for Bowdoin comes this

weekend, when three of its NESCAC opponents visit Brunswick. On Friday the team will take on Middlebury at 6 p.m., and then on Saturday the team will face Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. and Williams at 4 p.m.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BIAS INCIDENT GROUP

September 12, 2006

To the Bowdoin Community:

We are writing to remind us all that Bowdoin established the Bias Incident Group on October 27, 1988 to respond to acts of bias that violate the ideals of the College and stifle the freedom of expression. The Group consists of faculty members, students, and administrators drawn from the College community. The Group meets mainly to respond to anonymous defacements, graffiti, or other hateful expressions against campus groups. On such occasions, the Bias Incident Group convenes to affirm the values of the College, to call upon the campus community to stand against these acts, and to consider other appropriate responses. Any member of the College community can request that the Bias Incident Group be convened, and may do so by contacting one of its members.

When such an incident of misconduct occurs on campus, or between or among Bowdoin students off campus, it should also be reported to the Security Office or to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. The Dean's Office will follow up with the complainants and the alleged perpetrators, if they are known, and may initiate the normal campus adjudicatory process – a disciplinary meeting with a dean or a Judicial Board hearing.

The Bias Incident Group reminds the campus that the State of Maine Civil Rights Law includes a strong hate-crime section, which imposes sanctions in the event of intentional damage or destruction of property, the threat of violence, or actual violence against any person that is motivated by reason of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or physical or mental disability. The Maine Attorney General has asked to be notified by all Maine colleges when such acts occur on their campuses, and Bowdoin will respond accordingly. We believe that a report to any external authority will be greatly strengthened if there is a comparable and simultaneous response on campus by individuals, by the Dean's Office, by Security, and by the Bias Incident Group.

We remind you that acts of bias can occur off campus against members of the Bowdoin community. Working in cooperation with local and state agencies, the College stands prepared to act on behalf of its members who experience acts of bias off-campus.

In closing, we reaffirm the principles of the College that led to creation of the Bias Incident Group over a decade ago.

Ours is a community fundamentally devoted to intellectual and scholarly pursuits. Our diversity of background, experience, talent, and vision is what keeps us vibrant and ever-changing. Those who make statements intended to further discussion on issues important to us contribute to the vitality of our intellectual life. Those who, out of prejudice and hatred, make statements that are designed to intimidate and silence undermine us all.

While the Bias Incident Group encourages free expression of opinion, we deplore acts that are vicious in nature and that are designed to silence others and breed fear in this academic community.

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MEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	1	0	0	2	0	0
Middlebury	1	0	0	2	0	0
BOWDOIN	1	0	0	1	0	0
Colby	0	0	1	0	0	2
Tufts	0	0	1	1	1	1
Wesleyan	0	0	0	1	0	0
Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conn. Coll.	0	1	0	1	1	0
Bates	0	1	0	0	1	0
Trinity	0	1	0	0	2	0

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/9 v. Bates

W 2-1

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/16 - at Colby

11:00 A.M.

Tu 9/19 at Southern Maine

4:30 P.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	1	0	2	0	0	0
Williams	1	0	2	0	0	0
Trinity	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tufts	1	0	1	0	0	0
BOWDOIN	0	0	3	0	0	0
Bates	0	0	2	0	0	0
Amherst	0	1	1	0	1	1
Wesleyan	0	1	1	0	1	1
Colby	0	1	0	0	1	0
Conn. College	0	1	0	0	2	0

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/9 v. Wellesley

W 1-0

Su 9/10 v. Wheaton

W 5-1

W 9/13 at Husson

W 4-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/16 at Colby

11:00 A.M.

MEN'S TENNIS

SCOREBOARD

Th 9/14 at Babson

PPD

MEN'S RUGBY

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/16 v. Maine Maritime

12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	1	0	0	4	0	0
Amherst	0	0	0	4	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	3	0	0
BOWDOIN	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bates	0	0	0	4	1	0
Colby	0	0	0	3	1	0
Conn. College	0	0	0	3	1	0
Middlebury	0	0	0	3	1	0
Wesleyan	0	0	0	2	1	0
Tufts	0	0	0	3	2	0
Hamilton	0	1	0	2	3	0

SCOREBOARD

W 9/13 v. U. New England

W 3-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/15 v. Middlebury

6:00 P.M.

Su 9/16 v. Hamilton

1:30 P.M.

Su 9/16 v. Williams

4:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	1	0	0	2	0	0
Williams	1	0	0	2	0	1
Middlebury	1	0	0	1	0	0
Colby	0	0	1	1	0	1
Tufts	0	0	1	0	1	1
Bates	0	0	0	2	0	0
BOWDOIN	0	0	0	1	0	1
Wesleyan	0	1	0	1	1	0
Conn. Coll.	0	1	0	0	2	0
Trinity	0	1	0	0	2	0

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/9 v. Bridgewater State

W 5-1

Su 9/10 v. Babson

T 0-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/16 at Colby

1:30 P.M.

W 9/20 v. Bates

4:30 P.M.

MEN'S GOLF

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/9 Bowdoin Invitational 8th of 15

Tu 9/12 at Thomas College 2nd of 8

SCHEDULE

F 9/15 - at Maine State

TBA

Sa 9/16 Tournament

- Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

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Bowdoin College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit November 12-15, 2006, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission is one of eight accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole; there are approximately 200 accredited institutions in the six-state New England region.

Bowdoin College has been accredited by the Commission since 1929 and was last reviewed in 1996. For the past 18 months, Bowdoin has been engaged in a process of self-evaluation, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the College to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will then recommend to the Commission a continuing status for Bowdoin.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Bowdoin to:

Public Comment on Bowdoin College
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
209 Burlington Road
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OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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Taking early action

Harvard College made a substantial policy shift this week when it announced that it will eliminate its early admissions program. In a statement, interim university President Derek Bok said Harvard's early action policy benefited some students over others. "Students from more sophisticated backgrounds and affluent high schools often apply early to increase their chances of admission, while minority students and students from rural areas, other countries, and high schools with fewer resources miss out," he said.

While Harvard's announcement was substantial, it was not necessarily bold. Since the vast majority of students who are accepted choose to enroll, Harvard can afford to shift its admissions policy with relatively little risk to its class size and selectivity rating. Were Bowdoin to eliminate its early decision program, that choice would truly be bold.

Bold because there would be less certainty when trying to make predictions about the numbers of students who would choose to enroll. Bold because the program is popular among many prospective students and parents. Dean of Admissions Bill Shain called the program "almost a pathology in the Boston-Washington corridor" at Monday's faculty meeting. Bold because our peer schools haven't yet followed Harvard's lead.

Bold, yes. But not necessarily undoubtful. Since we are certainly not skilled in the intricacies of calculating admissions statistics, we don't really know.

We do know that Bowdoin has done a tremendous job in recent years of seeking and supporting a diverse student body, and we are sure that this commitment has enhanced our community.

Eliminating early decision would only enhance this commitment. While Bowdoin already has an excellent reputation for providing financial aid to low-income students, such a move would add fairness for those applicants and for those students from middle-income families who are unsure if they'll receive any financial aid at all. Such a policy shift would also make the summer and fall seasons less stressful for high school seniors; no longer would they have to dwell over whether to apply to one college and only one college.

We are prepared to say that a policy change is an idea worthy of thoughtful consideration by the College's administration. Since going alone on this issue would put Bowdoin at a competitive disadvantage, we urge the College's leaders to explore this issue with leaders from other schools. We don't know that Harvard's choice would be the right choice for Bowdoin. But it might be, and that alone is reason enough for Bowdoin to consider being bold.

The editorial represents the majority view of *The Bowdoin Orient's* editorial board. The editorial board is comprised of Bobby Guerette, Beth Kowitz, and Steve Kolowich.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Campus debate should be thoughtful

To the Editors:

This year's primary election season provides ample evidence that statements made in public or published during one's college years can be resurrected many years later, often to the detriment of a political candidate left struggling with an explanation about youth, context and intent.

Today's technology—including comprehensive search engines, news alerts, and the rapid worldwide circulation of data—leaves very little room for what might once have been dismissed as a "youthful indiscretion." Of course, the availability and use of such technology should never be allowed to have a chilling effect on thoughtful discourse and debate, but we are all advised to remember that our words and actions can follow us today as never before.

At Bowdoin, we admit informed students willing to take a stand on issues, and we encourage open debate as part of the educational process and as a hallmark of our community. We expect these debates to be vigorous and thoughtful. Remarks or published statements that are malicious, are intended to breed fear, or that have such an effect unintentionally—comments such as those made in the early 1980s by a Bowdoin graduate and referenced in last week's edition of the Bowdoin Orient—are not welcome at Bowdoin, nor will they be condoned here.

Advancements made at Bowdoin and elsewhere in America mean that we are a very different place today than we were even a decade ago. We embrace the belief that a variety of backgrounds, viewpoints, and experiences makes us stronger and improves the educational experience for students and for our community. With change can come conflict, disagreement, and misunderstanding. It is our responsibility as members of this community to ensure that we work through these issues in a respectful way, both for the good of Bowdoin and for our own growth as educated citizens. In doing so, we can be proud of ourselves today and confident that we will remain so in the future.

Sincerely,
Barry Mills
President

Consider eliminating early decision

To the Editors:

On Tuesday, September 12, Harvard College announced it was doing away with early admissions (early action) for the next applicant pool. Interim President Derek Bok summarized the reasons behind the decision: "Early admissions programs tend to advantage the advantaged. Students from more sophis-

ticated backgrounds and affluent high schools often apply early to increase their chances of admission, while minority students and students from rural areas, other countries, and high schools with fewer resources miss out.

"Students needing financial aid are disadvantaged by binding early decision programs that prevent them from comparing aid packages. Others who apply early and gain admission to the college of their choice have less reason to work hard at their studies during their final year of high school."

I believe that Bowdoin should re-evaluate its own early admissions program and consider eliminating it beginning next year. Even if early decision is an easier route for some people, is it necessary? Does it really help further the College's goals and produce a better first-year class? With four people competing for each single acceptance letter, we can afford to experiment with the admissions process to do the right thing. Let's at least have a conversation about it.

Sincerely,

Ian F. Yaffe '09

H.R. 4437 a step in the right direction

To the Editors:

Mr. Minot's sweeping generalizations in "Immigration insanity" (9/8) portrays H.R. 4437 in an unfair light.

Most of H.R. 4437 is aimed at trying to curb illegal immigration. While it might be true that some of the proposed policies may be superfluous, it is still a step in the right direction. Oftentimes, undocumented aliens are paid below minimum wage, work inhumane hours, and do not have access to the protection that legal immigrants and citizens have. The fact is, HR 4437 is not only aimed at protecting American citizens, but it is also aimed at protecting exploited illegal immigrants.

Although the elimination of the green card lottery may reduce the amount of legal immigrants, the ending of this policy certainly won't "wall" us off from the rest of the world. People from around

the world are still eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship; they still line up in front of U.S. embassies for interviews and hope to be allowed into the United States. By immigrating legally, and not exploiting loopholes in the system, many learn to appreciate the United States and become proud citizens of this great country.

Sincerely,

Jeff Jeng '09

Register to vote in fall elections

To the Editors:

The November 7 mid-term elections in Maine and elsewhere promise to hold many crucial and competitive races. We urge all those who are eligible to participate. Bowdoin students are permitted to register to vote in Brunswick; some students may be concerned about registering to vote in Maine because of a conflict with state-sponsored financial aid, but this does not affect most states. Only eight states offer financial aid to Bowdoin students (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the District of Columbia), and of those, there are only two where student aid has not been assured to the Office of Student Aid regardless of registration status (Pennsylvania and Rhode Island).

For those who registered in Maine previously, remember that you must re-register if your dorm room is different from last year, which is the case for most students. If you plan to remain registered in another state or elsewhere in Maine, you should start thinking about ordering an absentee ballot very soon.

The Bowdoin College Democrats will be helping people register to vote over the coming weeks, and the process is very simple. If you have any questions about voting, go to <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/votguid06.htm>, your home state's secretary of state's website, or email democrat@bowdoin.edu.

Sincerely,

Darren Fishell '09

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And you thought Orientation was awkward...

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

During the fall of my first year at Bowdoin, I felt compelled to join a group on the then-benign Facebook called "Why Is My Life So Awkward?" Upon first discovering the group, I had been touched. "Finally," I thought to myself, "a group of collegians who, like me, have failed to outgrow their adolescent ineptitude. I shall find my niche at Bowdoin yet!"

To corroborate just how awkward I am, yes, I did say that aloud, in a room populated by no fewer than five strangers.

This sense of intimacy was dashed, however, when I clicked into the group's home page and discovered that it was comprised of over 300 members. Could nearly a quarter of the students on campus be as chronically maladroit as I? For one, that would explain the extreme popularity of alcohol on campus. Also, it would explain why nobody dates, or dances in rhythm, or talks to each other ever again after abiding a spontaneous sexual impulse.

Whatever the case, I feel that awkwardness is prevalent enough to deserve attention in this column. I wish to share with you one of my most awkward moments during my time at Bowdoin.

It came early in the second semester of my first year. I was in Thorne Hall, enjoying a rather typical dinner with my floormates. At some point, I said to myself (not aloud this time), "Boy, a jam sandwich would really hit the spot right

about now." (That's jam, NOT jelly.) I excused myself from the table and ventured toward the buffet to retrieve my quarry.

(Just in case anybody is hung up on the fact that I craved a jam sandwich and not a peanut butter-and-jam sandwich, I would like to make clear, for the record, that I harbor no prejudices against peanut butter-and-jam sandwiches. I enjoy them often. Sometimes I opt for a jam-free peanut butter sandwich. My taste buds are eccentric and unpredictable. Anyway, it's none of your damn business and I'd appreciate it if you stopped judging me and paid attention to the narrative.)

When I arrived at the toast station—by which I mean the area of the counter where toastable bread, toasters, and toast paraphernalia are available—I don't know if it has a name, exactly—I found it was occupied by a friendly seeming young woman who was buttering a slice of honey wheat.

Now, I'm not sure what the consensus is with regard to etiquette in these circumstances, but as far as I'm concerned, it is acceptable to reach around the sneeze-guard support-pole in order to access the jam (or hummus, butter, peanut butter, et cetera) as long as you do not interfere with the business of the obstructing party.

Why not just wait 10 seconds or so for the girl to finish spreading, you may inquire? It is a fair question, but please bear in mind: I really, *really* wanted that jam sandwich.

So I awkwardly contorted my body into the shape of a question mark and made for the jam. Though I managed not to touch the girl, she did sort of look at me funny when I executed this maneuver. Not angry or annoyed; just a bit surprised. I was, after all, mere centimeters from touching her hip with my inner thigh, which is among the most awkward places for two sober people to accidentally touch.

Her reaction ruffled me. I had been counting on her indifference. Embarrassed and a little panicked, I sought to explain myself.

"Oh, um, excuse me," I said.

And then I said this:

"Nothing like a jam sandwich, says I." In a numb instant, I traveled several seconds into the past. This time, when I uttered perhaps the most awkward line imaginable, I was completely outside my body, watching the scene unfold in slow motion as I screamed "No! Don't say it!" at the top of my lungs.

I mean, seriously, "Says I"? Where on earth could I have picked that up? It sounds like something I must have absorbed from the Renaissance fairs or sea chanteys of my youth. Why it reared its awkward head that fateful day in Thorne, I cannot figure for the life of me.

The stranger smiled that slight, polite smile that you use when someone says something that you don't understand and

then grins in anticipation of your reaction. The full weight of the awkwardness of our interaction had clearly not struck her yet. I, on the other hand, was pinned to the floor by it, the breath escaping my body, followed closely by my dignity.

I recently checked the group page for "Why Is My Life So Awkward?" and found that nearly half the people who were members two years ago have since left the group. Does this mean that as the college experience wears on, people become less awkward? If this is the case, then I once again feel I am in the minority, having helplessly watched myself become exponentially more awkward as my adult life has progressed.

But perhaps I am not alone. I'm thinking of starting a new group, something along the lines of "Despite Pretenses to Maturity, I Remain Wretchedly Awkward." I welcome anyone to join.

Nothing like a little camaraderie and commiseration, says I.

BUYIN' TEXTBOOKS

by alex bettigole



STUDENT SPEAK

What is a new activity or interest that you want to pursue this year?



Fahad Hasan '07

"I was going to join JV soccer but they told me they were running laps, so I didn't."



Niki Fitzgerald '09

"I signed up for craft classes because I had knee surgery and can't really do athletic stuff. I'm taking a pottery class and a jewelry class."



Halev MacKeil '10

"I'm signing up for bowling because you get to make up your own team and design your own uniform."



Mike Dooley '10

"I'm hoping to get a radio show with two other people on my floor."



Eric Harrison '09

"I might do Bears and Cubs, which is a community service project in Brunswick. Kids come to campus every other week and we get to play with them."



Ian Yaffe '09

"I'm on the Topsham Fire Department and I want to get EMT certified."

WEEKLYCALENDAR

September 15-21

Friday

Karaoke!

Sing your heart out at campus-wide karaoke night.
JACK MAGEE'S PUB,
7:45 P.M. - 12 A.M.

I ♥ Female Orgasm

The Bowdoin Women's Association presents sex educators Marshal Miller and Dorian Solor, who will address various topics regarding human sexuality. Men and women are welcome to attend this educational and humorous lecture.

CLEVELAND 151,
DRUCKENMILLER HALL,
8 - 10 P.M.

"Bullitt"

Come watch the 1968 cop movie starring Steve McQueen, which the Bowdoin Film Society deemed, "The film that made car chases awesome."
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

Saturday

Common Good Day

Join members of the Bowdoin community as they dedicate three hours of service to various local organizations.
QUAD, 12 P.M.

"Bullitt"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

Sunday

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.



Sophomore Sarah Bernheim subdues her sweet tooth at last week's showing of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."
Bobby Guerette, The Bowdoin Orient

Monday

National Play-Doh Day

Let your inner child run free by participating in a Play-Doh creativity contest sponsored by Residential Life. Prizes will be awarded.
MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
12:30 - 4 P.M.

Constitution Day (observed)

Celebrate the signing of the United States Constitution with Residential Life. Come for free cake, stickers, pencils, and register to vote in the state of Maine.
MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
12:30 - 4 P.M.

Tuesday

Student activities fair

Visit with representatives from various student groups and get involved in campus organizations.
MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
7 - 9 P.M.

Wednesday

Blood drive

The American Red Cross encourages your donations. Please bring photo I.D.
MORRELL GYMNASIUM,
3 - 10 P.M.

Campus Kitchen Project

An organization consisting of food recovery and meal distribution programs.
ROOM 117, SILLS HALL,
8 P.M.

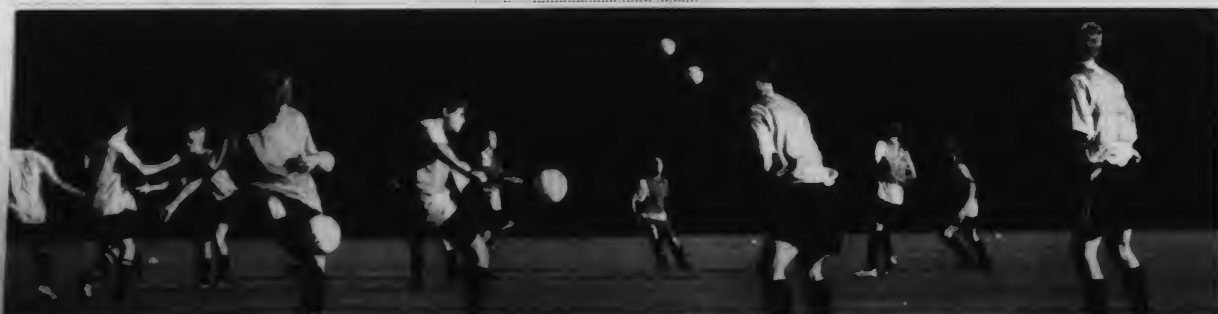
Thursday

Blood drive

LADD HOUSE,
12 - 5 P.M.

François Verster

The screening of her documentary "The Mothers' House" will be followed by a conversation with this Emmy-nominated South African filmmaker.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 - 10 P.M.



The men's varsity soccer team warms up prior to last week's scrimmage on Pickard Field.

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient



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Senior takes a swing for the Bowdoin Pines



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

James Knuckles '07 swings his bat during a leisurely game of Home Run Derby on the Quad on Saturday. Charlie Ticotsky '07 was the pitcher, and Sam Chapple-Sokol '07 was in the outfield. It is unknown whether Knuckles made contact.

Women winning college race

Women outnumbering men in admissions, reflects national trend

by Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

In 1971, 250 women applied to Bowdoin. The College wanted only 30 of them.

Today, the number of women on campus has risen to the point where, at this once all-male campus, there are now more women than men.

The phenomenon of women outnumbering men on U.S. campuses has received national attention. But

it may be in more areas than admissions that women's numbers are increasing.

The New York Times published a front-page article in July reporting that while women are having more success in college than ever, men are falling behind in enrollment, academic achievement, and involvement in campus activities.

To see if the national trends apply to Bowdoin, the Orient spoke with more than 10 members of the faculty, staff, and administration, analyzed Bowdoin's Common Data Set and Phi Beta Kappa records, several other colleges' factbooks and Common Data Sets, and national statistics on

higher education.

While Bowdoin reflects the national trends in some respects, in others it does not.

Changing times

In the fall of 2005, the total student body at Bowdoin was slightly more than 50 percent female. That percentage is much higher for colleges and universities nationwide. In its July article, the New York Times reported that women made up 58 percent of students enrolled in two- and four-year colleges. And the National Center for Education

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College moves forward with plans for new gym

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

The days of waiting in line for treadmills, lifting dumbbells elbow-to-elbow with teammates, and searching in vain for spaces to stretch may be numbered for Bowdoin students.

In recent months, the Office of Planning and Development has made progress in its plans to construct new, state-of-the-art workout facilities to replace the much-maligned Sydney B. Watson Fitness Center.

According to Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration and Chief

RELATED STORY

Some teams find that there simply isn't enough field space for all of them at the Farley fields. Story, page 5.

Development Officer Bill Torrey, the proposed fitness center could be as large as 13,000 square feet—more than twice the size of conference rival Colby College's fitness center and approximately three times as large as Watson.

The total cost of the renovation has been estimated at \$6 million: \$5 million for the construction of the new facilities, and an additional \$1

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by Beth Kowitz
and Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

Cristle Collins Judd is serious about the liberal arts.

"A liberal arts college education teaches people how to think, how to write, how to communicate, how to deal with knowledge, how to explore new problems," said Judd, Bowdoin's new dean for academic affairs. "Those are the things that prepare people for engaged citizenship and leadership."

To make certain Bowdoin produces students who have these qualities, Judd said that making the transition between different aspects of student life "seamless" is crucial.

"There are places from the curricular, to the co-curricular, and to the extracurricular where we can probably make the continuum smoother," she said. "I see that as the number one challenge facing us in terms of academic life."

Judd points to the arts as an area at Bowdoin where there is a possibility of creating such a continuum and would like to see the arts as central to the College in the 21st century.

CHANGING FACES: 3 DEANS, 3 WEEKS

Judd wants 'seamless' education



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd poses in her Hawthorne-Longfellow Hall office.

She believes that now, with such projects as the museum renovation and the new recital hall well underway, is the right time for this to happen.

"The crucial point is the arts within the liberal arts. This is not somehow to have arts instead of or with greater priority than sciences, social

sciences, or humanities," Judd said. "It is recognizing that most students are or ought to be really well-rounded students, that we ought to be in a place where the very best students can come and have a full expression of their intellectual capabilities, including those artistic capabilities."

Judd said that while she sees supporting the arts as important, the Office of Student Affairs' primary focus needs to be on "supporting the faculty here in their lives as scholars-creators and as teachers."

"Life as a faculty member goes through a career trajectory from the time you arrive at a place like Bowdoin," Judd said. "To come to a place like Bowdoin means that people have to be both extraordinary teachers and scholars or artists of distinction. Supporting that means making it possible for people to create and research."

According to Judd, that includes making sure professors have sabbatical opportunities, connecting into various kinds of grants, and giving professors a course load that allows them to pursue their work outside of

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tains as activist as any college that we've seen," Mills said in an interview. "No other place is saying that if they make any profits from [indirect investments] that they're not going to keep the money."

Mills also differed from the committee by saying that there is no need to create a standing committee to recommend college responses to global issues, though he said he would create a committee to assist him in determining companies' complicity with the genocide and the Sudanese government. Additionally, Mills said that Bowdoin should inform the managers of its indirectly invested funds of the College's position on Darfur.

"The College should encourage individual activism on these important issues centered on the common good," he wrote. "However, activism is not created or mandated—it is not the stuff of committees. It is generated out of education, awareness, and should be nurtured and supported by the College. Our efforts in community service are designed to 'bubble up' from our students, faculty and staff—rather than being imposed by the College—and to demonstrate the effectiveness of activism where the interest is self-motivated."

In the interview, Mills expressed his uncertainty that a non-investment policy would have a positive impact on the situation, but acknowledged the symbolic value of the gesture.

"I'm personally quite skeptical that the collective activity of divestment will have an impact on the situation in Darfur," he said. "Nonetheless, I think it's the right thing to do...We've in a thoughtful way tried to balance the various interests that we're dealing with here."

Mills also called upon Bowdoin's student body to reaffirm its commitment to activism, a commitment that he said had dwindled following the intense discussion this last spring.

"I don't think it's the role of the College to tell people what to do in terms of activism."

"The real measure of Bowdoin's excellence is that it comes from people's hearts...This is a horrible situation and there ought to be outrage. Where is that outrage?" he said in the interview.

James MacAllen '66, one of the two trustees on the ACOD, said

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Barry Mills
President

that he was happy with Mills's recommendations.

"I think it's a tremendous synthesis of all the perspectives and opinions," he said. "The opinions were widely varying, but Barry pulled it all together and I think he has come up with a wonderful statement, specifically on this particular issue, but also by setting out principles we can look to when and if other situations like this arise in the future."

James Ward, a professor of mathematics and the faculty representative to the trustees' investment committee, said that he also felt Mills had balanced competing interests.

"On the one hand there's a body of opinion that says the people that do the investing have a fiduciary responsibility to the institution and to both those who came before us and those who came after us...and that the fewer constraints you put on the process the better," he said.

"The other point of view is that there are times when the institutions' ethics ought to prevail. And I think that's where we are now," he said.

"I think we've recognized in this policy that this is a serious-enough situation that we ought to be among the institutions that are making a statement about it in a meaningful way. I think what appears in this policy is a workable plan. I'm pleased with it."

Assistant Professor of History David Gordon expressed a bit more uncertainty.

"There is a tendency to respond to African crises without being informed. I applaud the fact that there was much education and reflection about this issue before the recommendations were made," he wrote in an email. "That said, those concerned with Darfur should recognize that it is a

dynamic and complex situation without a clear solution—a situation where heavy-handed doses of western goodwill will be represented and interpreted as imperial interference."

Sam Minot '08, co-president of the Bowdoin Democratic Left, said that although Mills's recommendations were good, the College could go further in terms of responsible investing.

"We can make sure that we're not putting our money in bad places, but that doesn't mean that we're putting our money in places that will help humanity," he said.

"I think we should feel a [duty] to invest the endowment in socially responsible places. Because that is the only way we can be sure the endowment is serving the common good and not just ourselves."

While many colleges have adopted investment policies specifically pertaining to Darfur, a number have also created committees to guide them in socially responsible investing, including Swarthmore, Barnard, and Hampshire. In most cases, these committees meet regularly to help advise schools' investment policies.

The trustees next meet as a whole body at the Bowdoin campaign kick-off in Boston on November 9-11.

At Bowdoin, students in the Darfur Coalition, made up of six different student groups, are again mobilizing in an attempt to raise awareness and support for Darfur.

"We just had a meeting last night...and we are planning to do a number of events this fall in a variety of areas...awareness raising, fund raising...and we're also trying to expand the group to include any students who are interested in the subject so that we can better address the situation," said Liz Leiwant '08, a member of the Darfur Coalition.

"We decided that the plan we're going to go forward with is to work with the other colleges in Maine and to have a week later this semester when we have several different events," Leiwant said, noting that the groups would probably be raising money for the Genocide Intervention Network, an NGO dedicated to helping individuals and communities to prevent and stop genocide.

But, she said, "we're still in the beginning of the planning stages."

On the web: Mills's recommendation can be accessed at <http://www.bowdoin.edu/global-issues/darfur>.

BPD issues 5 trespass warnings

Brunswick police issued criminal trespass warnings to five local residents who allegedly were engaging in disorderly conduct near Baxter House on Saturday night.

Department of Safety and Security Officer Matt Hunt was on bike patrol when he noticed the individuals on College Street at around 10 p.m., Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols said.

Some of the young men were then seen moving toward Baxter House and appeared to be engaging in an altercation with each other, Nichols said.

Security and Brunswick police offers responded. The individuals told investigators they were joking with each other and said they were not fighting.

Two of the men had been issued warnings in the past, but those warnings had expired.

Bowdoin students were not involved, Nichols said. He said that Security likes to stop such situations before the behavior escalates.

"If students observe unusual activity, we urge them to call Security immediately," he said.

—Bobby Guerette

Academic affairs dean plans to team up for "living-learning community"

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the classroom.

This research component and an excellence in teaching are necessary for professors at Bowdoin to be awarded tenure. A third component of service is also a criterion. Judd believes that neither teaching nor research trumps the other.

Judd said teaching and research go "hand-in-hand" because excellent teachers are teachers who are engaged and active scholars and creators.

"We can't and won't do one without the other," Judd said. "That's what liberal arts colleges do particularly well—they integrate those two features. So it's not teaching versus research, or research versus teaching. It's intertwined teaching and research."

While it is important to foster this type of environment for faculty, Judd also believes it is essential to create a similar setting for students that allows them to engage intellectually. A large component of this is ensuring that the new curriculum requirements work smoothly.

"The faculty thought long and hard about [the new curriculum], so we are in a place of really having worked on the curriculum and the majors," said Judd. "But for someone who is new looking from the outside, we still have these moments of division between what's academic and what's extracurricular."

One area that Judd identified as in need of improvement was advising. She said that while engagement with and accessibility of faculty was "off the charts" in a survey of graduating seniors, students indicated advising was lacking.

"So it's not teaching versus research, or research versus teaching. It's intertwined teaching and research."

Cristle Collins Judd
Dean of Academic Affairs

"I found that an interesting sort of contrast, because it's clear that the individual relationships students make with faculty here are something that they find not only highly satisfying but a crucial part of the Bowdoin experience," Judd said. "The question is how formalized mechanisms are understood, or how we make that part of it work."

Judd plans to team up with the dean of student affairs to work on this and other aspects of what she referred to as "the living-learning community."

In addition to her dean position, Judd also serves as a professor of music. Although her hectic schedule will keep her from teaching this semester, Judd has found other ways to interact with students. She is forming a student advisory board for the office.

"I think it's really important for us to have a way both to work with students who are on committees, which we do, but for me to have a sounding board," she said, "and be able to work with students and have a conversation about initiatives that are coming out of the office but also the chance to hear back."

Sun bids goodbye for the weekend, back on Monday; temperatures in the 60s all week



Senior Alden Karr relaxes on the Quad. Though the weather is supposed to deteriorate over the weekend, Brunswick should get at least one more week of warm weather as the sun returns on Monday.

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient



Joshua Miller, The Bowdoin Orient

The SAFE laptop protection plates attach to the top of the computer. Individual tracking numbers can be used to return a lost or stolen laptop to the owner. If removed, a tattoo is left on the computer indicating that it was stolen.

Security offers theft deterrent

by Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

Your laptop might soon be worthless to a thief cruising campus for a computer.

That's because the Department of Safety and Security, Information Technology, and Bowdoin Student Government have teamed up to help students install pairs of theft-prevention plates on their portable computers. One plate warns potential bandits against lifting the laptop, and the other displays a tracking number and a phone number to call if the computer is found without its owner.

Should the thief summon the 800 pounds of pressure necessary to pull the plates off, he will discover a permanent tattoo that declares the computer stolen property and offers a phone number. That statement means that there is no financial advantage to stealing a computer.

"The laptop has no value for resale on the street," Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols said. A pawn-shop owner, for instance, would likely refuse to buy the computer and instead call the number or the police.

Nichols said the No. 1 benefit of the plates is the deterrent value that they offer, since the warnings and threats will indicate to a potential thief that the crime isn't worth it.

Should a thief try to pull the plate off, he will discover a permanent tattoo that declares the computer stolen property.

Should a student misplace a laptop, the plates also help a person who finds the computer return it to the owner.

While none have been stolen this year, Nichols estimated that 10 to 12 laptops were taken from campus last year. He said that some of the laptops were sold on the streets of Boston. In conjunction with police, Security recovered some of the computers stolen last year.

"We work the cases hard, and we don't give up on them," Nichols said.

The laptop plates, which are sold under the STOP Security Tracking of Office Property brand, can be purchased at Security's office in Rhodes Hall.

The plates are being offered to students for \$10 each. Nichols said CIO Mitch Davis and Director of Consulting and Support Rebecca Sandlin helped provide funding for a bulk order of 500 pairs. When

ordering individually through STOP, customers typically pay about \$25 per set.

Nichols said interested students can bring their laptops to Office Coordinator Amy Dionne. Dionne will install the plates and bill the student's account through the Bursar's office. The plates remain active for the life of the computer.

"It's one-stop shopping," Nichols said.

Dionne will also enter the tracking number and computer's serial number into a database. If the computer is ever stolen, Security can work with the Brunswick Police Department to send the information to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, which police departments across the U.S. use to help identify stolen property. If a student sells his or her registered laptop, he or she can notify STOP that the laptop is legally changing hands.

Nichols said he learned about the program when contacted by STOP.

"I was intrigued, because last year, we wanted to do more," he said.

Security is working with student government to make students aware of the program, Nichols said. He also encouraged students to purchase a locking cable through the Bowdoin Bookstore and contact IT about installing tracking software that the College offers.

East Hall lice case worries students

One student diagnosed; little chance of further spread

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

A case of head lice was discovered in a first-year dorm last week, alarming many residents and sending a stream of worried students to the health center.

According to the Dudley Coe Health Center, only one student who came in to be checked last week had an actual case of head lice, but nearly 40 students were seen at Dudley Coe in regards to the outbreak.

Immediately after the first case was diagnosed on Wednesday night, students checked each other for lice and eggs. Within a few hours, many other students on the floor believed they too had lice. Students made a late-night run to Wal-Mart to buy toxic lice shampoo, and by morning almost everyone on the floor had treated their hair.

"There was self-diagnosis going on, but the health center wasn't verifying," said Proctor Dan Robinson '07.

Once the news broke within the dorm on Thursday morning, students from all floors of the dorm were alerting each other, sending a flurry of first years to the health center. Some students said they felt itchy just after hearing the word "lice."

"One student was diagnosed. We're breaking 40 on the number of students who have come in here to be checked. Many have already treated themselves and have come back because they are convinced the lice are back," said College Physician and Director of Health Services Jeff Benson.

"Ninety percent of the people [who have come in to be checked] have had no direct contact with the person who had lice or anything the person touched," he said.

Despite the fact that only one student was diagnosed with the condition, residents of the affected floor were initially frustrated by the response of the College, specifically the failure to help students pay for any of the related costs. Students spent a combined \$140 for the lice shampoo, and also spent money doing laundry and washing sheets, clothes, and anything else that might have come in contact with the bugs.

In recent days, however, as con-



Courtesy of www.sussex.ac.uk

A louse is seen in a stock photo taken by an electron microscope.

cerns have surfaced again about the possibility of the lice being back, students said that they feel the health center has become helpful and responsive. According to Benson, Dudley Coe has set aside time to check or recheck everyone on the floor.

"Our hope is that if everyone can be cleared at the same time, and then go back to their floor and clean up as we've instructed, we'll be more certain of having stopped this cycle, and by that I mean both possible infestations and ongoing concerns," he said.

Because a college environment requires that students live in close proximity to one another, lice can be difficult to manage. However, the initial panic has subsided, and more of the facts are now known. Many students are now taking it in stride, and said that they were relieved the situation wasn't worse.

"It's not a big deal, anyway. Get some shampoo and wash it out," said Alexi Thomakos '10.

"I think we should get together and rub heads," he joked.

According to Benson, lice are extremely rare. Typically, only zero to two students per year contract them.

"I can't even remember the last time something like this happened," he said. "It's that uncommon."

Correction: Last week's student government election results article mistakenly reported the Class of 2007 office to which Jin Sun Kim '07 was elected. Kim won the vice presidency. Elizabeth Laurits was elected treasurer.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 9/14 TO 9/21

Thursday, September 14

- A student in Chamberlain Hall was drying her hair too close to a heat/smoke detector which then activated. The building was evacuated and Brunswick Fire Department responded.

Friday, September 15

- An unregistered event involving over 50 students at Smith House was dispersed. Eight Smith House residents were reported to the dean of student affairs for disciplinary action.
- A vehicle belonging to a Brunswick Apartments P resident was tampered with.
- A Coles Tower student reported that a side mirror was damaged on his vehicle while it was parked on Park Row.
- Two abandoned bicycles were recovered at Brunswick Apartments.

- The elevator in Hyde Hall malfunctioned; officers secured it and a repair crew was summoned.

Saturday, September 16

- A student playing rugby at Farley dislocated his shoulder and was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.
- A student with an undisclosed illness was transferred from Dudley-Coe Health Center to Mid Coast Hospital.
- A student with a possible concussion was transported to Mid Coast Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.
- A student was transported from Farley to Parkview Hospital at the request of an athletic trainer.
- An unregistered event was dispersed on the fifth floor of Coles Tower. Three Coles Tower students have been referred to the dean of student affairs for alcohol

policy violations.

- Five Brunswick area teens causing a disturbance on College Street near Baxter House were issued criminal trespass warnings, banning them from all College property, for one year.

- The fire alarm was activated by a fog machine during a Ladd House toga party. The house was evacuated as the Brunswick Fire Department responded.

- An intoxicated female Maine Hall student who had consumed hard liquor was discovered passed out in a dorm bathroom. Brunswick Rescue transported the student to Parkview Hospital where she was admitted, treated, and later released. The matter has been referred to the Dean of Student Affairs. NOTE: No student, regardless of age, may pos-

sess hard liquor in College residences.

Sunday, September 17

- A Chamberlain Hall student reported that someone attempted to remove the room number placard from her door.

- A staff member turned in a found wallet belonging to a campus visitor. The owner was located and the wallet returned.

- Two empty unregistered beer kegs were confiscated from MacMillan House.

Tuesday, September 19

- Another Chamberlain Hall hair dryer set off a fire alarm. The building was evacuated until Brunswick Fire Department responded and gave the all-clear.

Wednesday, September 20

- A staff member reported that a pair of black and yellow Ironclad

work gloves was stolen from a moped parked behind Rhodes Hall.

- Two students that were stuck in an elevator on the 13th floor of Coles Tower were released by Bowdoin Security officers and Brunswick Fire Department personnel.

- A fire alarm at Harpswell Apartments was triggered by smoke from burnt food.

- Security officers checked on the wellbeing of a student; the matter was handled by the Counseling Service.

Thursday, September 21

- Security confiscated 98 Jell-O shots containing hard liquor (a College alcohol policy violation) from Quinby House.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

While women advance past men in admissions, some believe gender equity remains an issue

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Statistics reported that in 2003-2004 women earned 57 percent of all bachelor's degrees.

"The percentage of women in college [nationwide] compared to men right now is dramatically out of balance," said new Dean of Admissions Bill Shain in an interview about his plans for Bowdoin earlier this month.

While the class entering Bowdoin in 2005 was about 54 percent female, the College admits the same percentage of men and women from their respective applicant pools. The disparity therefore stems from a greater number of women applying.

Bowdoin reported 366 more women than men applied to enter the College for the fall of 2005. While the admit rate and enrollment rate for the male and female applicant pools were nearly identical, women outnumbered men in the class 257 to 220 (54 percent women to 46 percent men).

"I don't know at what point having too many of one gender would be a bad thing," said Shain. "And I don't think being 50-50 is very important, but somewhere between 50-50 and dramatic imbalance there's a tipping point. I don't think we're there, but I think many liberal arts colleges are."

For example, at Vassar College, once an all-female institution, 59 percent of enrolled students were women in the fall of 2005. Bates and Colby colleges reflected a balance more similar to Bowdoin's, with the schools both reporting about 52-53 percent women in their incoming classes in the fall of 2005.

More telling at Bowdoin than the breakdown of percentages for the current class is how these numbers have changed over time.

In the 2001-2002 academic year, the first-year class was 50.4 percent women, and there were still more men than women on campus by about 2 percentage points (824 men to 797 women). But just one year later, the ratio flipped, and women outnumbered men by the same ratio, reflecting the fact that the incoming class was 52 percent female.

At some colleges, officials are trying to address the disparity. The New York Times reported that 40 percent of applicants to Brown for this year's incoming class were male, but 47 percent of those admitted were men.

At Davidson College, a small liberal arts college in North Carolina, over 200 more women than men applied to enter for the fall of 2005, but only six more women than men were accepted. Davidson reported that it is meeting its goal of "equal enrollment by gender. The desired gender balance was achieved by the number of men and women differing by only three."

Shain said that Bowdoin, however, does not "run a specifically gender-aware process."

"You'll do some fine-tuning, and it could certainly have an effect on the waiting list," he said. "Part of it is you have facilities that are sometimes gender-specific, athletics or housing. The second thing is that you're building a community. There are certain balances that are important. There are some [colleges] that are over 60 percent female. That affects everyone's social relationships."

Making the grade

Women are not only getting into Bowdoin in greater numbers, but

Breaking down Bowdoin by gender

Phi Beta Kappa honors

In 2005 and 2006, women comprised 2 of every 3 students who received Phi Beta Kappa honors at Bowdoin.

YEAR	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
1990	17 (48.6%)	18 (51.4%)	35
1995	19 (50%)	19 (50%)	38
2000	19 (43.2%)	25 (56.8%)	44
2005	14 (34.1%)	27 (65.9%)	41
2006	13 (31%)	29 (69%)	42

SOURCE: ORIENT PRIMARY-SOURCE RESEARCH OF ORIGINAL RECORDS

Study habits

One question on a spring 2001 Bowdoin survey showed that there was not a significant difference between the study habits of men and women. The question asked how many hours a week they spend studying for each of their courses.

Hours per week	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN
Fewer than 5	37%	38%	36%
5 to 10	37%	38%	36%
10 to 15	19%	19%	19%
15 to 20	5%	3%	6%
More than 20	2%	2%	2%

SOURCE: OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH SPRING 2001 SURVEY OF STUDENTS
SOME VALUES HAVE BEEN ROUNDED FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES

Judicial Board social code cases

Men comprised the majority of social code violation cases that were sent to the Judicial Board over the past three academic years.

YEAR	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN
2003-2004	4	4	0
2004-2005	8	8	0
2005-2006	10	7	3

SOURCE: OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Judicial Board academic honor code cases

The pattern of academic honor code cases sent to the Judicial Board does not present as clear a picture as the social code cases.

YEAR	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN
2003-2004	11	9	2
2004-2005	9	8	1
2005-2006	5	2	3

SOURCE: OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

some evidence, while not conclusive, suggests they may be doing better while they are here.

The degree of that trend is not clear since the College did not release information on grades to the Orient.

"We just have always had a policy that we don't break down SAT scores and GPA by subgroups," said Director of Institutional Research Christine Brooks Cote. "It can lead to misinterpretation."

However, the Orient's analysis of Bowdoin's Phi Beta Kappa records reflects the national trend of greater female academic success. The breakdown showed that women receiving the honor have significantly outnumbered men over the last several years.

In 1990 and 1995, women and men received Phi Beta Kappa honors—determined primarily by "scholarly achievement," according to the Bowdoin web site—about equally. But in 2000, the percentage of women jumped to about 57 percent. At last year's graduation, the number of women receiving the honor reached 69 percent, or 29 out of 42.

Professor of Economics Rachel Connelly, who is also acting chair

of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, is unconvinced about the concern over what some in the mainstream media are calling a "boy crisis" in academics.

"It's garbage," said Connelly. "I think that whenever women are doing worse than men, we see it as normal, but whenever women are doing better than men it's a big problem. I don't deny that there are concerns about rates of college attendance of young men in the United States, but the solution is not to look at why women are doing so well."

Director of Institutional Research and Assessment Mark Freeman at Colby College said his office only breaks down GPA internally, but that "informally, we don't see a dramatic difference" between men and women.

At Bates College, Director of Institutional Planning and Analysis Jim Ferguson said that "women tend to be slightly higher than the men," but probably only in the range of half a letter grade.

"It's not that great a difference," Ferguson said.

There also is some suggestion that women are more likely to do their schoolwork than men. A 2000

spring survey of students conducted by Bowdoin's Office of Institutional Research showed that 49 percent of women compared to 28.6 percent of men completed all assigned readings for class about every week.

But the office's spring 2001 survey of students' experiences in classes showed that men and women spent the same amount of time on course work per week and attended classes at the same rate.

Professor of Economics John Fitzgerald provided the Orient with results from a 2006 spring semester survey of first-year students regarding their use of time. The survey was administered during the third week of the 2006 spring semester and a second time during the 10th week to the same randomly selected group of about 200 first-year students.

Fitzgerald said in an email that results showed that among other things, men on average spend more time participating in leisure activities and sleeping than women.

"One possible concern is that men and women may report the same time use differently," Fitzgerald said in an email. "Men and women might differ in their willingness to admit to leisure or to less studying and this would compromise the results."

Student involvement

An informal poll of students and administrators involved in student life beyond academics indicated that the degree of male or female participation was heavily dependent on the type of activity.

"I would say anecdotally that my impression would be that in terms of organizational involvement, in terms of leadership, that women are more engaged," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster.

However, Foster noted there is a stronger male presence in student government.

Director of Student Life Allen DeLong said that in the past five years, only one woman has been Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) president or a class president.

Though women are not taking on the roles of president, they are starting to fill more positions.

The Class of '2007's president, DeRay McKesson, said that the officer group he leads has more females than males. Also, four BSG vice presidents are women.

McKesson, who is also a head proctor, BSG president, and a head tour guide, said that he sees more women involved in some of his activities than men.

"Females are more willing to take risks in terms of involvement in activities outside their comfort zones," he said, noting that significantly more tour guides are female than male.

Student Activities Fund Committee chair Becca Ginsberg '07 said that the group leaders that approach her committee for funding are "usually pretty even" in terms of males and females.

"I don't see a huge gender divide here," Ginsberg said. "I don't think that people really think about it that much. [Campus groups] are looking for the best leaders, and it's great that we have both strong males and females."

But some campus organizations, especially those involving community service activities, have an overwhelmingly female makeup. Of the

42 students who lead the volunteer organizations under the Community Service Council, 31 are women.

Study away has also seen higher participation by women. Statistics from the Office of Off-Campus Study showed that slightly over 60 percent of the students who plan to study away this year are women.

Director of Off-Campus Study Stephen Hall said that the discrepancy between men and women studying away is lower than at most schools. He has been compiling information on 24 schools in the Northeast and has found that "women are overrepresented [in study abroad] almost everywhere." Hall found that for those schools, 67 percent of those studying abroad are women.

He said his office has not taken any special measures to recruit men.

"We haven't put out the call to male students in particular," he said. "We're already sending a large proportion [to study] away, and anyone who wants to study abroad probably realizes that the opportunity exists."

According to Hall, the majors that tend to send more students abroad are art history, English, French, Spanish, psychology, and sociology.

"Those departments tend to have more women," he said. "But I don't think that's the whole answer."

Hall also noted that while some say the national difference is due to greater male involvement in athletics, which prohibits them from studying away, at Bowdoin a relatively equal number of men and women participate in sports.

"It's not as simple as saying men do athletics more and therefore study abroad less," said Hall.

One service offered by the College that sees little discrepancy between male and female use is the Career Planning Center (CPC). The CPC said that for students registered in eBear across the classes of 2006 through 2010, men and women were equally involved in career preparation activity, such as uploading documents to eBear. More women were involved in advising activity (53 percent), but more men were participating in interviewing activity (55 percent).

Have things really changed?

Some on campus feel that women still have progress to make.

"My frustration is that we're going to forget we haven't achieved gender equity in our education system and more importantly in the labor market," Connelly, the economics professor, said. "It distracts us from the work we still have to do."

Connelly has a history of working with gender issues on campus. She has served on the Oversight Committee for the Status of Women at Bowdoin, the Task Force for Improving the Status of Women, and acted as Bowdoin's special assistant to the president on gender equality for one semester in 1998.

Connelly said that the working groups did have success in the early years of the committee at "really keeping the administration's feet to the fire" and made gains through programs such as faculty development on diversity, the implementation of a new sex-

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Rugby players stretch on the field shared by both the men's and women's teams. Players on the rugby and frisbee teams say that they could benefit from increased field space.

Frisbee, rugby teams find field space lacking

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

It's not uncommon to hear "Heads! Heads!" shouted across the men's ultimate Frisbee field, followed by a careening disc and a wave of players ducking and covering their heads with their hands. With anywhere between 30 and 50 men at any given practice, men's ultimate Frisbee is the most popular club sport team at the College. Currently, though, the team is allocated one regulation-size field at Pickard Fields.

For many years, the men's ultimate team was smaller than today and shared a field with the women's team. But Bowdoin, reflecting a national trend, has seen a significant increase in participation within the last few years. Three years ago, the teams requested their own fields.

According to Matt Murchison '07, one of the team's captains, one field is insufficient to accommodate increasing interest in the

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Jeff Ward
Director of Athletics

game. If men's ultimate had two fields, he said, they could split the A and B teams, allowing more practice for players of all ability levels. This would allow rookies to learn faster, increasing the team's overall competitiveness.

Additionally, men's Frisbee, which won Division II Sectionals last weekend and claimed the Division II Regionals title last year, is moving up to Division I next season.

"If we want to be a really competitive Div. I program, we need to split up A and B, which will require more field space," Murchison said.

Sharing fields is an issue for the

rugby teams as well. Currently, both the men's and the women's rugby teams share one field during practice. According to Eric Robinson '07, a senior on the men's rugby team, it is rare for one team to ever use the entire field, as it is often split to accommodate each other's drills.

Ideally, Robinson says, each team would have a field.

"With our own field, there would be no limits to the drills we could run and no tension with the women's team. Overall, we would have a stronger program," he said.

Director of Athletics Jeff Ward sympathizes with the crunch experienced by club sports teams.

"I'm trying to give everyone a great experience, but demand for field space is growing faster than I've been able to create," he said.

Ward anticipates the demand to increase in coming years as the popularity of ultimate Frisbee and rugby continues to rise. However, Bowdoin has limited options for creating more field space. A new soccer field is set for construction behind Harpswell Apartments, but will only replace the existing men's soccer field, which will disappear beneath the new hockey arena that is being built behind the Lubin Family Squash Center.

Ward identified a few potential solutions to the problem, including improving Whittier Field so that club sports teams could practice there when it is not in use by the football team. Currently Whittier is only used for home football games because of the difficulties associated with maintaining the field. Whittier is in an aquifer protection zone, meaning that no

chemical herbicides may be used on the grass and weeding must be done by hand. As a result of these limitations, the grass is of a lower quality there.

Ward is also considering maximizing efficiency at Pickard Fields by lining fields closer together, though he admits this could cause potential problems with teams intruding onto field space used by others.

Although Ward recognizes that field space is an issue, he believes that other, more pressing problems exist with regards to Bowdoin's athletic facilities, primarily the lack of space in the Watson Fitness Center.

Before seriously considering the allocation of more field space to club sports, especially men's ultimate Frisbee, Ward said he would like to see a documented history of growth.

"If men's ultimate has 60 members in three or four years, that would be something to consider then," he said.

Courts will be squashed by planned 13,000-square-foot fitness center

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million for various utilities and upkeep expenses.

"Until we have a specific plan, [the exact cost] is uncertain," said Torrey.

Though no official timetable has been set for the project, Torrey said that building new workout facilities is "a priority of the College."

The only aspect of the proposed fitness center that has been solidified is its location. It will be built on either the second floor of David Saul Smith Union, where there are currently squash courts; or on the first floor of the union where the athletic offices are now located. If it is built on the first floor, the athletic offices would be moved upstairs. In either scenario, the squash courts would be eliminated.

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs identified the need for a new fitness center two years ago. Subsequently, then-Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley and several other staff members undertook preliminary steps to get a new fitness center on the list of institutional priorities, and then on the list of priorities for capital campaign fundraising. When Bradley left the College at the end of the 2005-2006

academic year, his successor, Tim Foster, was made chair of the committee.

The committee has worked closely with Director of Athletics Jeff Ward to formulate design ideas that will satisfy all needs of the Bowdoin community.

In an analysis, Ward and Head Coach of Strengthening and Conditioning Jim St. Pierre determined that the new facility should include plenty of free weights, machine weights, cardiovascular workout machines, stretching space, and "studio space"—areas designated for aerobics, yoga, and similar activities.

Ward said that the Watson set-up is inadequate in these aspects.

Beginning in October, the committee will interview the three different architectural firms that are contending for the job of designing the new facilities.

Fundraising for the new fitness center is already underway, and is "off to a pretty good start," according to Foster. He said that the College wants to raise at least half of the necessary funds before they break ground. Preliminary funds have already been used to purchase new fitness equipment, which has been put in Watson.

Foster is "cautiously optimistic" about the College's ability to raise money for the new fitness center, noting that the project has already received several monetary gifts.

"Given how central fitness, health, and wellness are to students, faculty, and staff, I'm hoping it's something people can [really] around," he said.

The pace at which the College accumulates capital for the renovation is only one of the factors that will determine how soon it will begin construction. It will also depend on how quickly the departments involved can decide on a suitable design and how to keep the athletic program functional while its offices are being renovated.

There are some students on campus that might be upset by the decision to eliminate the squash courts from the union building. Though there are seven squash courts in Farley Field House, the union houses the only doubles court on campus.

"There will some people who will regret the loss of the doubles court, but it's hard to be all things to all people," said Ward.

"At this time, the fitness need is greater than the squash need," he said.

Student musicians may also be dismayed by the loss of the band practice room that is also located on the second floor of the union. Foster emphasized that finding a new location for the band room "needs to be part of the mission" of the project.

"I could envision [there being] other spaces that we could insulate," he said.

Though none of the administrators involved offered explicit predictions as to the fitness center's completion date, each expressed the need for it to be done as soon as possible.

"The athletic department and the student body in general needs it," said Torrey. "You can tell by the wait for the machines."

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Science departments seek women

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ual harassment policy, and paid family leave.

However, Connelly said that she still sees gaps, especially as an economics professor. In her department, the male students far outnumber the women.

"It used to be that 20 percent of our majors were women, but it may be as high as 25 percent now. That's not anywhere near equal," she said. "At least in terms of how women students are choosing majors, we still see very big differences between the choices women make and the choices men make."

Connelly noted that at most schools like Bowdoin, the economics majors are mostly men. But at all-female schools such as Mount Holyoke or Smith, the same proportion of their student bodies major in economics as Bowdoin's.

"There's some sense that economics is for men, which is a message they're not getting at Smith and Mount Holyoke," Connelly said.

Like economics, the computer science department is also seeing low numbers of female majors. Karen Fossum '07, a psychology and computer science double major, said that there have never been more than three female students in her computer science classes, which have ranged in size from 12 to 20.

"I wouldn't say I'm intimidated by it," she said, adding that the department is welcoming and excited for anyone who wants to pursue the major.

The department does make an effort to bring women in. Fossum said that Laura Toma, an assistant professor in the department, always has lunch with the women taking her courses to encourage them, but Fossum noted that "there's only so much the department can do."

The physics department, which with fewer than 20 percent female majors is slightly below the national average, is also working to recruit women.

"Many of the top students I see in my introductory physics classes are women, but they don't stay in the department," said Madeleine Msaal, associate professor and chair of the physics and astronomy department. "We are pretty frustrated because we don't know why."

Msaal said that while the situation has improved, the numbers haven't been changing fast enough. This year's senior class has three female physics majors, but the junior class has only one.

"What really bothers me about it is that when I was a student, I was the only woman taking physics classes," she said. "Twenty-five years later, things still aren't moving."

Connelly noted that the best way to address these issues is to keep talking about them.

"I don't see us as having these huge gaping gaps that we did have," Connelly said. "I think we've made a lot of progress, but that doesn't mean we're done yet. That doesn't mean we can stop paying attention, and we certainly aren't going to declare that we've won this battle."

One more month: Quad's greenery takes its last stand



The early morning light burns off the dew as it shines on a deserted Quad. In just a few months, facilities will flood a section of the Quad for skating and hockey.

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FEATURES

Adjusting for accessibility

The College is working to make accommodations for students with disabilities. We spoke with staff and a student and found that making a historical campus accessible is not easy.

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

The first days of college, exciting as they may be, are filled with challenges for every first-year student. Being a student in a wheelchair adds a unique complication to one's first few weeks at Bowdoin.

This year the College welcomed two first years in wheelchairs who bear the distinction of being Bowdoin's first mobility-impaired students. Though the school has long had visitors in wheelchairs—from alums to parents—this year marks the first time that two people in wheelchairs are on campus every day for the whole school year.

Since the two handicapped students confirmed that they were coming to the Bowdoin last spring, the College has made a number changes to the campus, small and large, in an effort to make the all of Bowdoin more accessible.

"We enacted changes [before the two students arrived this year]," Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Joann Canning said in an interview with the Orient.

The changes undertaken by the College included adding a ramp to the Dudley Coe Health Center, taking "seating out of the VAC auditorium," adding handicap-accessible door-opening buttons to Kanbar Hall, installing railings along the ramp that leads to the dining level of Moulton Union, and lowering the public computers on the first floor of Moulton, among other projects.

Emma Verrill '10, one of the two students in a wheelchair, was in contact with Canning over the spring and summer to plan out how things were going to work here.

"She's been very helpful," Verrill said.

Before the school year began, Canning and Verrill toured campus together to see which buildings were accessible and which were not.

"Not every single space needs to be accessible," Canning said.

"It's really more about coordinating the spaces on campus," she said.

Sometimes classes might need to be switched to a different building to accommodate a mobility-impaired student.

"For instance, a drawing class in not accessible," Canning said.

"[Drawing classes are held] on the top floor of the VAC [Visual



Joshua Miller, The Bowdoin Orient

A ramp is currently under construction behind the chapel. This is one of the many accommodations that has recently been made to make campus more accessible to people who are mobility-impaired.

Arts Center], which a person in a wheelchair cannot access, so we would be switching drawing and painting if one of these students were to take a drawing class. We would have to move a drawing class down to McLellan and put a painting class in the VAC. So you can imagine that's a lot of equipment we would be moving and a lot of people would be scrambling around, but that is what we would need to do," she said.

So how many buildings on campus are accessible? It is hard to know.

Canning says "accessible" can be a slippery term, making it impossible to quantify how many spaces on campus are truly accessible to a person in a wheelchair.

For instance, the first floor of

Sills Hall is wheelchair-accessible, but the rest of the building is not. Cleveland Hall is "technically accessible" but a person in a wheelchair has to get to Cleveland by going through the Druckenmiller Hall. Hubbard Hall is also technically accessible but requires someone in a wheelchair to "go up, down and around and through the stacks and over and in," Canning said.

"So do I think it's a great building as far as accessibility? No. But technically it is 'accessible,'" she said.

Verrill has found it particularly difficult to be unable to visit her friends at some of the other freshman bricks.

"It is kind of hard having only three of the freshman dorms acces-

sible because I have friends in the other dorms and I can't stop by and see them," she said.

"You will notice that Appleton, actually, is not accessible," Canning said.

"It was the feeling of the historical preservation society that it would throw off the uniformity of the bricks [to make Appleton accessible]. Because we have other spaces that are compliant and accessible, the historical society won out on that," she added.

"It was pretty much the historic preservation influence all along that we not alter the exterior of the buildings," Director of Capital Projects Donald V. Borkowski said.

"Our life would have been a lot easier if we would have been able to put ramps to the building—we would have had full ADA [American with Disabilities Act] access on all eight of the first-year dorms," he added.

After the current renovations are completed only five of the eight freshman dorms will comply with ADA accessibility standards, according to Borkowski.

Earl G. Shettleworth Jr., the director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission—part of the Maine state government—sees the situation differently. The decision not to make some buildings accessible was joint one between Bowdoin and the commission, he insisted.

"It was finally reached as a conclusion that the accessibility that was being either installed or improved in all of the other dormitories would more than offset the inability to do it in this particular one," Shettleworth said, referring to Appleton.

"This was a case where we all agreed we needed to respect the historic integrity of the building," he added.

Verrill has trouble believing that making all the first-year bricks handicap-accessible would mar the historic integrity of the buildings.

"I went to Florence, Italy, this summer and had no problems getting into any buildings there, which is very interesting because most of them were built" hundreds of years ago, Verrill said.

"It was very interesting when I came here and they said that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission was protecting some of the buildings" and thus the College could not make them handicap-accessible.

Your number does not mean anything

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST



It's the question on everyone's mind: What's your number? No, not what's your phone number, but how many people have you slept with?

People love to talk about their number with their friends, reminisce and calculate it in their heads, and of course ask for their latest sexual partner's. We ask out of curiosity or nosiness, and among friends it gives us the opportunity to "one up" each other. Somehow, "What's your number," has become as common a question as, "Where do you go to school?" Depending on your audience, your number fluctuates. People worry that too high a number labels you a slut, while if it's too low you're considered a prude.

There's a theory out there that says when you ask a guy what his number is, you have to cut it by a third to get his "real number." Asking a girl? Multiply by three. All of this math seems a little ridiculous, but there is one thing that cannot be denied: people aren't honest about their number.

So, if for the most part, people aren't even telling the truth, why do we ask?

I talked with a few friends on campus about how they feel about their real number. They run the gamut from feeling embarrassed to empowered by it. One commented, "I think I am a slut because my number is high." Another mused,

"My mom says that as long as you don't go into the double digits, you're not a slut."

What??? Does sleeping with a certain number of people make you a slut? There is certainly an assumption in society that your promiscuity is in direct proportion to how many people you've slept with. However, I think being a slut has more to do with how you conduct yourself in public than when you are behind closed doors.

Another girlfriend of mine, always concerned with keeping her number low, has been known to resort back to previous lovers to keep her number down. Some friends have even stayed in unsatisfying relationships all in the name of their number!

Others could care less about their number. One girlfriend says she feels empowered by how many people she has slept with, as does a guy friend. The more people she can add to her tally, the better. Another friend has simply stopped counting.

While having dinner in the dining hall one night, I overheard a conversation between two girls about a Bowdoin male whose number was rumored to be 30. After debating whether or not he was "dateable," both concluded it was best not to get involved with a guy who was most likely a "walking STD." After getting over the initial shock of this guy's supposed number, I was hit by an intense wave of nausea. Is Bowdoin so small that not even your number is kept private from relative strangers? I mean, his number was thrown out on the table without even the slightest thought of its potential consequences, and then he was

promptly judged because of it. It has to be said though, when you're number has surpassed your age by more than 10, it seems doubtful that at a small school like Bowdoin it won't get around.

If I have gleaned anything from this small survey, it's this: Regardless of what our numbers mean, they are rising. If I had to guess, I would say our numbers are probably much higher than our parents' were at our age. Casual sex has become more and more prevalent from one generation to the next.

At the end of the day, the number that everyone loves to talk about is completely irrelevant. And it becomes even more meaningless if it's your significant other or sexual partner asking. What does it really matter? And more importantly, aren't there better questions to ask your partner? Just off the top of my head: Have you ever been tested for STDs? What kind of birth control do you use? What have you been taught about sex? Do you like it?

When it comes down to it, other than indicating if you've slept with a lot of different people, or not, your number is moot. It says nothing about you. The worst part about the number game is that people often assume the higher a person's number, the more sexually experienced they are. Most of the time, it seems people who have bedded many people are actually less experienced than those who have a significantly lower number but have been in long-term relationships. A string of one-night stands might up your number, but it's probably not going to do much in terms of "skills."

Numbers have never been a good way of characterizing a person, and

I don't think they're going to start now. Just as the SAT is not a true indicator of your intelligence, neither is your number an indicator of sexual aptitude.

Ultimately, what you do with your number is your own decision. Brag about it, laugh about it, heck, make an excel spread sheet out of it—just don't take it too seriously. My advice to you? Next time someone asks you your number, take a page from Brittany Murphy's character in "Don't Say a Word:" never te-ell.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lauren McGrath '07 is the Orient's new sex and romance columnist. She'll be taking a look at issues that aren't normally talked about at Bowdoin. Her conclusions are her own.

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Dear C.B.: Alcohol poisoning occurs when you've drunk more alcohol than your body can handle.

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One of your more important reflexes is your gag reflex. As it gets dulled, you'll be less likely to vomit. This may seem like not too bad a thing! But vomiting when drunk can help you get rid of excess alcohol you've not yet absorbed. That can mean the difference between alcohol poisoning and just getting really drunk. And if your gag reflex gets very dulled, and you vomit, your airway may not be adequately protected, and you can aspirate vomit into your lungs.

How can you tell if someone's alcohol poisoned? If they're asleep, but can't be woken up. If they're breathing less than 12 times per minute (less than once every five seconds) or if their breathing stops for longer than 10 seconds. If their skin is cold, pale, and clammy, or their lips bluish in color. These are all signs of acute alcohol poisoning, and this person needs to be evaluated and treated in a hospital emergency room—urgently.

Remember: No one has ever been kicked out of Bowdoin just for drinking too much. If you are in doubt about someone's condition, please, always err on the side of caution, and get this person some help before it is too late. Call

Security, a proctor or R.A., or an ambulance.

How do you avoid alcohol poisoning? Pretty straightforward: by drinking safely and responsibly. If you don't yet know how to drink safely and responsibly, then there are a few things you need to learn. Drinking shots, playing drinking games, and "binge drinking" (more than five drinks in a sitting) are all not drinking safely. One key to understanding what constitutes safe drinking is to understand something about alcohol metabolism and blood alcohol content (BAC).

The alcohol content of one shot of 80-proof liquor is the same as that of a 12-ounce bottle of beer, and the same as that of a five-ounce glass of wine. On average, our bodies need about one hour to metabolize each drink.

Take a look at the BAC tables. Let's say you're a 140-pound woman. If you drink two beers over two hours, you'll raise your BAC to 0.045, and you'll likely experience relatively mild effects on your higher functions. If you drink four beers over two hours, you'll end up with a BAC of 0.115. That might leave you in a stage of "Euphoria," (see chart at orient.bowdoin.edu) or, more likely, depending on your own particular metabolism and neurophysiology, in the more compromised state of "excitement." "Excitement," here, by the way, is only meant neurologically. When you're "neurologically excited," you become uncoordinated, disoriented, and lose your ability to think critically, to react quickly, and to remember what's happening to you.

Now if you do shots, say eight shots, over those same two hours, you'll end up with a BAC of 0.245, which would definitely launch you into a state of "confusion," and probably bring you close to "stupor." Only two additional shots, however, over that same period of time, might put you into a coma.

Responsible drinking involves more, though, than just avoiding alcohol poisoning. The national statistics are impressive.

Drinking contributes to 500,000 injuries, and 1,400 deaths, on college campuses each year (mainly

in motor vehicle accidents.)

Each year 400,000 college students have unprotected sex because of drinking. Drinking contributes to 70,000 reported cases of sexual assault or date rape. Up to 90 percent of sexual assaults on college campuses involve the use or abuse of alcohol.

The bottom line? For some of us, it means that it's just not worth it to drink at all. For a considerable number of students, that seems to be the right approach.

And for the rest of you, if you're going to drink, drink safely and drink responsibly. Know your BAC limits, and pace yourself appropriately. A good rule of thumb is: Do not have more than one drink per hour, and do not have more than three drinks per night. Don't drink alone, watch out for each other, and whatever else you do, don't ever drink and drive.

Salud!

Jeff Benson, MD
Dudley Coe Health Center

On the web:

Take a look at table that can help you determine how alcohol affects your blood alcohol content according to your weight and a chart that describes each stage of acute alcohol intoxication.

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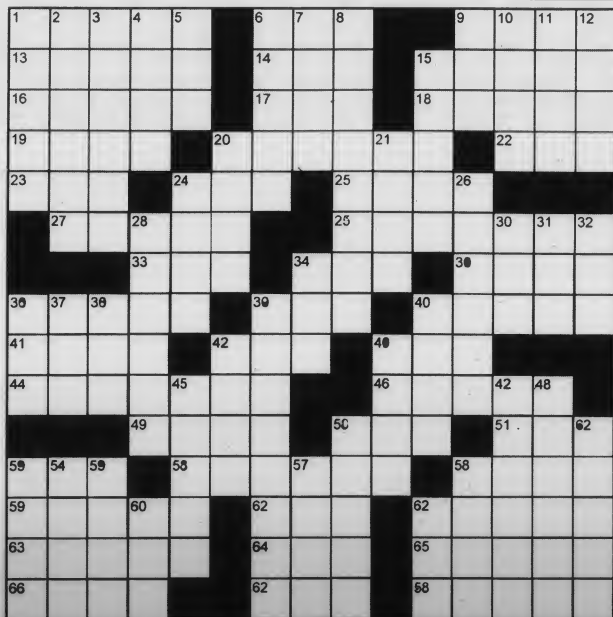
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Dining Daze

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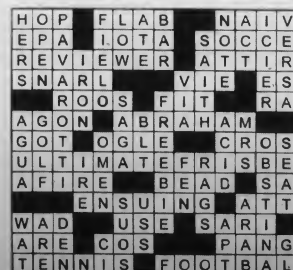
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- Bowdoin sushi center
- Orange yellow
- Before, poetically
- Organized crime
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- Grey tea
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- Sn
- Congressional vote
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- Old TV show
- Yuckier
- Stretch to make do
- Male cat
- Interest ____
- Pain reliever brand
- Sticky black substance
- Not fat, big- ____
- Trial
- Set up
- See 20-across
- Dining Union
- End of the alphabet
- Clean
- Cooking measurement (abbr.)
- Not leg
- Common sports tear
- Bowdoin Express
- Bullets
- Jail
- Regret
- See 20-across
- Domains
- Pitcher's stat
- Dug for ore
- Varieties include elephant, leopard, harbor
- Bruswick time
- Palatable

DOWN

- Fetch (2 wds.)
- Pastry
- Largest dining hall
- Spoken
- Mesh
- 4x400, for example
- A towel
- Outward behavior
- Hat
- Not many (2 wds.)
- Ticket
- Soothe
- Ancient prophet
- Lion's hair
- Student's dread
- Bomb
- Flashing light

- Repulse
- Fleming (Bond creator)
- Yaffe (Bowdoin sophomore)
- French "summer"
- Scarlet
- Label
- High naval rank (abbr.)
- Sign of the zodiac
- Flightless bird
- Small wood
- Demote
- Poles
- Model
- Lyme transmitters
- Street urchins
- Upper arm bracelet
- Give a present
- Siale
- Parts of plays
- Professor Plum
- board game
- Turkish currency
- Not yours
- Opera solo
- Patriot league
- London time

Last week's solution:



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Spinning songs and stories of first fans, 'wild youth'



Courtesy of Justin Strasburger '07

Seniors Charlie Ticotsky, Sam Chapple-Sokol, Mike Nugent, and James Knuckles show their support for the Spins.

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

Few bands on campus can claim Zach, the Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Janitor, as their first fan.

When the Spins first started playing, the band didn't have access to the music practice rooms in Gibson Hall. Guitarist Dave York '07 obtained permission for the group to practice in the OLC thanks to his status as a trip leader. So Zach witnessed the band's beginnings.

"At that point," drummer Mark Viehman '07 said, "it was just nice to have someone to listen to us."

The Spins have moved out of the OLC and into other venues around campus that are more accessible to its growing fan base: the tsunami relief concert at Quinby House, parties at Ladd House, the Battle of the Bands, and outdoor concerts at Pine Street.

The group of seniors, with York on guitar, Viehman on drums, Mike Igoue on vocals, Armand Gottlieb on guitar, and Jack Clancy on bass, credited the strong dynamics of its band to the friendship they developed before the Spins' inception. Gottlieb, who was in a band in high school, convinced his first-

year roommate Igoue to start the Spins. "We were into heavy [progressive] rock in high school, and it got really, really heavy and loud," said Gottlieb. "Our moms would have to run around the house keeping the furniture down. I wanted to move away from that a little bit."

The other members instinctively gravitated toward the idea of playing various rock covers in a campus band. For instance, while York was doing laundry, he heard Gottlieb playing guitar and started playing with him. That was how they first met.

Viehman, who spent last year abroad in Paris, was even able to play with the band during a quick trip back to the States.

"I was craving organized music since I didn't get to play any in France," he said.

Four of the band members lived in Quinby House during their sophomore year, which gave them ample room to practice and play shows. That year, Clancy joined the group. Like many good things in college, his induction happened over a beer at a house party.

Clancy had not played a musical

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DJs rally to save WBOR

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

In addition to worrying about wardrobe malfunctions and Howard Stern, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is investigating Bowdoin's WBOR 91.1 FM's broadcast license renewal and may shut down the station.

The issue is not censorship, but rather compliance with "public issue lists" and broadcasting public service announcements. While the station has complied with the most important part—making the announcements on air—the FCC has taken issue with the lack of record keeping over the last six years.

"The FCC's concern is that we did not make these [public issue] lists available immediately during the past six years, and that allegation is true," said Adam Patrineri '07, WBOR's station manager.

"Due to the high rate of student management turnover, the procedures for publicizing these public issues lists fell through the cracks, and past management had no idea it was even a requirement. It is incredibly difficult to operate a non-commercial radio station and our management does an amazing job, but unfortunately this is an area where we have slipped in the past," he said.

After discovering the oversight, Patrineri consulted the records of previous public service announcements and reconstructed the lists for the last six years.

"As of right now, we are up to date with our current public issues lists and continue to provide the community with quality programming which helps educate and inform all our listeners," Patrineri said.

The public service announcements are hourly message broadcasts about school dropout prevention, natural disaster relief, Red Cross blood drives, and other community concerns. Director of Security

Randy Nichols and Assistant Director Mike Brown's radio show "Listen!" also qualifies as a public service announcement. Their show covers topics ranging from sexual assault to basic highway safety.

Toby Crawford '07, host of "The Classical Connection," calls the FCC's investigation "a lesson in government bureaucracy. It'd be awful if the FCC shut down the station, especially on technical grounds. It's not like DJs swear profusely or insist on plugging companies in their stock portfolio."

Charlie Ticotsky '07, host of "At the Bottom of Everything," agreed with Crawford's disappointment in the bureaucracy.

"WBOR provides a service to the Midcoast community in that it is a non-commercial radio station that plays music you never hear on bland, restrictive corporate radio station playlists," he said.

"The FCC should be investigating stations that censor music, like ClearChannel banning John Lennon's 'Imagine' and other songs after 9/11, or that play 30 minutes of commercials per hour, rather than small, passionate stations like WBOR," Ticotsky added.

To save the station, WBOR launched a letter-writing campaign and will send those letters directly to the FCC. The letter is available on the WBOR website and must be turned into the radio station before October 2.

"WBOR has served Bowdoin and the Brunswick community for over 50 years. In that time, the station has changed in ways nobody could have imagined in the past, from digital media to the incredible variety of music we play on our airwaves," Patrineri said. "What hasn't changed is our commitment to serving the interests of Bowdoin and the greater Brunswick community. After all, our signal can be heard well outside the confines of the Bowdoin campus."

Move beyond brunch at 111 Maine



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

111 Maine, located in the former Bohemian Coffee House building, serves delicious twists on classic Maine fare.

by Diana Heald
STAFF WRITER

Although 111 Maine opened in December of 2005, the majority of Bowdoin students probably have yet to discover this classic restaurant tucked away in the beautiful old building that once upon a time was the home of Bohemian Coffee House.

The menu, which is on the small side, is comprised mostly of classic American fare. The restaurant offers blueberry pancakes and Belgian waffles for weekend brunch, and the 111 Maine Burger, the Flank Steak Philly, Tuna Melt and Turkey Club sandwiches are on the café menu.

As simple as the dishes sound, 111 Maine adds nice touches: the pancakes are served with a delicious scoop of homemade cinnamon butter and the Flank Steak Philly sandwich is topped with roast onion confit, melted provolone, sautéed portobello mushrooms,

and horseradish aioli.

Local flavors make up an integral part of the menu as well, especially in the Maine Frittata. The dish features fresh local crabmeat, caramelized onions and Gruyère. The inspired Maine Crab Bisque is laced with sherry and manages to be smooth, creamy, and deliciously peppery all in the same mouthful.

The salads are served in generous portions and are complex enough to stand on their own, especially in the case of the salad of mesclun greens with grapes, red onion, gorgonzola and toasted walnuts dressed with blueberry vinaigrette. All sandwiches come with a choice of a demi portion of salad or a heaping of deliciously seasoned house potatoes—the decision is a difficult one.

For those with a more adventurous palate, there is a smattering of internationally inspired options. The Greek chicken gyro comes with sautéed onions, roasted tomatoes, lettuce and

tzatziki sauce. There is also the Cuban Sandwich, with mojo marinated pork tenderloin, shaved ham, manchego cheese, Dijon mustard and pickles.

The warm Crispy Eggplant Panini with vine-ripened tomatoes, melted provolone and pesto drizzle is another standout, especially on a chilly fall day. The crunchy fried eggplant and crisp lettuce and tomato slices between slabs of pesto-slathered focaccia bread make for a terrific combination.

111 Maine's weekend brunch menu shares many of the same dishes as its weekly counterpart. On Saturday and Sunday, the soup and salad offerings are reduced in favor of a variety of first-rate breakfast offerings like house-made granola, three varieties of frittata, a plate of eggs, sausage or bacon, house potatoes and seasonal fruit, or the blueberry pancakes (see above) and the Belgian waffles with whipped heavy cream and strawberries.

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111 Maine proves an adventure for diners

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While the restaurant offers ample varieties of teas, coffees and juices, take advantage of a lazy weekend late morning and order an orange or cranberry mimosa to accompany your brunch.

When the weather permits, sit outside on one of the sidewalk tables and watch the Maine Street hustle and bustle, or spend a quiet afternoon at one of the indoor counters or tables where you can see your food being prepared in the open kitchen. Best of all, the portions of each sandwich are generous enough that it's hard to spend more than \$10-12 on a meal that certainly won't leave you hungry.

111 Maine is located on—you guessed it—111 Maine Street. Café hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Spins recall beginnings, discuss original songs

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instrument before coming to college. Since then, he has declared a major in music and developed into what the rest of the group calls "a bass god."

Now that the Spins have played a string of live shows this semester, the band plans on taking a few weeks off and writing original songs. They have a great deal of respect for the musicians they cover, listing the Beatles, the Allman Brothers, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Led Zeppelin as a few favorites, but the group understands the need to keep the show fresh.

"Before one show, we learned five songs in a week," Gottlieb said. "But, that doesn't give us a lot of time to write. We were playing the same covers and even our friends got bored, so

Dreams are big for Affleck in 'Hollywoodland'

by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Hollywood. The place where dreams become reality.

In the 1920s, as the American moviemaking industry was establishing itself, the famed sign in Beverly Hills read "Hollywoodland."

This was the very soil upon which movies and dreams were made. People flocked from all over to live there.

Soon the "land" was taken down. Maybe someone realized the dreams projected on the silver screen were transmutable, and they couldn't be as tangible as a plot of land. Or maybe they weren't selling the land of Hollywood, but rather its mindset. Regardless of why the "land" was removed, the sign became what we know today.

Even without the "land" in the title, people still flocked from all over the world, trying to become the

next actor to live the dream and "make it big." "Hollywoodland" chronicles the journey of one such dreamer, a man named George Reeves (Ben Affleck). Along the way, he meets Toni Mannix (Diane Lane), a lover with more than enough cash to help him out. His career started off well as he nabs the role of TV's Superman, which propels him up those first few vital steps of the achievement ladder.

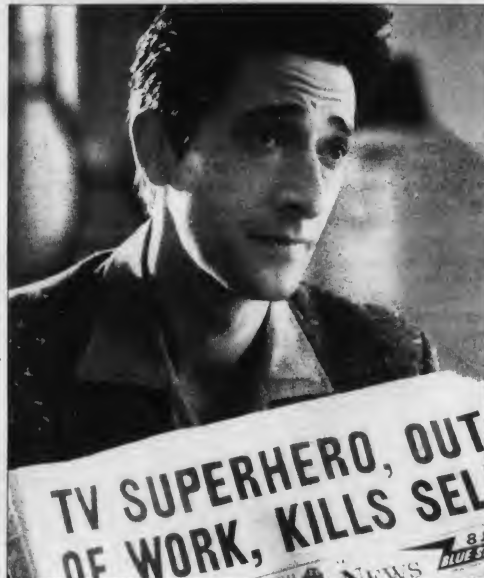
But you see, when a dream can be snatched away with a rejection letter, or felled as soon as a set is no longer needed, trying to hold onto anything can be very painful.

Reeves may have become Superman and achieved fame, but it wasn't enough for him. After Superman's cancellation, we see him burning his costume, ready for bigger and better opportunities to come his way. He just can't see, or didn't want to see, that his greatest moment had already passed.

Then he dies under mysterious circumstances.

Off to achieve dreams of his own is Louis Simo (Adrien Brody), a divorced father who makes a living by spying on cheating wives and the like. When Reeves's mother comes knocking, Simo knows he's got his greatest opportunity and isn't ready to let it slip through his fingers. Even the seedy side of L.A. is its own dream factory.

First time feature director Allen Coulter does a commendable job of balancing the flashbacks between Louis's investigation and Reeves's life. He makes some mistakes here by underutilizing the excellent Ms. Lane, mostly having her smiling at Mr. Affleck's side or crying in his absence. But, in general, Coulter did his film studies homework, and he pays subtle homage to the greats of noir detective stories, like Jack



Adrien Brody stars as the ambitious detective Louis Simo in "Hollywoodland."

Nicholson in "Chinatown."

In the aftermath of "Good Will Hunting," Ben Affleck hasn't had any bright spots in his career, phoning it in at best and "Gigli-ing" it at worst. In "Hollywoodland," he begins to turn himself around, giving a calmly commanding performance that is probably his career best.

Similarly, Adrien Brody hasn't had much opportunity to lead a picture since his exemplary performance in "The Pianist." While his role is not as flashy as Mr. Affleck's, he is the true lead of the film. Too often in American movies a great performance is equated with one that is

loud and showy, but this is no litmus. As a private eye, Brody does not usurp the plot but supports it, doing it more justice than a scene-stealer would have.

Ultimately, "Hollywoodland" does not value chasing far-fetched dreams over an "ordinary" existence. Sure, being a star would feel amazing, standing in front of screaming fans, but it won't help you sleep at night. Rather than longing for what you do not have, appreciate what you do, whether that be a modest acting career or a young son. That is what matters: only Louis Simo learned it in time to make his amends.

WBOR 91.1 FM DJs OF THE WEEK



Alice Lee '07 & Mark Viehman '07

What's the best album ever made?
AL: Paul Simon's "Graceland."
MV: "Abbey Road." That might be a cliché, but it's true.

Who is the greatest living musician?
AL: Chris Cornell.
MV: Brad Mehldau.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

AL: Garbage.
MV: Either Radiohead in the summer of 2003, Wilco in the summer of 2005, or the Roots with Ben Folds Five in the spring of 2000.

What is the first album you ever bought?

AL: Red Hot Chili Peppers, "Californication."
MV: Weird Al Yankovich, "Bad Hair Day."

What's your music guilty pleasure?
AL: KoRn.
MV: Brand New and Saves the Day. I used to play in a pop-punk band, so sometimes I like to reminisce.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

AL: "Ode to Joy."
MV: "Life During Wartime" by Talking Heads.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

AL & MV: "Save WBOR!"
Lee and Viehman's show, "Cool Is Boring," airs on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

KENNEBEC RIVER BREWERY MAGIC HOLE I.P.A.: \$7.99 for a six-pack at Hannaford.

As I scoured rack after mouth-watering rack for this week's beer of choice, an enticing label caught my eye. Most of the time, an interesting logo, bottle, or packaging is all it takes to pique my interest. Hell, I'll try anything once. When the label happens to feature a fearless rafting group heading into a huge swell beneath a snow-capped mountain and a grinning sun with arms pointing at a mug of heady amber ale, well, I'm as good as sold. Couple the label with the location of the beer's manufacturer—Kennebec River Brewery—and you've got yourself the potential for a great new local beer. Now, if only the beer tasted as good as its packaging looked...

Before we delve into the particulars, I think it is necessary to clear up the name of this week's brew before anyone's mind wanders past the brink of safe retrieval. Unfortunately, the "Magic Hole" is not some newly discovered orifice on the human body down which

you can pour a beer to feel its effects more quickly without the morning consequences (though I've heard 12 ounces down the ear is as good as a keg stand). Quite the contrary, this term refers to something one encounters while engaging in an active and healthy outdoor activity—hardly your average night out.

The back of each bottle states the following: "So named for its ability to make rafts disappear. Magic Hole is the Kennebec River's biggest challenge. Dedicated to those with a 'GO FOR IT' attitude, this bold unrepentant ale is liberally hopped with premier East Kent Goldings...HOLD ON!" Clearly, Kennebec River Brewery has adopted an extreme rafter's attitude in creating this ale. The only thing I'm holding onto is my hat. As your standard ale, Magic Hole wouldn't be half bad, but for an India Pale Ale, it just doesn't measure up.

Now don't get me wrong. Magic Hole I.P.A. is not a bad tasting beer. In fact, those who shared a bottle with me seemed to generally enjoy it. After her first sip, Boston beauty Liz Laurits noted with elation: "Oooh, that's good." While this is not the most eloquent review for an English major, her point is well-

taken. Magic Hole I.P.A. pours a rather thin penny amber with about an inch of porous, creamy head. Its aroma is mildly sweet and fruity with the hint of caramel. Its flavor is thin and earthy, and despite dwindling on the way down, it does finish off somewhat bitter. On the scale of one to lip-puckering (10), I would say it is only about a four. Sounds bearable, right?

The point I am trying to make is, though not bad-tasting, Magic Hole I.P.A. does not live up to its name. I.P.A.s are typically pale in complexion with a high alcohol content and a body characterized by more hops than malt. With regards to the first two criteria, Magic Hole fares quite well. But when it comes to the hops, it just doesn't seem to compare. Now I'm no hops expert (Natty Lite has those right?), but compared to other I.P.A.s I've had, like Stone or Harpoon, the flavor, body, and bitterness of Magic Hole falls notably short of expectations. Or, as one review on ratebeer.com so aptly asserted: "Overall, this beer is perfectly drinkable, but it's nothing special."

I think in the end, "nothing special" goes a long way in summarizing my experience with Magic Hole I.P.A. If you're looking for a tasty new local six-pack, give it a whirl. But don't pop the top expecting to find your standard I.P.A. After all, lots of beers are "drinkable," but few are truly great.



'Woodpecker' creates modern fantasy world

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

If you have ever smoked a Camel cigarette, dreamed about the living life of a princess, or had dealings with a redhead, then "Still Life with Woodpecker" is the book for you. In a tone similar to Kurt Vonnegut's, Tom Robbins tells the stories of the exiled Princess Leigh-Cherie, whose adventures always feature Ralph Nader, the outlaw Bernard Mickey Wrangler, who specializes in dynamite, and the faithful servant of the Furstenberg Barcelonas, Guletta, who develops a cocaine addiction on a trip to Maui.

Robbins toys with the fairy tale principles of Prince Charmings, pokes fun at Albert Camus, and bemoans the sad state of lovers in the 20th century. He writes in a narrative voice that carries the reader quickly from page to page. Robbins also creates the strangest of plot twists in a fantastic world, leading to interesting conclusions about existentialism, politics, and the possibilities of personal choice.

After their fortuitous meeting at a Care Fest conference on Maui, the princess and the outlaw return to Seattle. The king and queen do not approve of the romance, and their mood worsens when the sutor crushes Queen Tili's chihuahua and is then arrested for his many TNT-related activities. Bernard's imprisonment leads to Leigh-Cherie's self-inflicted exile to the castle attic where she

spends months studying an unopened cigarette package, stark naked.

The book features many fairy-tale elements. Alongside frogs and golden balls, love certainly plays a role. One aim is to discover how to make love stick. Robbins constructs a number of quotable explanations as to how one might accomplish that in Leigh-Cherie and Bernard's correspondences during Bernard's stay in prison.

The protagonists are both redheads, and Robbins develops wonderful theories about the existence of redheads and what the brilliance of their roots suggests. This is only one of the threads running through the book that contributes to its humor.

Another is the practice of "lunaeption" (don't try this at home) and the benefits of living in harmony with the moon.

A third thread in this novel is the author's relationship with his typewriter. He is confident that if he and his Remington SL3 can't tell this story, then no one can. Robbins inserts interludes into the narrative where he wrestles with the abilities of his machine and he ends up writing the last few pages of the book in longhand.

The book deals with the absurdities of convention in a hilarious way. Robbins plays off clichés brilliantly. He spins a wonderful story that leads to the lovers living locked up inside a modern pyramid, living off wedding cake and champagne and an ample supply of dynamite. I won't tell you how they get out.

COMMENTARY

Following Schumann's diaries through music

by Boz Karanovsky
CONTRIBUTOR

The tragic life and legacy of Robert and Clara Schumann have long interested Applied Music Instructor Christina Astrachan. This Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bowdoin Chapel, she and her partner,

tenor Bruce Fithian, will perform "lieder" ("songs" in German) by the two great pianists and lovers, intermingled with excerpts of their letters and diaries read aloud.

They have titled the unique performance "Follow the Lieder."

"We tried to put together an oral picture of Clara and Robert's life and

work," soprano singer Astrachan said.

Robert Schumann was a German composer and pianist and a representative of Romanticism in the first half of the 19th century. He was a disturbed and introspectively whimsical individual, as evidenced by his life story. His dramatic love affair with pianist Clara Wieck eventually led to marriage in 1839 against her father's will, and he later attempted suicide by throwing himself in the Rhine. Schumann later died in a mental asylum, due to alleged side effects of tertiary syphilis.

After Schumann's death, Clara went back to work as a concert pianist. She toured and performed her husband's work while raising their seven children,

some of whom also became musicians.

Schumann's work is deeply personal. The intimate nature of his work, along with readings from the lovers' actual diaries and letters, enable Astrachan and Fithian to "let Robert and Clara speak in their own words,"

giving crucial insight to their inner workings as individuals and artists and Romanticism as a whole.

The performance will be a unique combination of human feelings as expressed through two very different media: prose and music. Two actors will read the original excerpts, Bruce Fithian will sing nine Schumann songs, and Astrachan

will sing the ones written by his wife.

Astrachan became intrigued reading the diaries of Robert and Clara, which can be found in the Hawthorne-Longfellow Library. She came across a book that told the story of the two lovers and their passion for music and each other. She hopes to communicate the idea and intensity of that passion to Bowdoin students.

The two performers and musicians are planning their next project to be a continuation of this one, which will incorporate romantic composer Brahms. The composer was allegedly romantically linked to Clara after the death of her first husband.

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SPORTS

Football prepares for new season



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The Bowdoin Football Team hopes to replicate last year's magic, when the Bears went 6-2. See article, page 14.

Ultimate soars

by Benjamin Stormo
CONTRIBUTOR

Showing no early season rust, Bowdoin's Ultimate Team, Stoned Clown, crushed all opposition to take home the East New England sectional championship.

Bowdoin's A team opened the tournament against Portland-area club team Red Tide B. Initially, the two teams traded points back and forth, with Bowdoin sticking to a methodical style, working the disc up the field, while Red Tide resorted to full field hucks, taking advantage of its height.

After going into halftime up 7-4, Bowdoin made some defensive adjustments to thwart Tide's long game and let its superior speed take the day. Bowdoin went on to outrun its opponents and win 13-5.

After its victory over Tide, Bowdoin faced off against Tron Blue, a team from Brandeis, and followed that game with another against Tufts.

In both games, Bowdoin's defense, a staple of the team in recent years, produced an excellent effort preventing any sort of momentum from their opponents. Sophomore Micah McKay turned in an especially strong effort, causing several key defensive stops and racking up more than a dozen assists over the course of the day.

The victories over Tron, 13-6, and Tufts, 13-3, gave Bowdoin the top position in its four-team pool and assured the team a place in the final four of the tournament.

In Sunday's semifinal match against Brown, Bowdoin got out of the gate strong and used the energy from a raucous crowd to handily defeat Brown 15-6.

The sectional final pitted Stoned Clown against its rival from the University of New Hampshire, a showcase of two New England powerhouses. The game also marked the

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Women's rugby victorious

by M. Munford
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Rugby Team triumphed last weekend in the annual Beantown Women's Rugby Tournament. The Bears beat out 12 other East Coast schools to bring home the Division II trophy.

The tournament, held at UMass-Amherst, featured almost 30 women's rugby teams from anywhere between Delaware and Maine. The Polar Bears have been to the tournament in previous years but never before managed to make it into the playoffs. This year

they managed to score over 105 points in just four games.

Guest player Hannah Hearn from Manchester, England described it as "jolly good rugby."

The first match for Bowdoin was against Pennsylvania's Shippensburg on Saturday afternoon. The Bears came out strong early on and scrumhalf Jeni Kennedy '08 was able to find the tryline for the Bears first points. Sara Utzschneider '07 converted for a 7-0 lead over Shippensburg. In the second half, the Bears brought some of their rookie players onto the pitch.

"The rookies were playing smart and with intensity," said sophomore Hannah Wadsworth. "After only two weeks' introduction to the sport, it's impressive to see them playing so well."

The second match of the day pitted the Bears against Keene State in a one-sided affair. Munny Munford '07 and Daphne Leveriza '07 racked up two tries each. In addition, Helaina Roman '09, Vanessa Vidal '08, Erica Camarena '10, Emily Randall '10, Kayla Baker '09, Utzschneider, and

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Junior Alex Bettigole displays perfect "alligator" catching technique.

Men's rugby starts season with Maritime win



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sophomore Spencer Ho rucks over a Maine Maritime lock after a tackle. The Polar Bears defeated Maritime 22-3 in their first game of the season.

by Jeremy Bernfeld
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's rugby team started the season off on a high-note on Saturday, crushing Maine Maritime Academy 22-3.

"It's always nice to start the season with a win," Coach Rick Scala said. "We had a lot of younger players starting who played at a really high level and I hope that they can keep that up against more experienced teams."

The team had a sluggish start to the match with a low-scoring first half, leading 5-3 at the half after a Ryan Devenyi '08 try. However, the team had a huge second half with junior John Draghi, and sophomores Charlie Ash and David Leinen all scoring tries. Derek Castro '09 also had two long runs, one of which set Draghi up for his try.

This year, the team looks to avoid a repeat of last year's late-season collapse. After starting the season 3-0-0, the Black Pack finished last season with a 3-2-1 record, eventually losing to rival Colby in the first round of the

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Men's soccer's Brendan Egan '08 dribbles the ball downfield in practice.

Men's soccer takes out Mules, USM

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Men's Soccer Team will go into this weekend's crucial match up against NESCAC powerhouse Williams flying higher than anyone could have imagined. The men are firing on all cylinders early in the season with three consecutive wins behind them.

Captain Brendan Egan '08 emphasized just how impressive the team's effort has been.

"Our strikers are in sync, our mid-fielders are controlling the pace of the game, our defense has been working well together and Nathan Lovitz '08 has been awesome in goal."

The Polar Bears won their second contest of the year with a hard-fought win against Colby in Waterville.

Forward Nick Figueiredo '08 said that the 2-0 victory was closer than the score indicated.

"Colby came out flying and never really let up throughout the game, which made it incredibly difficult for us to play," he said.

Colby was especially dangerous in the first half as Lovitz was forced to stop three shots en route to a four-shot

shutout.

Bowdoin, the 12th-ranked team in Division III Men's Soccer, followed one impressive victory with an even more stunning one against Southern Maine two days later. Figueiredo led a potent attack with two goals, while Hugh Fleming '10 did his best impersonation of the team's top scorer with two goals of his own.

Figueiredo attributed this early success to the work of Egan and his fellow battery mates in the backline.

"Undoubtedly the biggest factor in our two wins was the work of the back five," he said. "They are the stingiest and hardest-working defense I've ever played against."

The men have passed their first two road tests with flying colors, but the most important, a cumulative exam at Williams, will be this weekend. The Polar Bears will compete against the only other NESCAC team in the top 25 for DIII soccer (Williams is ranked sixth), on Saturday at 1 p.m.

"They're obviously a great team and we're going to have to bring our best to come out with a result, but we're definitely looking forward to the challenge," said Egan.

Football to open season Saturday in Williamstown

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

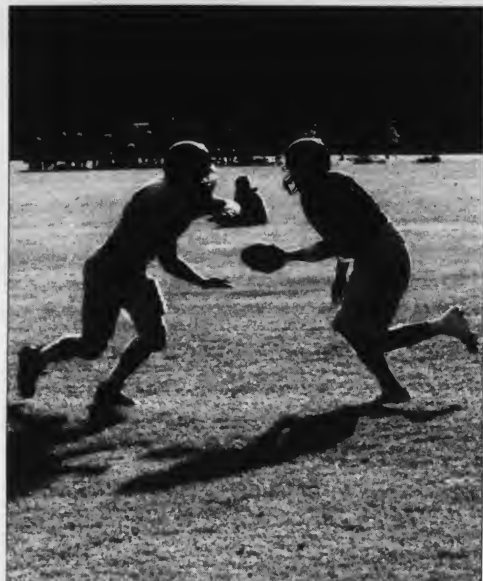
The Polar Bears return to the gridiron Saturday after a summer in hibernation to take on Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Bowdoin looks to follow its success from a year ago, when the team went 6-2 and finished in a tie for third place in the NESCAC.

Despite losing 11 starters to graduation, including captains Shaun Kezer and Mike Stratton, the team expects to excel this season and continue its winning ways from one year ago.

"Any program can have one good season," said captain Brendan Murphy '07. "But we plan on working hard to take this program to the next level in the league. It all depends on the effort and intensity."

One of the team's strong points will be the offensive line, which is packed with returning players who will seek to control the line of scrimmage. On the offensive line, the Polar Bears start three seniors: Ryan Fletcher at left guard, Greg Righter at center, and Russell Stevens at right guard. Juniors Rogan Donnelly and Matt McCall start at left and right tackle, respectively. They will look to protect Tom Duffy '07, who takes over at the quarterback position this season for Rickey Leclerc '06. Duffy's targets will include wide receivers Doug Johnson '07 and Lamont White '08, as well as Chris Sullivan '07, who comes over from the defensive side of the ball to serve as a big receiver and blocker at tight end. Tailback Jeff Smith '08 and fullback Bob DiMatteo '07 will contribute to the running game to provide balance to the team's air attack.

On the defensive side, seniors Murphy, captain John Regan, Joe Cruise, Zach Hammond, Dylan Brix, Mike Vitousek, Mike Curtis, and Dave Donahue will try to stymie the opponents with their experience and



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The Bowdoin Football Team practices at Farley Field on Wednesday.

cohesiveness. Underclassmen Bobby Welch '10, Sean Welch '09, and Damon Hall-Jones '09 will fill in the gaps to provide a foundation for the team's future. Last season, the defense allowed 15.5 points per game, good for fourth in the league. The team's pass defense was third in the league, surrendering an average of only 139.2 yards through the air.

Bowdoin will find plenty of tough competition in the league, especially within the first few weeks. The Polar Bears will visit a tough Williams team that went 6-2 last season, followed by Bowdoin's home opener the follow-

ing Saturday against Amherst, which held a 5-3 record in 2005. Bowdoin's toughest challenge should come on October 21, when Trinity, which has not lost since September 28, 2002, visits Brunswick.

The atmosphere is sure to be electric when the Bears take to the field and kick off their season. Given last season's success and another year of experience for the strong veteran leadership, great things are expected of the team this year. Next Saturday, the team will be able to hint at whether those expectations are justified.

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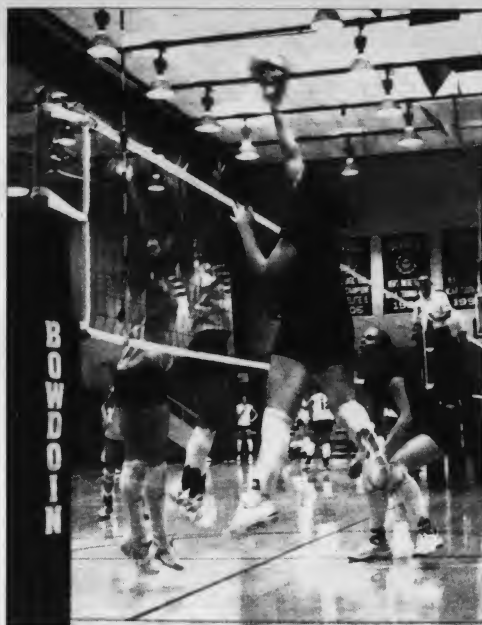
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Senior Wendy Mayer goes up for the ball in Sunday's loss to the Ephs.

V-ball beats Mules

by Kate Walsh
CONTRIBUTOR

The Polar Bears finished a successful week with a 4-1 record after defeating 2005 NESCAC champions Colby.

On Wednesday night, the Polar Bears defeated Colby at Waterville. The Mules edged out the Bears in the first set, 30-26, but the Bears rallied to win the second game, also 30-26.

The Polar Bears kept their momentum going, and in a huge upset, won the next two games with the same score, 30-26, to beat Colby 3-1. Junior Margo Linton led the Polar Bears with a stellar performance, tallying 56 assists and 27 digs.

Other key contributors were Amanda Leahy '08, who posted 17 kills, Jenna Diggs '10, who had 14 kills and 20 digs, and captain Jess Liu '08, who recorded 18 digs.

"Thanks to Margo Linton's smart setting and Amanda Leahy and Erin Prifogle's tenacity at the net, we dominated Colby," said Diggs.

"Beating Colby, last year's NESCAC champs, in their house, was very exciting. Our team showed great heart and determination on the court," said Leahy.

The first win of the week came at home on Friday, September 15 against Middlebury, the team's first game against a NESCAC opponent. After getting off to a tough start and dropping the first set 30-24, the Polar Bears regrouped to sweep the last three games 30-23, 30-25, and 30-27. Leading the Polar Bears were Gillian Page '10, with 21 kills, 19

digs and four aces, and Diggs with 41 assists and 16 digs.

The second game of the weekend came at home on Saturday against Hamilton. The Polar Bears took a commanding lead in the first game, winning 30-12, and continued to dominate 30-11. In the third game Hamilton fought back and pushed the Polar Bears to within two, but the Bears managed to win 32-30 to take Hamilton in straight sets. The Polar Bears were led by Page, who recorded nine kills, and Wendy Mayer '07 and Kelsey Howe '10, who both posted seven kills.

After the game against Hamilton the team faced Williams. Despite the momentum gained from the Hamilton games, the Polar Bears were swept in straight sets, losing by scores of 30-22, 30-20, and 30-22.

This past week's success seems to confirm the team's belief that this is one of the strongest women's volleyball teams Bowdoin has ever fielded.

"Wednesday was the first time in two decades that Bowdoin beat Colby, last Friday was the first time in program history that Bowdoin defeated Middlebury, and this weekend is the first time that Bowdoin has been asked to play in the MIT Invitational. I couldn't be more excited about our season so far," said Liu.

"This team is starting to believe we can be a serious competitor in this league," said Page.

This weekend the Polar Bears will travel to Boston for the MIT Invitational, and on Wednesday they will play NESCAC opponent Bates at home at 7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	2	0	0	4	0	0
BOWDOIN	2	0	0	3	0	0
Middlebury	2	0	0	5	0	0
Wesleyan	2	0	0	3	0	0
Williams	1	0	0	3	0	0
Bates	1	2	0	2	2	0
Colby	0	1	1	0	1	2
Tufts	0	2	1	0	3	1
Conn. Coll.	0	2	0	1	2	1
Trinity	0	3	0	0	4	0

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/16 at Colby W 2-0
Tu 9/19 at Southern Maine W 4-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23 at Williams 1:00 P.M.
M 9/25 v. U. New England 4:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	2	0	0	4	0	0
Middlebury	2	0	0	3	0	0
Williams	2	0	0	4	0	1
BOWDOIN	1	0	1	2	0	2
Wesleyan	1	1	0	3	1	0
Colby	0	0	2	2	0	2
Bates	1	2	0	3	2	0
Tufts	0	1	1	0	2	1
Conn. Coll.	0	2	0	1	3	0
Trinity	0	3	0	1	4	0

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/16 at Colby T 1-1
W 9/20 v. Bates W 3-1

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23 at Williams 11:00 A.M.
Su 9/24 at Brandeis 12:00 P.M.

- Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	4	0	0	8	0	0
Wesleyan	2	0	0	5	1	0
BOWDOIN	2	1	1	4	1	1
Colby	2	1	0	5	3	0
Amherst	1	1	1	6	1	0
Tufts	1	1	1	5	3	0
Bates	1	2	0	6	3	0
Middlebury	1	2	0	4	3	0
Conn. College	0	1	4	2	4	2
Trinity	0	1	4	1	4	1
Hamilton	0	4	3	6	3	6

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/15 v. Middlebury W 3-1
Su 9/16 v. Hamilton W 3-0
Su 9/16 v. Williams W 3-1
W 9/20 at Colby W 3-1

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/22- at MIT Invitational TBA
Su 9/23 W 9/27 v. Bates 7:00 P.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	2	0	4	0	4	0
Williams	2	0	4	0	4	0
Bates	1	0	3	0	3	0
BOWDOIN	1	0	4	0	4	0
Trinity	1	1	3	1	3	1
Tufts	1	1	2	2	2	2
Wesleyan	1	1	2	1	2	1
Amherst	0	2	1	3	2	1
Colby	0	2	0	2	2	0
Conn. College	0	2	1	3	2	1

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/16 at Colby W 2-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23 at Williams 12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD
Sa 9/16 at Beantown 1st of 13
Preseason Tournament
(UMass-Amherst)

SCHEDULE

Su 9/24 at New Hampshire 12:00 P.M.

MEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD
Sa 9/16 v. Maine Maritime W 22-3

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23 at Maine-Farmington 1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

SCHEDULE

F 9/22- at ITA Regionals (MIT) 8:30 A.M.
Su 9/24

MEN'S TENNIS

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23- at Middlebury Invit. 8:30 A.M.
Su 9/24

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23 at Colby 11:00 A.M.

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23 at Colby 11:00 A.M.

MEN'S GOLF

SCOREBOARD

F 9/15- at Maine State 2nd
Sa 9/16 Tournament

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23- at Williams TBA
Su 9/24

FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/23 at Williams 1:00 P.M.

Ultimate takes East New England crown

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third time the teams had met in a tournament final in the past year.

UNH, which added two first years who were members of the U.S. junior national team, came out hard and scored early to put Bowdoin behind for the first time in the tournament. Bowdoin bounced back though, with an offensive attack that seemed nearly impossible to stop. Hoping to slow Bowdoin's momentum, UNH implemented several different zone defenses, but to no avail.

Displaying a cool under pressure, Bowdoin regained the lead and increased it to 8-4 at halftime. After trading points after the half, the relentless pressure of Bowdoin's defense eventually turned the tide. The effort was highlighted by sophomore Sam Dinning, who intercepted a pass in UNH's end zone for a

"Callahan goal." Bowdoin's victory, by the score of 15-7, assured the team a place in the regional tournament on October 6 and 7.

"Everything we worked on in practice finally came together this weekend," said captain Zander Abbott '08. "Our offense was fluid

and fast and our defense played their hearts out. It was great to see us play that well this early in the season."

Bowdoin will play again on Saturday and Sunday on Farley Field for this weekend's Clambake tournament.



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Sam Dinning '09 goes up for a catch against Brandeis during sectionals.

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The Bowdoin Field Hockey Team prepares for its visit to Williams on Saturday in Wednesday's practice at Farley Field.

Field hockey's LePage scores two goals in win at Colby

by Emileigh Mercer
CONTRIBUTOR

With former Bowdoin field hockey coach Sally LaPointe in attendance at Colby College, current head field hockey coach Nicky Pearson surpassed LaPointe in all time coaching victories when Bowdoin beat Colby on Saturday. Pearson now has 131 career wins, and Bowdoin has its 17th straight regular season win.

Still, the victory did not come easily to the Bears, who out shot Colby 34-7 on their way to a 2-0 triumph.

"Although Colby has some very fast and skilled players, we held a positive mental edge over them which enabled us to have better control over possession and out-shoot them. It came down to who wanted it more," said senior defender Gail Winning.

At the helm of the Bears' strong effort was senior captain Burgess LePage, who scored both goals off of assists from two sophomore teammates. Her first goal came from a penalty corner and a pass from midfielder Kate Gormley '09 early in the first half.

"One of the best opportunities to score in field hockey is off of a penalty corner. Our team has experienced difficulties in the past with capitalizing on these chances, but we came up big this weekend with a goal off of an extremely well executed corner. It's encouraging to know that we are improving on the more detailed aspects of our game," said LePage.

After taking the lead, Bowdoin denied Colby's offense and eventually LePage was able to tally another goal off of a feed from forward Lindsay McNamara '09 late in the

second half. In the final minutes of the game, Bowdoin goalkeeper Kate Leonard and the Polar Bear defense stopped a final rush from Colby to ice Leonard's second shutout of the season.

Junior defender Val Young reflected on the Bears' first league test.

"We came out strong against Colby," she said. "The first NESCAC game is always a little nerve-racking because the stakes are so much higher, and the competition tougher, but to beat Colby at Colby is a great accomplishment. It shows we have the determination and skill to rise to the occasion and get the job done."

Bowdoin, 4-0, will have to rise to the occasion again this Saturday when the Bears travel to Williams in a rematch of last year's NESCAC final where they beat the Ephs in penalty strokes.

Women's rugby nabs first

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Nicole Borunda '08 scored a try apiece. Combined with conversions by Munford and Utzschneider, the Bears finished the game 64-0.

Winning the first two matches put Bowdoin in the semifinals on Sunday against Southern Connecticut, a team Bowdoin has faced twice in the past four years in the New England quarterfinals.

After Krystal Barker '08 scored early, Bowdoin was able to physically dominate on the pitch. Subsequent tries from Emily Skinner '08, Munford, and a second try for Barker kept the Bears ahead of the Owls. Ultimately, Bowdoin was able to pull off a 22-10 victory, placing them in the finals against University of Maine-Orono.

Against the familiar opponent, the Polar Bears kept their composure and entered their fourth match of the weekend with determination to play well.

"Our goal this weekend was to get players experienced and to enjoy the challenge of opposition," said captain

Margaret Griffith '07. "Winning is the extra bonus."

The first points of the match against Orono were scored by an early penalty conversion by Munford, followed by two tries from Barker and Catherine Jager '09.

"I almost lost that ball," said Jager, "but holding onto it and finding the ground on the other side of the tryline was awesome. I couldn't have done it without the cheering and support of my teammates."

UMaine fought back in the second half, but the Polar Bears held on to a 13-12 victory over the UMaine Bears.

The weekend proved a huge success for the rookie and her veteran teammates.

"It was really great to see rookies out there in support," said veteran forward Naomi Kordak '07.

"At times it looked a bit like a traffic jam, but we managed to make it through," rookie Hannah Larson '10 said.

The Polar Bears face the University of New Hampshire this Sunday in Durham, New Hampshire.



Courtesy of the women's rugby team

Women's rugby poses for a picture after winning the Beantown tournament.

Men's rugby to play UMF

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New England Rugby Football Union playoffs.

"Every game we play this season counts, and in order for us to make the playoffs, we can take no one lightly," said senior captain Dan Jaffe.

The team looks to continue its success when it travels to the University of Maine-Farmington this Saturday.

The entire team needs to play well if Bowdoin hopes to return with a victory, Jaffe said.

"As you always hear, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and that is the case with us," he said. "We

don't have exceptional size to fall back on like all the other teams we play. We are a skill- and fitness-based team, and a failure in either of these two areas leaves us extremely vulnerable."

This year's team is somewhat inexperienced and composed of relatively untested new talent. According to Jaffe, there are currently only two or three healthy seniors.

"The team looks young," Jaffe said, "and hungry for some serious action. With some very stiff intersquad competition over very limited playing positions, this year has the makings for an extremely exciting and interesting fall season."

Women's soccer beats Bates 3-1



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Senior captain Ivy Blackmore handles the ball in women's soccer's 3-1 victory over Bates on Wednesday. The Polar Bears now hold a 2-0-2 record. They will visit the Williams Ephs on Saturday and the Brandeis Judges on Sunday.

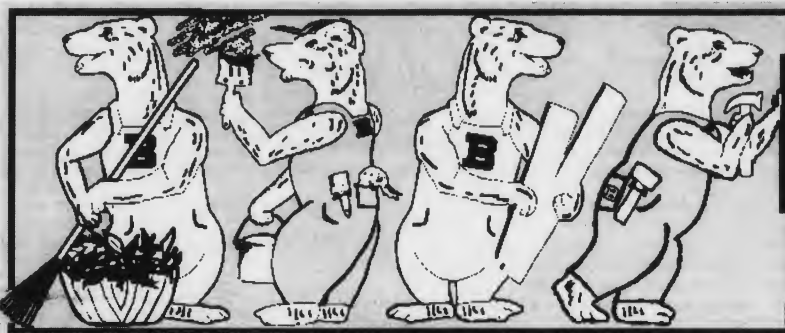


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Three Polar Bears tackle a Maine Maritime rugger in Bowdoin's 22-3 win.

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OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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Rally around proposal

This week, President Barry Mills issued his recommendation for the College's position on non-investment in Sudan. The proposal includes many, but not all, of the recommendations made by the president's Advisory Committee on Darfur (ACOD) in May. Mills has created a strong proposal that underscores the College's responsibility to act ethically in all areas of operation. His recommendation is thoughtful, clear, and does not place the College's financial interests at risk.

The proposal contains many components, and we encourage readers to examine the entire document, which can be accessed from the Orient's web site (orient.bowdoin.edu). The most noteworthy component involves the College's holdings in funds operated by investment managers. Should managers invest in companies that the College has "deemed subject to investment," Bowdoin will divert its profits from those companies to humanitarian relief organizations. That component goes beyond the policies of other colleges—most institutions that have taken a stand on non-investment simply discourage their managers from buying certain investments.

The ADCO, on the other hand, recommended that managers who invest Bowdoin's funds in such companies should be subject to termination. In his recommendation, Mills argued that access to managers is imperative for the College's fiduciary duty for protection and growth of the endowment. Given that the termination of a manager by Bowdoin—and Bowdoin only—would likely do little to change his or her investment choices, Mills's stance seems to be a reasonable analysis of the costs and benefits of such a policy.

In his letter, Mills correctly noted that action on the Darfur issue will be largely symbolic. The College does not currently hold investments—direct or indirect—in any companies commonly deemed subject to divestment by other colleges. The policy would act as a plan in the event that a fund manager decides to invest in one of these companies in the future. However, the policy will still have an effect today by showing the investment and political communities that Bowdoin cares about, and is willing to take action on, the genocide in Darfur.

This symbolic display is not yet certain, though, since Mills's recommendation is not the final step. The Board of Trustees still needs to consider his proposal. A positive vote by the trustees is not guaranteed, and we fear that silence on campus could hinder the movement from proposal to policy. Therefore, we urge readers to make their voices known, individually and collectively.

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) should start by passing a resolution in support of Mills's recommendation. In the past, this page has encouraged BSG not to take a stand on political issues. The non-investment policy now under consideration is not a political issue. Rather, it is an issue of humanity and institutional responsibility. When we, as students, profit from people halfway across the world, we also shoulder responsibility for ensuring that these profits are not hindering their well-being.

We also encourage the faculty to pass its own resolution supporting Mills's proposal. Faculty meetings are often mellow events, with the most agitated debate occurring during discussion of parking problems on campus. But there are times when the faculty has a responsibility to act together to protect the campus and its principles, and this is one of those times. The faculty should debate Mills's proposal and offer its stamp of approval or suggest changes.

By walking the grounds of this campus each day, students, faculty, and administrators are immensely privileged. We live and work in an environment that urges us to use intellect for the advancement of knowledge and justice. We are supported in this effort by a half-billion dollar endowment.

Community support for the proposed policy—and the enactment of it by the Board of Trustees—will show that we are capable of carrying the responsibility that accompanies this great privilege. And, we are hopeful that in a small way, our small college in Maine might be able to help the people of Sudan, too.

The editorial represents the majority view of The Bowdoin Orient's editorial board. The editorial board is comprised of Bobby Guerette, Beth Kowitz, and Steve Kolowich.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Value safety over political correctness

To the Editors:

On September 11, 2001, fundamentalist, Arab, Muslim terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon, killing thousands of innocent American civilians. Eight years prior (1993), Arab Islamists set a car bomb off under the World Trade Center. In just the past few months, Arab Muslims planned a sophisticated attack to take down as many as a dozen airliners heading from Great Britain to the United States.

There is a distinct similarity between all of the terrorists mentioned above. They are all Muslim and all Arab. Coincidence? I think not. The answer to stopping these terrorists in the U.S.? Racial profiling.

Why in our airports and elsewhere do we refuse to racially profile people? We know who the terrorists are. They are Muslim Arabs. Now not all Muslim Arabs

are terrorists, but all terrorists seem to be of that religion and ethnicity.

Racial profiling would allow us to increase the chance of detaining terrorists, therefore escalating security. Safety should trump political correctness in this situation.

If I were an Arab, I would be more than willing to be searched at an airport because I know that I am innocent. The only people that are afraid of racial profiling are the terrorists themselves.

Sincerely,

Zachary Linhart '07

Chairman, Bowdoin College
Republicans

Immigration bill does not address issues

To the Editors:

Jeff Jeng was right to point out last week how undocumented aliens are mistreated and exploited in this country. However, what he fails to understand is how H.R.

4437, a currently proposed immigration reform bill, will exacerbate that exploitation.

Prosecuting and punishing those who give charity to undocumented aliens, as this bill does, does not "protect" immigrants in any way, shape, or form. If this bill were voted into law, a soup kitchen that gives a meal to an undocumented person could be prosecuted as would a human trafficker or drug smuggler. Moreover, the bill does nothing to aid people's path to citizenship; instead it entirely blocks that path off for many, permanently frustrating their desire to become an American. This bill does nothing to address the real issues with immigration. We need reform that opens the path to citizenship to enough people that we no longer have individuals being denied their civil liberties, living as second-class citizens in the so-called Land of Freedom. Please don't let xenophobia rule our immigration policy; help defeat H.R. 4437.

Sincerely,

Sam Minot '08

Co-Chair, The Democratic Left

Congress fights the good fight

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised

by Steve
Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

As students of American culture, you may have heard tell of a legislative (or "law-making") body known as "Congress." That's right, your middle school teachers weren't just yanking your chain when they taught you about our nation's bicameral legislature.

Don't be ashamed if you're not in the know on this one. I thought that "bicameral" meant "of or relating to two chambers" until I was tenderly corrected by one of my professors last spring, shortly after declaring a major in Government and Legal Studies with a concentration in American government.

Anyhoo, turns out that Congress does all this law-making business from inside a giant hill in Washington, D.C. known as the "Capitol." (Or the "Crapitol," as my quick-witted roommate boldly jibes. His japey knows no bounds or limitations!) It is within this hill that the lawmakers of Congress discuss many important matters, like war, censorship, and legal recourse against those wayward souls that would burn Old Glory in lieu of log-wood and news-print. (That flag's for wavin', silly!)

And forth from this great earth-fortress, the Congress issues declarations of mighty import and trenchant insight, to be abided by all citizens of this land. And the citizenry does so willingly, for the wisdom of those lion-hearted, powder-wigged dynamos of democracy is unmatched!

But Congress isn't just a Washington-exclusive operation, friends. If you can believe it, its mighty reach extends clear 'cross the nation, even here to our own humble hamlet, the Great State of Maine!

Representative Tom Allen, of Maine's first district, and Representative Mike Michaud, of the second, spend months at a time in the bowels of the Capitol hill, representing the Pine Tree State, her interests, values, and the welfare of her people.

I was enthused to notice this week, during a capricious perusal of our local news-letter, the Times-Record, an item cataloguing their week's activities. And what a busy week it was! Several resolutions had crossed the desks of our principal proxies, and it was with utmost thrall that I read the details of each.

The first: House Resolution 503, prohibiting the shipment, transport, delivery, receipt, possession, purchase, sale, or donation of horses and other equines for human consumption. Both representatives voted yes.

Hum! I must say, this was not what I expected. From all I had pieced together from text-books, rumors, and folklore, the activities of America's legislature are characterized by profound arguments regarding policy, citizens' affairs, and the pursuit of domestic and global peace. But if the Congress sees prioritizing the grave concern of horses' rights as prudent to the national interest, I humbly defer to their superior wisdom!

The second: a provision to exempt certain Native American tribes to whose cultural traditions the consumption of horse meat is central.

Ah, this more closely resembles what I expected: the Congress bravely defending the rights of American citizens to

practice their native rituals. 'Tis an admirable country indeed, whose government rigorously examines each act of law-making and assures that no citizen is denied his right to respect his culture's tradition...

Oh, it seems as though our intrepid Maine congressmen elected to strike down this provision. I must say that at this point, I am considerably perplexed. The function of the Congress, which only minutes ago seemed so sublimely obvious to me, now appears unclear! Perhaps if I examine this resolution more closely, I might come to understand how it is at all worthy of Congress's attention in this time of international conflict, genocide, and terror.

Section 1(b): "Horses and other equines play a vital role in the collective experience of the United States and deserve protection and compassion."

Ah yes, I now recognize the logic of this assertion, having viewed several John Wayne films and clips from the risible 1960s television program "Mr. Ed." "The collective experience of the United States": such a fine exhibit of rhetorical skill! And so irresistibly true-seeming! I am moved by a sudden impulse to salute a horse—and perhaps vote one into public office!

Horses, indeed, but other equines as well, surely deserve protection by Congressional resolution. Indeed, not only is the prohibition of horse meat ingestion vital to the preservation of the "collective experience of the United States," but other equines, such as asses, are undeniably symbols of American primacy. After all, who will save our asses, if not Congress?

I have learned a great deal about how the great Congress works this day! It exists not as a forum for debate concerning the nature and extension of human rights, the virtue of American intervention in overseas conflicts, or the proper interpretation of our founding Constitution, but to protect our asses from being eaten.

Huzzah for our honorable Maine congressmen, and for the 109th Congress of the United States!

LETTERS

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Pro-life: a fetal incoherence

by Miles Pope
CONTRIBUTOR

Recently, South Dakota passed a law making it illegal for a woman to obtain an abortion in all instances, except when the abortion is necessary to save the woman's life. The law's passage, a popular event with many people, provides an opportunity to consider the rationale behind the anti-abortion (or "pro-life") movement.

A typical pro-lifer justifies his stance with something like the following argument: "Unborn babies (embryos, fetuses, etc.) are human beings. All human beings have the right not to be murdered. Because abortion is a process whereby one human being ends the life of an unborn baby, it is murder. Thus, abortion violates a basic human right and should be outlawed."

It is difficult to imagine a pro-life argument that is significantly dissimilar to the one detailed above. Indeed, it seems as if the movement loses a great deal (perhaps all) of its credibility if the previous argument proves specious. If pro-lifers admit that unborn babies are not human beings, then they will start to have a very hard time justifying a ban on abortions. Do sub-human parasites have a right to existence that trumps the rights of their carriers to remove them? If it is not a question of prohibiting murder, then does it really make sense to allow childbirth when the parents do not really want children? The reasonable answer to these questions is "pro-choice."

So the pro-lifer must make the case that unborn babies are just as human as babies that have already been born. If he does not argue such a case, then his anti-abortion stance is increasingly difficult to defend. Unfortunately for his cause, the pro-lifer rarely makes this case.

Consider the pro-lifer who believes that women should not be

permitted to have abortions unless they have been raped or must receive an abortion in order to live. If the unborn baby is just as human as its mother, then the pro-lifer is really making the unpalatable claim that one group of human beings is more valuable than another group of human beings. In the instance of rape, the pro-lifer is suggesting that the psychological and economic comfort of any member of one group of human beings is more important than the life of any member of another group of human beings. And in the instance in which either the mother's life is preserved

If it is not a question of prohibiting murder, then does it really make sense to allow childbirth when the parents do not really want children?

or the unborn baby's life is preserved, the pro-lifer is suggesting that the life of any member of one group of human beings is more important than the life of any member of another group of human beings.

Let us take the latter instance, the pro-lifer's assertion (the one already codified, with popular acclaim, in South Dakota) that a woman should be permitted to obtain an abortion if and only if she must have one to save her life. Let us presume there is a case when doctors must decide between delivering a baby at the cost of the mother's life or abortion. Clearly, the pro-lifer would say, "abort the baby and save the mother." He might say

"let the mother decide," but the two remarks are substantively equivalent.

Now imagine a similar case (a bit far-fetched, but nonetheless imaginable) in which either a woman must die or a man must die. If anybody suggested that, in such a case, the woman should always die (or that it should be up to the man who lived), he would be sharply censured. Yet this is similar to what the pro-lifer would say, which is that the life of one type of human being (a grown woman) is always more valuable than the life of another type of human being (an unborn child).

It would be ludicrous to suggest that the pro-life movement is driven by people who believe that certain groups of human beings are more worthy of life than other groups of human beings. Pro-lifers are misguided; they are not mediaeval. Moreover, when push comes to shove, pro-lifers do not really believe that unborn children are human beings. Instead, they believe that they are "almost human beings." Should an "almost human being" be afforded the same rights afforded to a human being? This question is worth asking, and is in fact the real question that abortion advocates and opponents ought to be debating.

The pro-life assertion that an unborn baby is a human being, however, is simply rhetoric and should not be taken seriously.

Miles Pope '09 is a member of the Libertarian Club.

Respect 'the Crew'

by Margaret Munford
CONTRIBUTOR

For the past two summers, I have joined several other Bowdoin students in spending our time not researching or interning, but rather working outdoors as groundskeepers for the College. There are many benefits to being on "the Crew" in the summer. One of those benefits is developing friendships with the Facilities Management employees. They are the housekeepers, groundskeepers, and shop workers who help this institution run smoothly. Without these hardworking men and women, we would be surrounded by garbage, overgrown grass, fallen leaves and blankets of unplowed snow. We would be sitting in empty rooms, sleeping on dirty floors, and practicing our sports in chest-high grass. You'll recognize these employees at work every day and every hour of the week. You may have received emails dismissing all "non-essential employees." These are the essential employees.

This past summer the College lost one of its most devoted employees, and unless you were a worker for grounds you would not even know. This is because unlike other present or former professors, coaches or other administrative staff, the College has failed to inform the Bowdoin community. Robert A. Crossley spent 18 years as a Bowdoin employee and died on July 1, 2006, of a heart attack. He was just two-and-a-half weeks shy of his 50th birthday.

Bob was one of the most dedicated employees Bowdoin has ever had. In fact, at the time of his passing, Bob had

over six months of paid vacation. This is not because Bob was planning an extended holiday. Indeed, it was quite the opposite—Bob saw no reason to take a holiday. Even when the crew would convince him to take a day off to fish, Bob would come in for coffee to see how things were without him. When asked why he never took vacation, Bob would respond, "If I took vacation, I'd forget how to work!"

His dedication to Bowdoin is rare, and during my four years here, I have yet to come across someone who shows such devotion to his work. Bowdoin was Bob's most intimate community. Yet, the higher administration of the College failed to adequately recognize his passing. That lack of recognition is shameful.

How is it that a college can endure such a loss without a proper recognition of one man's service to his community? If we truly value service at Bowdoin, how can we explain this lack of recognition? Is our intellectual elitism casting a shadow over the workers of this community? Or are we only a community of learners, ignorant of the community of workers who make our learning possible? I am writing this to recognize Bob for the years he spent working for the College and also to compel the Bowdoin community to pay respect to those who keep this campus beautiful. Say "thank you" to the next groundskeeper who picks up your trash, to the next housekeeper who cleans your hallway, or to the next shop worker whom you call for a workorder. If we don't show them the respect they deserve, how can we call ourselves anything but a community of elitist hypocrites?



by Alex Bettigole '08

STUDENT SPEAK

What would be the best theme for a campus-wide party?



Ali Coleman '09

"Dress up as your favorite Bowdoin professor."



Jamil Wyne '08

"Let's take a nap party."



Luke Fairbanks '09

"Kim Jong Il party: Dress up as your favorite threat to humanity."



Darian Reid-Sturgis '09

"Brown paper bag party."



Alice Lee '07

"Come as your favorite sandwich."

WEEKLYCALENDAR

September 22-28

Friday

Common Hour with Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Lecture by environmental activist, author, and lawyer Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Book signing and discussion to follow.
PICKARD THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

Rosh Hashanah service

Rosh Hashanah begins with a service sponsored by Bowdoin Hillel.
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
SUNDOWN

"Strangers on a Train"

The Bowdoin Film Society presents this 1951 Hitchcock drama.
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

Rosh Hashanah dinner

MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
8 - 10:30 P.M.



Margot D. Miller, The Bowdoin Orient
First-years Amelia Lanier and Jaclyn Davis pose before the Ladd Toga Party on Saturday night.

Monday

Men's Varsity Soccer

Root for your Polar Bears in this match up against the University of New England.
PICKARD FIELD,
4 P.M.

Tuesday

Ed Gerety

A two-part seminar addressing alcohol consumption and general decision-making.
MEMORIAL HALL, PICKARD THEATER,
7 - 8 P.M.,
8:30 - 10 P.M.

Safe Space info session

Learn about how you can become a trained advocate for sexual assault survivors.
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER,
8:30 P.M.

Saturday

"Strangers on a Train"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

LASO dance party

Bust out your best moves at this event sponsored by the Latin American Student Organization.
JACK MAGEE'S PUB,
9 P.M. - 1 A.M.

Sunday

Follow the Lieder

Readings by Clara and Robert Schumann and a soprano, tenor, and piano trio will perform.
BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
2 - 3:30 P.M.

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Wednesday

Student adviser breakfast

A gathering to recognize heads of Bowdoin's numerous student groups.
MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
8 - 9 A.M.

Graham Petrie lecture

English and film professor at McMaster University Graham Petrie will discuss Alfred Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train."
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7:30 - 8:45 P.M.

Thursday

David Wishart

Come listen to the lecture "Inventing the Great Plains Region."
ROOM 107, KANBAR HALL,
4 P.M.

Improvabilities

Don't miss this hilarious performance by the student comedy sketch group!
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 - 10 P.M.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The Bowdoin College Stoned Clown gathers for a pump-up cheer during sectionals last weekend.



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College moves to acquire air station land



Courtesy of BNAS
An aerial view of the 3,300-acre Brunswick Naval Air Station, which is slated for closure in 2011.

Extensive federal petitioning process to begin; would triple size of campus

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin will seek to triple the size of its campus by acquiring a 450-acre parcel of land from the Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS), the College announced late Thursday. The 3,300-acre military base is scheduled to close by 2011.

Though no specific development plans were included in the announcement, President Barry Mills indicated that the College would consider using the land for

recreational, administrative, and academic purposes.

"Having 3,300 acres available in Brunswick is probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Katy Longley told the Orient in an interview late Thursday. "And we want to acquire property for future generations of the College."

Longley stressed that the College's plans were only in their preliminary stages, and that the reason for the

announcement "is to be clear to Brunswick residents what we're interested in."

At the same time, state Rep. Stan Gerzofsky, D-Brunswick, raised concerns that Bowdoin's plans would compete with his proposal for a new, 1,000-acre town commons to be carved from the base.

"The College has never talked to me about a damn thing, and I'm the one that puts the order through the

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BSG endorses Darfur group

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government voted Wednesday to endorse the creation of a permanent committee to identify crimes against humanity. The proposed committee, which President Barry Mills recommended against in his statement last week, would be comprised of trustees, staff, faculty, and students.

"We should use Bowdoin's academic resources to encourage and communicate with the Bowdoin community. We can be there as a representative of Bowdoin students, faculty, staff, and trustees to come up with recommendations," said Class of 2008 Representative Clark Gascoigne.

The idea stemmed from the Advisory Committee on Darfur

MORE ON THE WEB

The full text of Bowdoin Student Government's Darfur resolution is available for download on the Orient's web site: orient.bowdoin.edu

(ACOD), which suggested the formation of a "permanent committee to identify crimes against humanity...to ensure the swift identification of international problems to which Bowdoin would have a moral obligation to respond."

In response, Gascoigne created a proposal for BSG to support the recommendation. The resolution states that BSG "recognizes that there exist rare occasions when an international consensus of outrage exists with regard to an exceptionally reprehensible situation, thereby justifying a course of action by

the College."

Last week, Mills issued a recommendation to the trustees that urged for the creation of a non-investment policy for companies complicit with the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan. If approved by the trustees, Mills's proposal would forbid investments with such companies and divert any profits from such companies by the College's private fund managers to humanitarian relief organizations.

However, Mills argued against the creation of a permanent committee to handle such human rights issues. While the resolution says that BSG "fully supports the majority of the suggestions presented in the president's recommendations," the assembly said situations might arise

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Students, cops clash at Quinby

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

A series of incidents on Saturday night at Quinby House's 1980s-themed party left a police officer injured, one student in jail until he could post bail, and another facing a court appearance.

According to Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols, the party at Quinby, which began at 9:30 p.m., was going "very well." In an interview with the Orient, Nichols explained that prior to the start of the event, a security officer had completed a pre-party check that involved inspecting and recording keg numbers, ensuring that the event hosts and alcohol host were aware of their responsibilities, and verifying that all regulations were being followed.

"We were monitoring the event here at Security," Nichols said. "We had an officer assigned to that general area and he had checked on the party about three times over the course of the evening."

Nichols explained that although the four-keg Quinby party was a "hopping event" with a "loud crowd and loud music," Security had "received no complaints from" nearby residents regarding noise.

"From our perspective, the party itself was well-run and appeared to be going along just fine," he said. "That is, until a [Brunswick Police Department (BPD)] patrol officer happened to notice four apparent students walking along Maine Street with what appeared to be alcoholic beverages in their possession," Nichols said.

BUSTED!

Brunswick police (BPD) broke up a party at Quinby House last weekend. BPD entered the building after an officer injured himself chasing four "suspicious"-appearing female students, who ran toward Quinby's vicinity. This resulted in the following:

- Police officers were taunted by students after arriving at Quinby.
- Though the officers could not locate the four women, they encountered students who were "visibly intoxicated."
- BPD decided to shut down the party, and a Bowdoin security officer then turned off the music.
- Multiple students were cited by BPD for illegal possession of alcohol by consumption.
- One student, who yelled obscenities at BPD, was arrested and released on bail later that night.

According to Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli, the BPD "observed some women students...with what the police thought were open containers in the Ashby House parking lot, which is right next to Quinby." The women then "decided to flee," Pacelli said in an interview with the Orient.

"Rather than just remaining there and speaking to the officer and dealing with the situation, the students ran off and the officer pursued the students," Nichols explained.

"The officer, in trying to apprehend them, fell and hurt himself," Pacelli said. According to Nichols and Pacelli, the officer, who sus-

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Kennedy denounces news media

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. wasn't meek in his assessment of American politics during a recent visit to Bowdoin.

"Eighty percent of Republicans are just Democrats who don't know what's going on," said Kennedy in his Common Hour speech last Friday in Pickard Theater.

Kennedy is an environmental lawyer and president of Waterkeeper Alliance, the fastest-growing environmental group in the country.

Although Kennedy brought down the house with his poke at Republicans, he focused much of his speech on the problems within the American media and political campaigning system.

"We are the best-entertained and least-informed people on earth," he said.

News services now "appeal to the prurient interests we all have in the reptilian parts of our brain for sex and celebrity gossip."

Kennedy asserted that an educated

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Keep your eyes on the road!



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Anthony DiNicola '07 pretends to drive Jeremy Bernfeld '09 as the two perform at the Improvabilities show on Thursday evening.

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Nichols hopes to preserve 'great relationship' with police

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tained a minor injury, then called for backup. Police records viewed by the Orient show that an officer reported "suspicious behavior"—the four women running—near Quinby House at 11:34 p.m. Four more BPD officers, two patrolmen and two lieutenants, arrived within the next three minutes, police records show.

"Extra police did arrive on the scene and we had a couple of security officers on the scene," Nichols confirmed.

BPD officers approached Quinby House to inquire about the four females "who had made the poor decision to flee," Pacelli said. The police, while unable to locate the women, "encountered some other students who were taunting [them]," Pacelli added.

Nichols added that in a meeting with the BPD he learned that "it was also apparent [to the police] that a couple of the students who were interacting with the officers were intoxicated. Now, it's unclear whether the students had consumed at the Quinby event or had consumed earlier," Nichols said.

"At this point, I think the officers were pretty frustrated and felt like they were dealing with a really poorly managed event," Pacelli said. "The decisions and the actions by some students, as I understand it, really had the effect of making it look as though the Quinby party was not being run well when the reports from Security were just the opposite," she said.

"In a nutshell, the event was going well and we think it was well-planned event, however, once the police have a reason to be there and they observe violations taking place then it changes the face of things very quickly and the officers have a lot of discretion as to which way things can go," Nichols said.

"The commanding officer on the scene from the BPD made a decision very early on to shut down the event and they had the authority to do that," he explained.

"Many of the students in Quinby were not even aware of what was going on, but they were advised to clear out the building. One of our officers went in, shut the music down and advised people to leave," Nichols added.

The DJ at the party, Dennis "DJ D-Nice" Burke '09, confirms Nichols's account. "A security guy came in and actually pulled the plug, the plug to the mixer, out. He didn't ask me to turn it off, he just

"We've always sought to have a really cooperative relationship with the Brunswick police, and we work really well together."

Kim Pacelli
Director of Residential Life

came up and pulled the plug," Burke said.

After the music stopped, a number of students were less than enthused by the idea of departing and some reportedly hassled the police.

"I heard the cops were saying 'leave' so I left," Chantel Crawley '10 said. "Some of my friends though, went up to them and said, 'We're legal, we're legal.' Some students were under the impression that the BPD could not arrest them while they were on College property.

The police, apparently irritated at this point, then issued an ultimatum according to a number of witnesses: leave Quinby or be arrested.

"Yeah, right," a sophomore male responded.

The police promptly made him get on his knees and interlock his fingers behind his head. Although he did not have any alcohol on him, after the police determined he had been drinking, he was cited for "illegal possession of liquor by a minor," according to BPD records.

Nichols, a Maine state trooper for 27 years before he came to Bowdoin, explained that possession by consumption is still possession and can result in the same ticket. The student was given a citation and a court date and was then released.

Although the Orient identified the student, his name is being withheld at his request.

The great majority of party-goers left without incident, but a few who were visibly intoxicated were made to get on their knees. The police determined who was 21 and released those persons of age.

One male sophomore, age 20, was examined by the police and determined to be intoxicated. He was cited for "illegal possession of liquor by a minor" as a result of

consumption. The student was released but was "cited a bit later for disorderly conduct for some loud, offensive language that was verbalized" toward the police, Nichols said.

Witnesses report that after receiving his citation the student walked across Maine Street and yelled "something along the lines of 'screw the Brunswick police.'" It is unclear whether the comment was to his friends or aimed at the nearby officers.

The BPD promptly placed him under arrest. After being processed at the Brunswick police station for over an hour and paying \$240 bail he was released with three citations: one for the alcohol, one for disorderly conduct and one for "possession of a false I.D. card," according to police records.

As a condition of giving the interview, the Orient agreed to withhold his name.

Despite the problems the police encountered, the College expects to continue having a strong relationship with the local force.

"We've always sought to have a really cooperative relationship with the Brunswick police, and we work really well together," Pacelli said.

"I'm not critical of the police response," Nichols said. "We have a great relationship with the BPD and we want to keep it that way."

Multiple messages left on the voicemail of the BPD's press contact were not immediately returned.

Neither the College administration nor the police nor the Orient was able to conclusively identify the four females who prompted the events at Quinby by fleeing from the police.

"What they ought to do is come forward [since their action] was the instigating event," Nichols said.

"It would be nice if they would turn themselves in," Nichols added. "I would look at that with a great deal of respect, if they were to step forward and be accountable."

Moments of absurdity, embarrassment follow Quinby bust by Brunswick cops

Although the evening's events were quite serious for the students who were cited, for the Quinby residents whose party was shut down and for the frustrated police officers, there was a great deal of absurd humor in the minutes that followed the arrival of the BPD.

Costumes were not required for entry to the party but the great majority of students of who attended were garbed in '80s regalia.

Matt Bowers '10 decided to dress up as Joel Goodson, the character famously portrayed by Tom Cruise in the 1983 film "Risky Business." Matching Cruise's famous costume, Bowers arrived at Quinby in aviator sunglasses, a white button-down shirt, and underwear.

He was in Quinby's basement when he was told that the police had arrived. With three friends, he departed via Quinby's back door.

"When I opened the door, there was a cop car right in front of me with its lights shining right on me," Bowers said. "I was caught with my pants off—literally." According to Bowers, he and his friends "walked straight across the lawn in front of Quinby." For Bowers, wearing only his underwear, it was a surreal moment. "It was one of those things like 'is this really happening?' I'm walking next to a bunch of cops with no pants," he said. Bowers and his friends returned to their dorm, but the absurdity was just beginning for some other students.

Two first-year females on the way back to one of the freshman bricks decided to make a quick exit out of the back of Quinby when the word got to them that the police were on scene. After the door closed and locked behind them, one of the women realized she needed to urinate and decided to use the woods.

Suddenly a bright light was flashed at them and a police officer yelled, "What are you doing?" according to one of the women, who wished to remain anonymous to avoid further embarrassment. "I sprinted into the woods and my friend, after pulling up

"Hopefully it was a once-in-a-lifetime [experience] to be standing on Maine Street in '80s clothes bought from the Salvation Army, talking to my favorite Brunswick P.D. officer."

Lindsey Bruett
Quinby House President

her pants, followed behind me," she said. "In the process my ID card fell out of my '80s costume and my flip flops came off."

After a few short seconds both of the women fell, having tripped on some underbrush. The woman who had been urinating lost her cell phone and a flip-flop in the fall. The officer approached them and asked what they were doing.

"We were just peeing," one said. Shaking his head, he told them to go home at which point they both walked away, shoeless and short one key and one cell phone. The women later recovered the lost items.

A few minutes later, once all the party guests had departed, talking with the BPD about the party, Quinby House President Lindsey Bruett '09 did her best to come off as presidential while garbed in second-hand clothes two decades out of style.

"Hopefully it was a once-in-a-lifetime [experience] to be standing on Maine Street in '80s clothes bought from the Salvation Army, talking to my favorite Brunswick P.D. officer," Bruett said.

—Joshua Miller

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College will begin evaluation process for BNAS land



Courtesy of Bowdoin College, with some overlay text by the Orient
The College is requesting 450 acres of land at BNAS, including the region labeled "area desired."

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Legislature. They're certainly welcome to ask for anything, but there are certainly going to be competing interests on that property," he said in a phone interview Thursday night. "We're looking at what property is going to make the new town commons and [the area Bowdoin has indicated] is certainly some property that every conservation interest in town would want to conserve."

Before Bowdoin can actually acquire the parcel, the College must outline an elaborate plan for the land's use, including proof that the land is needed, an environmental analysis, and a description of any buildings to be constructed, as well as the necessary financial means to implement construction. This plan would be binding for the first 30 years of the land's ownership.

After a plan is drafted, it is then submitted to the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for consideration.

"They will submit an application to the LRA, which is also going to be vetted through the community planning process," said Steve Levesque, executive

director of the LRA, on Thursday night.

Then, "if it's okay with the navy, then they would submit their proposal to the Department of Education."

At this point, however, it is not even entirely clear which parcels of land will be available, since federal agencies will be the first to make claims on the BNAS property.

Within the next few months, these claims will be made public, at which point any other interested parties will have 90 days to come up with their detailed proposals.

Longley said that she hopes the College can work with the town to come up with a satisfactory plan.

"I know that Rep. Gerzofsky is working diligently to see if the town can acquire property on the base to replace the former town commons," she said in a follow-up email message.

"I am not certain where the property boundaries [of the new town commons] would be. It's early in the process and we will want to work closely with Rep. Gerzofsky, the town, and other interested parties as we develop our plan."

Longley added that Bowdoin would be sure to recognize any natural resources limitations on the property, which contains fragile pitch pine and grassland ecosystems.

According to Longley, the next step for the College is coming up with its detailed development strategy.

She said that the strategy would be discussed with the trustees, and she also encouraged any interested students to contact her.

"We've identified the area," she said. "Now we need to roll up our sleeves and put a plan together."

Magee's pub now closed on Wednesdays

Are you missing the pub on Wednesday nights? According to pub employee Jack Hartman '07, you're probably one of the few who do.

Jack Magee's Pub, previously open Wednesday through Saturday, is now no longer open for business on Wednesday nights, BCNews first reported.

"The pub is closed on Wednesdays because of the large loss in profits over the past two years. Wednesday nights were never really huge and

probably about \$15 to \$20 of booze was a sold a night," said Hartman.

He remembers that Wednesdays only did well when there was a special event to draw students to the pub.

"There were two or three special events that happened during the year where Wednesday nights would pull in huge profits," he said.

Hartman thinks that the pub's decision could be an indicator of future closings.

"If the pub isn't supported better by

the students this year, or even this first semester, we may see the end of Friday and possibly Saturday nights as well."

He points out that pub attendance is directly correlated to the entertainment booked at the pub that night.

"DJs pull in a large profit while bands tend not to," he said. "The pub and the booking of entertainment are completely independent of each other...I feel it is a problem and should be changed."

—Kira Chappelle, Staff Writer

Due to a typographic error, last Friday's editorial, "Rally around proposal," contained an incorrect quotation of a portion of the president's report on investments in firms doing business in Sudan. The president recommended that profits should be diverted from companies that the College will have "deemed subject to divestment," not investment. The Orient regrets the error.

Wrong office
In last Friday's "Changing Faces: 3 Deans, 3 Weeks" installment, "Judd wants 'seamless' education" should have stated that the dean for academic affairs said the primary focus of the Office of the Dean for Academic Affairs must be supporting the faculty. Due to a typographic error, the story incorrectly reported that this was a focus for the Office of Student Affairs.

The Orient strives to be accurate in all of its reporting. If you believe a correction or clarification is needed, please email the editors at orient@bowdoin.edu.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 9/22 TO 9/27

Friday, September 22

- Damage to the Safe Ride van's right side running board was reported.

Saturday, September 23

- A Maine Hall student reported that a guest of another student damaged a laptop during a gathering in the student's room. Security officers identified the guest, who agreed to pay for the damage.

- A fire alarm was reported at Brunswick Apartments I section. The Brunswick Fire Department responded and found no apparent cause for the false alarm.

- The fire alarm at Baxter House was activated by a fog machine in use in the basement. While there, the Brunswick Fire Department noted potential fire hazards posed by wall decorations in place for an upcoming event. Later in the week a safety inspection was conducted by BFD, Security, and Residential Life to identify and correct code violations.

- Stowe Inn students reported suspicious activity in the laundry room.
- A Pine Street student was cited for an alcohol policy violation.

- Brunswick police arrested a student at a registered event at Quinby House for disorderly conduct, possession of alcohol by a minor, and possession of a false ID card. A second student was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

Sunday, September 24

- A Brunswick Apartment H student reported that an offensive remark was scrawled on an apartment door with a black marker. This is not a hate/bias incident.

- A Bowdoin sophomore was arrested for drunk driving by Brunswick Police.

Monday, September 25

- A student was questioned by Brunswick Police when he was seen walking in the Bowdoin Pines at 3 a.m.

- Two students were involved in a minor two-vehicle accident in the

Russwurm parking lot.

Tuesday, September 26

- A fire alarm at Chamberlain Hall was activated by hair spray or a curling iron.

- A security officer took a report of a bicycle stolen from Howard Hall and a short while later recovered the bike at Brunswick Apartments.

Wednesday, September 27

- A staff member reported receiving an anonymous telephone call containing offensive language and drug references.

- A rugby player with a head injury was transported to Parkview Hospital.

Note from Safety & Security:

So far this semester three Bowdoin students have been arrested for drunk driving in Brunswick.

There is never a need for a Bowdoin student to drive after drinking. The College offers several alternatives: Safe Ride,

Brunswick Taxi, sober friends, and Bowdoin Safety and Security.

If you've been drinking, don't turn the key. Call someone. The Bowdoin community cares about your safety.

Maine has a tough Operating Under the Influence (OUI) law with a .08 alcohol limit.

There is zero-tolerance for drivers under age 21. That means you are in violation if you have any amount of alcohol in your blood. Zero-tolerance cases (under age 21 and below .08 blood alcohol count) are handled administratively with a one-year license suspension for a first offense.

If you refuse to take a blood test there is an additional six month suspension.

If you have a passenger in your vehicle that is under age 21, add another nine months to your license suspension.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

Mckesson hopes BSG can create 'sustainable' spaces, intentional programming for students

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where an efficient committee already in place would be advantageous.

Much of the discussion revolved around the logistics and purpose of establishing a committee. Members of BSG were curious as to how often the committee would be necessary, who would be in charge, how an international crisis would be identified, what stances or actions the College would take, and what student involvement would look like. Furthermore, since Mills has stated his opposition to a trustee-based committee, there are questions as to how BSG may help create one.

Gascoigne explained that details would be worked out at a later time, but the goal was to support the group's concept for now.

The committee was compared to the Bias Incident Group, an assembly on campus that can convene when an offensive action in the student body must be addressed. Vice President of BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 said this would work similarly.

"This resolution is just to push the idea in a certain direction. This system will be in place and ready, waiting to be called upon, no matter whether it's the students, faculty, president, alumni, or trustees," said Brooks.

Wednesday's meeting was the first official time the body convened this

year, and Brooks said the humanity committee vote was very significant.

"It's important for the BSG to have taken such a bold step, and it's been four years since the BSG last took a position of this significance," said Brooks. "I think this was the right one to start with because it was well considered and well thought out."

The final vote was 16 supporting the committee's creation, and seven against it.

Those seven were Charlie Ticotsky '07, Becca Ginsberg '07, Sophia Seifert '09, Emily Hubbard '07, Ben Freedman '09, Carolyn Chu '07, and Mike Bartha '09.

In addition, at the meeting the members also approved spending for the night taxi and shuttle services, subsidized movie tickets, an energy-efficient light bulb promotion, and photographs with the polar bear mascot for Parents Weekend.

Such decisions tie into BSG's broader goals for the year, which encompass both the BSG members and the Bowdoin community as a whole. DeRay Mckesson '07, president of BSG, explained the three pillars of BSG: shared leadership in the Bowdoin community, creating intentional programming for the College, and developing "sustainable" spaces for students to thrive in.

"The idea is that there are two

communities the BSG serves: the community at large and a community of leaders. We ask ourselves: How do we support these campus leaders, what skills are important to know, and how do we make sure all in the community cooperate in productive ways?" said Mckesson.

As for programming, Mckesson said

it's important not only to be involved with creating programs on campus, but also to understand the intentions behind those programs.

Finally, Mckesson said BSG works towards creating spaces for advisor meetings, working and discussion groups, committees, and more. The idea is to ensure that "productive and

healthy tension exists" in the form of debates, intellectual discussions, and sharing of ideas and opinions.

All BSG officers are linked to these various ideals, as they coordinate student affairs, activities, spending of the budget, support, and, according to Mckesson, other "programs with an academic mindset."

Kennedy criticizes Bush in speech



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., lecturing at Common Hour, has written three books, including one about Bowdoin alumnus Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.

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public, primarily by means of the media, is crucial to maintaining a well-run democracy.

"You cannot have a democracy very long if you don't have an informed public," he said.

He said the greatest threat to American democracy is excessive corporate influence in the government, and defined fascism as the merger of state and corporate power.

"The domination of business by government is communism. The domination of government by business is fascism," he said.

Kennedy seemed wary about the power of corporations.

"Five multinational corporations now own 14,000 radio stations, 5,000 TV stations and 80 percent of the

newspapers," he said.

Kennedy also discussed the importance of nature in American society. He believes Americans protect nature to protect ourselves, both spiritually and physically.

"We protect nature for our own sake," he said. "Nature is infrastructure for our communities."

He was highly critical of the current administration's environmental policy and called George W. Bush "the worst environmental president in American history."

Kennedy concluded his speech by reiterating the importance of the environment to Americans, asserting that the roots of spirituality and religion are found in nature.

"Nature is the critical defining element of the American people," he said.

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FEATURES

College after a close shot at Olympics

by Sam Waxman
CONTRIBUTOR

At 23, Walt Shepard is the oldest student in the Class of 2010. Shepherd has a particularly intriguing reason for his late matriculation at Bowdoin: He is a bi-athlete, and he was training for the Olympics.

And while he has taken a break from full-time training to become a regular college student, Shepard still hopes to compete in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver.

"It's been a dream of mine to be in the Olympics," he said.

Shepherd has been skiing since he was two years old but never considered participating in a biathlon—a combination of cross-country skiing and riflery—until he saw the sport on television at age 12. Inspired, he took a beginner's clinic, and then decided to dedicate himself to the sport.

At Yarmouth High School (YHS) in Yarmouth, Maine, Shepherd trained rigorously, eventually earning a spot on the junior national team. He spent his junior year training in Sweden, in a sports academy near the Arctic Circle. Although the rigorous training and distance from home was difficult at first, he came to relish the opportunity to compete against some of the best athletes his age in the world.

"I loved it, and it set me on a path [toward] not only what I want to do in sports, [but also] international business, and the idea of international cooperation," Shepard said.

Shepard graduated from YHS in 2001, but unlike many high school seniors, he did not consider going right to college after graduation. He planned to take one year off to train, but he "got caught up in the beginning of a four-year cycle," which



Photographs by Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Above: Walt Shepard '10 uses physio balls as part of his training for cross-country skiing at Bowdoin. Below: Shepard works out on the roller board to build the upper-body strength that is necessary for his sport.

would culminate with the Olympic trials.

Shepard spent the next five years honing his skills. He soon moved up from the U.S. junior team, to development (the intermediate level), to the senior team. He competed in three major events with the Junior World Championship Team from 2001 through 2004, and in the Senior World Championships in 2005.

Shepard emphasized how different the life of a professional athlete was from his normal life. He said it involved "training two times a day, lots of rest, sleeping, eating." He considered it a job, and although he

found it to be difficult at times and even "Spartan," he said overall it was "an amazing experience."

Shepard's rigorous schedule required him to sacrifice his social and family life while he trained and traveled, and every decision he made had to be considered in light of his Olympic aspirations.

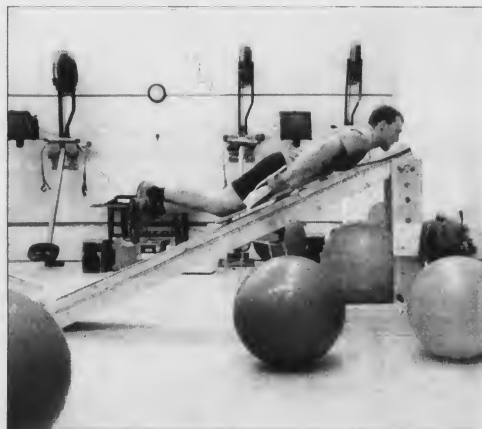
For the majority of this training, Walt lived in Fort Kent, Maine, home of the national team. He also traveled to various places to compete, including Italy, Poland, Austria, Scandinavia, and several other European countries. Shepherd appreciated that this traveling allowed him to "see the continent as Europeans do, instead of just going to the major tourist destinations." His favorite travel destination was Siberia, because of the enthusiasm for biathlons and the warm reception bi-athletes experienced there.

After four years of intense training, Shepard competed in the Olympic trials in January 2006. In the preceding months he had been "feeling good" about his chances of securing a spot on the team, expecting to compete for one of the last spots.

Ultimately, however, he did not qualify. Shepard's failure to secure an Olympic bid came as a shock to him at the time, but he said now that he "wouldn't trade the outcome for anything."

Shepard briefly considered continuing his training, but instead he decided that it was time to go to college. He only applied to Bowdoin, and the opportunity to continue skiing was one main factor in his decision.

"I'm working with [Bowdoin ski coach] Marty [Hall] to make to the



"I loved it, and it set me on a path [toward] not only what I want to do in sports, [but also] international business, and the idea of international cooperation."

Walt Shepard '10

next Olympic team," he said.

Although he entered college at an older age than most Bowdoin students, Shepard has enjoyed his time here so far and is excited to be back at school. Unlike most first-year students, he does not live in a first-year dorm. However, he was paired with a proctor group during Orientation. He said that he had a great time, and does not feel disconnected from the rest of the

first years.

Academically, Shepard is "happy with classes." He did not get into a first-year seminar as he had hoped, but he plans to take one next semester, and he intends to major in economics with a focus on international business.

When Shepard graduates, he anticipates being 27 years old and eager to compete in the 2010 Olympic Games.

Dean Wil Smith enrolled at age 27

When Assistant Dean of Student Affairs & Director of Multicultural Student Programs Wil Smith enrolled at Bowdoin as a student in 1996, he was 27 years old. In addition to his age setting him apart from other first-year students, Smith was a father to a 14-month-old girl.

Before starting at Bowdoin, Smith spent seven years on active duty in the military, and he was stationed in Brunswick during some of this time. While in Brunswick, Smith was a coach for the Brunswick High School basketball team, and he became acquainted with Bowdoin Men's Basketball Coach Tim Gilbride. Smith said

that Gilbride encouraged him to apply to Bowdoin. Following his discharge in May 1996, Smith enrolled at Bowdoin during the fall of 1996.

During his second semester at Bowdoin, Smith moved to Brunswick Apartments with his daughter, where the two of them lived for the remainder of his time as a student.

Smith said that his experience in the military made it easy for him to relate to a younger peer group.

"Being in the military, you're working side by side with 18 year olds," Smith said. "[You] trust them with your life."

-Mary Helen Miller, Orient Staff

Athletic achievements by alumni

Brian Laurits '04 is in training for Olympic bobsled.

Jean Benoit Samuelson '79 won the first-ever women's marathon at the 1980 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Fred Tootell '23 (deceased) won the hammer throw at the 1924 Olympics in Paris.

Dan Hanley '39 (deceased) had a long career with the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee.

Bill Shaw '36 (deceased) was on the demonstration baseball team at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Information provided by Peter Wagner.

Orgasm seminar screams female empowerment

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST



As I walked out of the library last Monday night on my way to Kresge Auditorium, I heard a familiar voice behind me. "Lauren McGrath!" she shouted. "Are you going where I think you're going?" "Oh yeah," I replied.

I was going to the female orgasm.

With a laugh, she replied, "Yeah, me too."

As we made our way toward Kresge, we couldn't help but notice the throngs of Bowdoin students headed in the same direction. Realizing it might not be as easy as we thought to get a seat, we simultaneously broke in to a sprint. We needed this information, and we were going to get in to this seminar one way or another (even if it meant looking like complete fools).

Once inside, it became pretty clear by the packed auditorium that we weren't the only curious ones. People sat on the stairs, and some even took a seat on the stage. Only one thing could provoke such a response at 9 p.m. on a Monday night: sex. More specifically, the female orgasm: how to have one and how to give one.

The room was buzzing with excitement as Miller and Solot took the stage. They got their first set of laughs when they told the audience that it wouldn't be neces-

sary to turn off their cell phones, just "set them to vibrate." Right away, it was clear that Miller and Solot weren't going to be drawing diagrams of fallopian tubes or handing out "say no to sex" pins. Contrary to what most of us learned in our high

school health classes, they presented students with a playful, informative, and honest approach to sex and the female orgasm.

According to Miller and Solot, just 25 percent of girls have had an orgasm by the time they reach 15 years old. While they didn't say the percentage of boys who had had orgasms by this age, I'm guessing it's much higher. The pair emphasized the importance for women to be comfortable with their own bodies, as well as knowing what feels good to them before they involve another person. Solot talked about the importance of masturbation as a way to become familiar with the female orgasm. She made the point that many children, especially girls, are taught at a young age that touching your genitals is bad. And then as grown-ups, conscious or not, may still associate touching their genitals, or masturbation, as being a bad thing.

Solot had an interesting theory as to why men are more comfortable with masturbation than women. She believes that because boys have had to touch their penises since the moment they were potty trained, they become more comfortable touching themselves. She countered that if women had to touch their clitoris every time they used the bathroom for their entire

lives, they might not be as reluctant to masturbate, or they might feel more comfortable with their bodies. This theory certainly seems to ring true, and in the end, one of the most important elements to achieving an orgasm for a woman is her ability to feel comfortable in her own skin.

Once a woman has figured out how to love her body, according to Solot and Miller, it takes her 20 minutes to orgasm, while it takes men from two to five minutes (on average). Read: Foreplay for a woman is essential. Solot also took this moment to dispel the myths about simultaneous orgasms, telling the audience it's an unlikely happening and that it's perfectly normal not to be having them.

The room really erupted when Solot and Miller showed a clip of the infamous fake orgasm scene

from the movie "When Harry Met Sally." According to the educators, 44 percent of men say their partners always have an orgasm when they have sex, compared with a reported 22 percent of women who say they always have an orgasm during sex. Notice a disconnect here? Somebody's not telling the truth—and I think in this case it's probably the women. Women have been faking orgasms since the beginning of time. They fake them because they're bored, because they don't want to disappoint their partner, because they've never actually had an orgasm, the list goes on. What's sad about this statistic is that many women aren't having enough orgasms (or any at all) and feel the need to pretend that they are.

Leaving the auditorium, one girlfriend was making mental notes on the men in the room. She com-

mented with anticipation, "I'm moving these guys to the top of my list because they're going to know what they're doing."

When all is said and done, what I found amazing about this talk was that it was all about women. Its primary focus was women's pleasure. There were older women in the room who confessed they never talked about masturbation as openly as young women. How lucky our generation is that we have the resources to talk about sex and the female orgasm. Times are changing and women are more interested in learning how to please themselves before mastering the "Ultimate Guide to Fellatio" or memorizing "99 Things to do to a Naked Man" in Cosmo magazine. We can read those later, but for now we're going to listen to Solot and Miller and find out how to satisfy ourselves first.

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MCV lesions are painless, benign

Ask Dr. Jeff

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Dear Dr. Jeff: Is molluscum an STD?
P.B.



Dear P.B.: Molluscum contagiosum is a skin infection caused by a member of the pox virus family, Molluscipoxvirus (MCV), one of the largest DNA viruses known. Infection of skin cells causes a "bump" or papule to form, typically two to four millimeters in size (but ranging from one to 15 millimeters), typically "umbilicated" (dimpled in the middle), and initially firm, flesh-colored, pearl-like, and dome-shaped. The lesions are painless (though sometimes a little itchy), and are usually clumped together in groups. Older lesions may contain a pale, waxy core, much like a "black-head."

Except in people who are immunocompromised (from HIV infection or e.g. chemotherapy), molluscum is a completely benign, self-limited infection of little medical consequence beyond its further spread.

Incubation of MCV averages two to three months, and ranges from a few weeks to more than six months. Untreated, molluscum lasts six to 12 months, or longer. Auto-inoculation (spreading MCV from one part of your body to another by scratching) is common.

Diagnosis of molluscum is made from their appearance, or by what radiologists sometimes call the "Aunt Bessie technique" (you recognize your Aunt Bessie as your Aunt Bessie because she looks like your Aunt Bessie). If uncertain, diagnosis can be confirmed by biopsy. Early genital lesions can look a lot like herpes or warts, but unlike herpes, MCV lesions are painless.

A variety of treatments for molluscum are available. Most involve removing the infected papules by freezing, burning, scraping, or chemical peeling. Others involve provoking and augmenting a localized immune

response. Left alone, molluscum papules will eventually resolve on their own without leaving a scar. More aggressive treatments (especially surgical debridement) may remove the lesions sooner, but may also leave scars.

Preventing the spread of molluscum is pretty straightforward: no skin-to-skin contact with MCV lesions. Of course, this may prove challenging during the incubation period, when the virus is present but inapparent. If molluscum has infected genital skin, latex condoms will offer very effective protection against further spread.

Molluscum used to be most commonly seen in children, on the face, arms and legs, but has also come to be an infection not infrequently found in sexually active adults. MCV can infect "regular" skin as well as mucous membranes—in fact anywhere on the body except the palms and soles. Because it is spread via skin-to-skin contact, and is readily spread through intimate contact, molluscum is considered by some to be an STD. But what does that term really mean?

Sexually transmitted diseases are diseases that are spread by having sex with someone who has that STD. Many prefer the term Sexually Transmitted Infection, or STI, a broader concept than STD, which refers to infection with any pathogen that can cause a sexually transmitted disease, even if the infected person has no symptoms or signs (no obvious "disease") from the infection. And then there's the more useful concept of STI as a Sexually Transmissible Infection. According to Wikipedia, an STI "is an infection that has a negligible probability of transmission by means other than sexual contact, but has a realistic means of transmission by sexual contact." And so, for instance, meningitis, or the common cold, or molluscum contagiosum, are all transmissible through intimate contact, but should not be labeled STIs because sexual contact is neither the necessary nor the primary vector of spread from one person to another. There!

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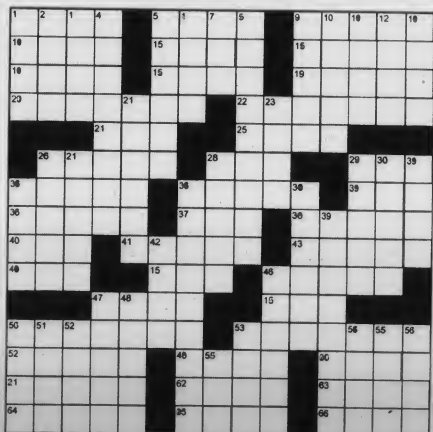
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Lost in the neighborhood



Puzzle by Adam Kommel

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- 1 Thith ith a clue
- 5 Town of 10,000, east of Brunswick on Rt. 1
- 9 Lawful
- 14 Norwegian capital
- 15 Notion
- 16 Stupid
- 17 Epithet
- 18 Blacken
- 19 Moistest meat
- 20 Fumed
- 22 Excites
- 24 Chop
- 25 Bench
- 26 Disorder
- 28 To be in debt
- 29 Antonio
- 32 Ponder
- 33 Legal claim
- 35 Imitate
- 36 Major Indian religion
- 37 Sick
- 38 Append
- 40 Picnic pest
- 41 Committee
- 43 Aquafresh rival
- 44 Used to be

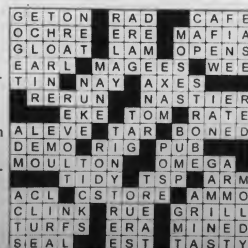
- 45 Efficient light device
- 46 Anew
- 47 Writer Bombeck
- 49 Regret
- 50 Town of 9,000 just across the river from Brunswick
- 53 One who spends a night under the stars
- 57 Elliptic
- 58 Quiz
- 60 Fuel group
- 61 Dogma
- 62 Before ten
- 63 Try again
- 64 Beginning
- 65 Even
- 66 Quiz

DOWN

- 1 Defeat
- 2 Small island
- 3 Veer
- 4 Big city south of Brunswick
- 5 Arm muscles
- 6 Treat with Adderall
- 7 Iced

- 8 Town of 5,000 south of Brunswick
- 9 African country
- 10 Make into law
- 11 Cut
- 12 Wager
- 13 Robert E., Ang, and Tommy
- 21 Connection
- 23 Was looked at
- 26 Porcelain
- 27 Insinuations
- 28 Greased
- 29 Fireproof storage areas
- 30 Adjective form of Last week's solution:
- 35-across
- 31 MTV dating show
- 32 Melt
- 33 Distinctive feature
- 34 Tailbone
- 39 L.L. Bean town
- 42 mater
- 46 Bordered a picture
- 47 Lauder
- 48 Gone With the Wind's Mr. Butler

- 50 Dog's name or 80s band.
- 51 Baker's need
- 52 Pots
- 53 Walking stick
- 54 Fencing sword
- 55 Cincinnati team
- 56 Get off —free
- 59 Roman twelve



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Student troupe 'deals out funnies'



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Members of Bowdoin's improv group, Improvabilities, strike a lively pose at their Thursday night show in Kresge.

Take Ludacris seriously?

by Boz Karanovsky
CONTRIBUTOR

Let me start this review by saying that I have a generally positive attitude towards Ludacris. I think he is a skilled rapper. His beats are always big and loud; his lyrics are always full of pop culture references and contain more tongue-in-cheek puns per line than you can keep count of. True, most puns are just crude, trashy, juvenile humor, but some are diamonds in the rough.

Nevertheless, although he has sold more albums than most contemporary rappers and his fans love him, he is somewhat neglected by the larger hip-hop community. His new release, "Release Therapy," hit the shelves Tuesday. It tries to redefine his status in the hip-hop world by touching on a more sensitive and intellectual "Cris from the South" than the one we are used to.

The result leaves one wondering—what the hell is Ludacris up to? "You're going to take me serious on this album, I guarantee it," he announced several days before the release.

The rapper has claimed in interviews that his approach to the album was the same approach he would take to a mixed tape—half of the disc is Ludacris in his old self, rapping about things like "ultimate satisfaction" and "woozy" and "grew up your screw up." This is what he referred to as the "release part" of the album.

The other half of it—the meditation, therapeutic one in Ludacris standards—turns out quite unexpected: the tear-jerker, "Runaway Love," an ambitious song about his battles in life, "War with God," a song called "Do Your Time" about a grim prison sentence, and even—yes, you guessed it—his very own prayer, a gospel song entitled, "Right of Preach."

Fans already speculate that Ludacris got too full of himself after being cast in that Oscar-winning "serious" movie "Crash," and he just tries to live up to this newly conceived dramatic image. It is clear that the purpose of this album is not so much to raise sales, but to gain him some due

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Get 'Lost' in season 3 Kerney '02 writes of teens, Darwin

by Joey Cresta
CONTRIBUTOR

The premise behind ABC's "Lost" is simple: Oceanic Flight 815 crashed on an obscure tropical island. The story twists and turns from there, which is fortunate for the viewers—this isn't just a "Gilligan's Island" rip-off. And "Lost" undoubtedly has its share of viewers: an average of 15.5 million per episode. The show has won industry awards such as Emmys and Golden Globes and, along with "Desperate Housewives," has pulled ABC out of a ratings slump and into the upper echelon of primetime TV. The third season, beginning October 4, promises to answer the cliffhangers from season two, while furthering the mysteries of the strange island.

Lost's format consists of 40- to 45-minute episodes that focus on the myriad storylines on the island. With about 15 recurring characters, the writers juggle many stories concurrently. At the end of season two, Michael finally rescued his son Walt from the Others, mysterious people who also live on the island.

While Michael and Walt successfully escaped on a boat, they only did so by handing over Jack, Kate, Hurley, and Sawyer to the Others. Season three will continue from that cliffhanger, revealing why the Others demanded these specific characters. It is quite possible that they have been watching the survivors, conducting an experiment, or that they have some sort of agency over the happenings on the island. Season three will begin to unravel some of the unknown aspects of the island dwellers.

While it may be considered the main one, the Others storyline is by no means the only one on the island. Claire recently gave birth to a baby boy. Locke and Eko are still struggling with the two hatches, which may or may not house a soci-

ological experiment on the unwitting survivors. Charlie is a recovering heroin addict, and Desmond, who was locked in the hatch before Locke coerced it open with dynamite, is still on the island and should reveal more about how he got there.

Along with island storylines, "Lost" uses flashbacks to reveal parts of the survivors' pasts. Each episode focuses on one character. I venture a guess that flashbacks will reveal why Hurley's lottery numbers—4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42—recur on the island. I also speculate that some flashbacks will focus on the Others, thereby telling what their deal is, because as of now, they are pretty creepy.

"Lost" has so many plot twists that it is difficult to predict what will happen next. With so many twists, viewers must activate their imaginations to predict what could happen next, even if that "next" isn't revealed for several weeks. The show's writers even encourage fans to espouse their theories publicly via internet forums. Is the island a large scientific experiment, with the survivors as test subjects? Is the entire show the workings of some schizophrenic mind? These are only some of the hypotheses "Lost" fans have posited.

Season three should tie up loose ends from previous episodes, while also adding to and altering the island's landscape. Season one's focus was on the unknown—traveling into the heart of darkness in a mysterious jungle. Season two, beginning with the opening of the hatch, shifted focus onto a more technological world—computers, showers, and some Mama Cass.

Perhaps season three will focus more on the Others. Maybe the significance of the numbers will come more into focus. Assuredly, some characters will die, and new ones will be introduced. Thus is life on the island.

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF
& Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Kerney '02 can't wait to come back to Maine.

"I didn't see the ocean until I was 17," Kerney, an Ohio native and resident of Richmond, Virginia, said in an interview with the Orient. "I had never been to New England before visiting Bowdoin, and the rocks and the coast were surreal. When you're feeling like you're living somewhere beautiful, it helps when you're trying to make some kind of art."

Kerney will get a chance to return to Maine and present her art, her debut novel "Born Again," at a book reading on October 4. The reading will be at 4 p.m. in the Main Lounge at Moulton Union.

The novel has received critical acclaim from numerous publications, including a slot for a "New York Times" book review in October. Kerney worked closely with Writer-in-Residence Anthony Walton while at Bowdoin, earned a fellowship at the University of Notre Dame's graduate school, and also had a post-graduate fellowship with romance novelist Nicholas Sparks.

"Born Again" follows Mel, a devout Pentecostal Revivalist living in Slow Rapids, Indiana, and the poster child of her church. She posts flyers condemning teen sex, is a Bible Quiz champion, and campaigns to save the souls of her unbelieving friends. However, when an advanced academic summer camp requires her to read "Origin of Species," Mel forges a permission



Courtesy of the Bowdoin Bugle

Kelly Kerney '02 in her senior portrait.

slip from her evangelical parents in order to see if she can "slay Darwin with scripture."

Instead, Mel begins to re-examine her own beliefs about her religion, her life, and her dysfunctional family.

"The [New England] rocks and coast were surreal. When you're feeling like you're living somewhere beautiful, it helps when you're trying to make some kind of art."

Kelly Kerney '02

Heaven, especially [her Bible study teacher], is a curious, funny character, whom audiences will enjoy rooting for. Kerney's authentic description of Mel's struggles makes her attempts to reconcile her religion with evolution a compelling, insightful story.

Mel's interactions with her anarchist brother Jared, wayward older sister Kyle, and obsessive-compulsive mother, are less compelling than her inner struggle. As the story

Kelly Kerney '02 reading

Kerney will give a public reading of her debut novel, "Born Again," at 4 p.m. on October 4 in Moulton Union's Main Lounge.

advances, the first-time novelist seems to have difficulty keeping these auxiliary interactions from overshadowing the central theme of Mel's religious crisis.

In the end, Mel is unable to choose between Darwin and her faith, leaving readers with only the inconclusive idea that "Origin of Species" "didn't even matter anymore." Frustrating as it is, this nebulous ending feels fitting. In a world where being a Christian is about "caring for people who would just as soon spit in your face" and evolution means betraying your family, there are no easy answers.

For Kerney, the novel began as "a bad short story." After realizing that she could further develop the story, Kerney wrote a scene every day. She credited her self-motivated work ethic to her graduate work and her studies with Walton. Kerney later took independent studies with him, but Walton began giving her outside reading and response papers while she was still in his regular classes.

"He kept giving me work to see if I would do it," Kerney said. "I loved it. I hadn't read contemporary literature or poetry before, and seeing a familiar world in poetry was amazing."

Bowdoin's size also played a role in Kerney's development as a writer. "I was lucky to be raised in literature, working closely with professors and having the resources to do it," she said.

Now that she has received praise and rave reviews for her debut novel, Kerney has already started working on her next novel.

"It's unruly," she said, "but it's not 'Born Again 2.'"

To keep her mind and her writing fresh, Kerney keeps a balance in what she writes. In addition to fiction,

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Tim Kantor '07 & Toby Crawford '07

What's the best album ever created?
TC: The [Leonard] "Bernstein Century" series consistently amazes me. I also think Talking Head's "Stop Making Sense" DVD/CD and Wilco's "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" are excellent.

TK: My answer changes weekly, but right now: Cho-Liang Lin playing the Sibelius Violin Concerto.

Who is the greatest living musician?

TC: I'm still debating between Renee Fleming, Richard Stoltzman, Pierre Boulez, Eric Clapton and, obviously, Tim Kantor.

TK: Gil Shaham, Phife Dawg, Itzhak Perlman, Toby Crawford (in no particular order).

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

TC: The Dave Brubeck Quartet.

TK: Bowdoin Common Hour featuring student ensembles.

What is the first album you ever bought?

TC: That album with that song that goes "sometimes you're crazy and you wonder why I'm such a baby cause the dolphins make me cry." Okay, okay...Hootie & the

Blowfish's "Cracked Rear View" still has a special place in my heart.

TK: Tupac Shakur, "All Eyez on Me."

What's your musical guilty pleasure?

TC: Late night sing-a-longs to James Blunt's "Tears & Rain" are fast becoming a weekend tradition. I'll answer the next question now.

TK: The Beach Boys.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

TC: "Just Call My Name" by James Taylor. I would project myself as an approachable, caring dictator.

TK: "We Will Rock You" by Queen.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

TC: I usually say, "Who's that behind me?" It suggests humility.

TK: "Make some noise for WBOR and the Classical Connection!"

Crawford and Kantor's show, "The Classical Connection," airs on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

Old Hen: as bad as it sounds


**by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST**

MORLAND BREWING CO.'S OLD SPECKLED HEN—\$10.25 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's

I just finished an exam. I handed in a paper yesterday and I have a quiz tomorrow. I also need to figure out what I am doing with my life after Bowdoin, and fast. Maybe I should go to the library or the CPC? I think instead I'll go to Uncle Tom's and revolutionize the way beer critics everywhere write their weekly reviews. I wasn't able to hold my traditional beer-tasting session last night (I told you, it's been a rough week). So instead, I'm going to go make a spontaneous and ill-informed beer purchase and write about my new beer while I try it for the first time. This is going to be ingenious. Then again, this could also suck.

I lingered for a while at the market, with Uncle Tom himself peering over my shoulder eagerly awaiting my decision. He had his usual white surgical coat on and a little white poodle nipping at his heels. I felt like I was in some strange laboratory, looking at row after row of a scientist's latest freakish creations. Clearly, I needed some help. So I questioned Tom about a strange-looking beer that had oddly caught my eye. The beer in question was Morland's Old Speckled Hen. Like me, Tom had never had this beer, but he did point out that its alcohol

percentage was 5.2 percent. This sounded like an endorsement to me, so I told him to ring it up. "\$10.25," he said innocently.

"This," I added, "better be good." On the ride home, I went through a slew of rationalizations in my head to offset the sneaking suspicion that I had made a terrible mistake. My first thought was that Old Speckled Hen is an ale, so some bitterness should be expected and that is good. My next thought was about the English. They're refined, polite, and



sophisticated, right? Of course they are. So I should be in for a treat. And lastly, I figured if the impeccably dressed fox on the cover of the box approves, why shouldn't I?

The first sip went down something like a shrapnel bomb exploding halfway down my esophagus. It was almost as if the beer knew it wasn't going to be liked and was fighting its way back up to return to its own kind. Suffice it to say, I'm not a huge fan. But that's why I do these tastings. I find beers I like and recommend them to you all. I also taste the bad ones so you never have to.

So, um, maybe taste isn't everything? Old Speckled Hen pours an impressive golden amber with hints of reddish tinge. Its aroma is fruity and pungent. The taste, though too bitter for my liking, is rich and full (think dinner in a bottle). There is a slight hint of toffee aftertaste, though you may need to give the neurons in your brain a second to recover before they let you realize it. The official Old Speckled Hen web site claims boldly that this beer is "the

number one choice at the check-out" and that "in the premium bottled beer sector, Old Speckled Hen even outsells Newcastle Brown Ale!" This, I'm afraid, is going too far. The English can have their sophistication. I would rather have my senses.

Before I come off like a complete novice, let me make one thing clear. I like a bitter beer, one that makes you smack your lips, thump your chest, and really enjoy that plate of nachos. What I do not like is a beer that is all bitter and nothing else (except very filling). Foxes in bowties are cool, but ales that taste like skunked schlitz and make you want to reconsider dinner are just not my thing.

I am now done with my first and last bottle of Old Speckled Hen. It was a bold experiment and I'm glad that I went there. There are still five in my fridge if anyone is interested. But don't feel pressured. There are plenty of great English ales out there, and I will make it a point to bring one to you soon. Just don't get your feet wet with Old Speckled Hen, or you may never visit the ocean again.

Kerney to read novel 'Born Again' on campus

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Kerney also works on poetry and short stories.

"I go in waves between fiction and poetry. One's such a lovely break from the other," she said.

Surprisingly, considering the praise from critics for "Born Again," Kerney never thought that she would write a novel. Just like that first view of the Maine ocean, the experience must be surreal.

Ludacris tries 'Therapy' for more serious image

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respect in hip-hop for showcasing his ability to tackle more than bad and dirty sex jokes and bragging about the inch sizes of his rims. Don't go searching Ludacris' previous albums for these references, because the album still has plenty of them. The result is a quite schizophrenic album with really good songs if they were taken one at a time.

The opening single, "Money Maker," a collaboration with Pharrell, already tops Billboard charts with its bumping disco beat. Other highlights on the wild side include the aforementioned "Woody," co-performed with R. Kelly. Other songs include features with famous and not-so-famous hot rappers like duo Field Mob and Albany.

I would not call this album a misfire, because it most definitely isn't. It is just a typical Ludacris album with a different twist. Its saving grace is that even Chris "Ludacris" Bridges himself does not take his new image too seriously and inserts some sweet puns in the least expected places, which I am not going to spoil for you. Remember, it's not an identity crisis we are talking about here. It's just much-needed therapy.

Strong opinions about music?



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Tricks and twists abound in 'The Illusionist'


**by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST**

"The Illusionist" represents a troubling genre for film reviewers like myself. No real, probing discussion of a movie can ever be complete without involving the ending, but this movie is a prime example of the plot-twist picture, and everyone knows how much audiences do not like those moments spoiled. One shouldn't be surprised, perhaps, that things aren't what they seem; the title is explicitly about illusion, after all. But to divulge what happens then is clearly out of the question, and even remark that there is a plot twist will likely send some of you lovely readers into moans of "Oh, he spoiled the movie for me!"

I do apologize for that. I think the filmmaker, however, should apologize more, for giving the movie a plot twist and saving up all the juicy content right for the end, rather than spreading it out for greater overall enjoyment. It would certainly make my job easier too. Then I could focus less on the plot and more on the motives of the characters, less on tiptoeing and more on candid analysis.

Since there's nothing I can do about that, I will instead turn to the basic premise. It's the late 1800s in Vienna, and Eisenheim (Edward Norton) is a famed magician stirring up trouble against the autocratic prince. Little does Eisenheim know, but his childhood love, Sophie, will soon re-emerge, about to be engaged to the tyrant. Paul Giamatti plays Chief Inspector Uhl, a policeman investigat-



Courtesy of movieweb.com

Paul Giamatti and Edward Norton star in "The Illusionist," a surprising film about famed magician Eisenheim.

ing Eisenheim's activities.

Part of what makes Eisenheim so dangerous to the prince is how he captures the restless angst of the working classes. People flock to his shows and genuinely believe what he is showing them is real; this occurs much to Uhl's chagrin. Throughout the film, he is constantly questioning Eisenheim's magic abilities, wanting to know how he did it and trying to crack Eisenheim's impenetrable façade of calm and bring him down to earth.

Eisenheim's ability to unite the people becomes substantially more important midway through the picture when Sophie, after a fight with the prince, turns up drowned in a river. He is convinced that the prince was to blame, and begins to subtly turn the masses against their leader. Uhl further inves-

tigates him, but is caught between the reverence of the lower class and the contempt of his royal boss, mirroring his status as a social climber.

The film has the annoying habit of signaling time and place by giving its characters stilted dialogue spoken in formal English, as if that captures the daily life of German-speaking Austrians of the time.

Something of an art house blockbuster, with big names Giamatti and Norton headlining, the film doesn't taken any great risks with characterizations. Giamatti's great ambidexterity on screen is evident in small doses, but he is playing a really straightforward role. Norton, capable of captivating soliloquies like the one he performs in "25th Hour," is mostly a closed book, showing scant emotion and thus taking scant acting risks.

Much of the overall emotional flatness is caused by the film's structure; whether or not this is an effective trade-off is mostly up to personal opinion. There can be no doubt that side viewers take in the love triangle, so little excitement can be gained there, either.

What isn't up for debate is the quality of that final punch. And that's what those twists are meant to do: cause us to reconsider our previous conceptions of what occurred in a flash of realization. It can't save a movie, but it can make up for a lot of small gaffes throughout.

So I got a bit of character analysis in there. Maybe these plot-twist pictures aren't that difficult to write about after all.

"The Illusionist" is currently playing at Eveningstar Cinema in the Tontine Mall in Brunswick at 1:30, 4:00, 6:30 and 8:45 p.m.

SPORTS

Williams
shuts out
footballby Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Football Team was unable to hold back the Williams College Ephs Sunday, as the Polar Bears fell 27-0 in Bowdoin's season opener in Williamstown.

Williams found the end zone in each quarter, beginning with a one-yard rush by Cory Catelli near the end of the first. They scored again in the second, when quarterback Sean Gleeson found wide receiver Brendan Fulmer in the end zone for a 24-yard completion. Fulmer then missed the extra point try, in his additional role as the team's place kicker.

In the third quarter, Williams scored another seven points, capping a 13-play, 78-yard drive with a seven-yard touchdown run. The final blow to Bowdoin's defense came in the fourth, when Catelli

Men's soccer falls to Ephs, beats UNE

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Williams handed men's soccer its first loss of the season last weekend, as the visiting Polar Bears dropped a 2-0 decision to the Ephs.

The Ephs victory came at the expense of Bowdoin's three-game winning streak and dropped the team down to 15th place in the latest Division III men's soccer poll. Several factors contributed to the disappointing loss, namely a missed penalty at a crucial turning point of the game and a mental lapse by the normally impenetrable Bowdoin defense.

Said top scorer Nick Figueiredo '08, "As coach said at the end of the game...we know that we can physically compete and beat them."

The men pounced on their first chance at redemption when the University of New England (UNE) came to visit on Monday afternoon. The visiting Nor'easters had no idea what hit them as the Polar Bears tallied two goals in the first five minutes and never looked back. The 9-0 trouncing was led by Figueiredo and his first-half hat trick, along with first-year Hugh

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Carl Wosok '10 dribbles away from a Nor'easter defender in Monday's 9-0 win against the University of New England.

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Volleyball beats Bates in straight sets

by Kate Walsh
CONTRIBUTOR

The women's volleyball team defeated NESCAC opponent Bates on Wednesday, and improved its record to 7-3 by sweeping Bates in three sets, winning 30-19, 30-15, 30-26.

Statistical leaders for the game were Amanda Leahy '08 with 13 kills and three aces, Erin Prifogle '07 with 11 kills, and Jenna Diggs '10 who posted 25 assists and 16 digs.

The volleyball team started off the week with a very respectable showing at the MIT invitational, going 2-2 in the tournament. During the September 22 game against Vassar, the Polar Bears won the first set 30-18, but the team was unable to hold on to its lead, dropping the

next three sets 30-25, 32-30, 30-22. The statistical leaders for the Polar Bears were Gillian Page '10 with 12 kills, 23 digs, and eight aces, and Diggs, with 29 assists, 17 digs, and seven kills.

Immediately after the game against Vassar, the team took on Connecticut College. The Polar Bears lost the first set by the narrow margin of 31-29 and then dropped the second set 30-25. The Polar Bears fought back to win the third set 32-30, but Connecticut College came back to take the fourth set 30-21, winning the match. Leahy led the Bears with 14 kills, while Diggs tallied 28 assists, 17 digs, and eight kills.

The second day of the tournament was a big success for the Polar Bears. The team started off the day playing against NESCAC rival

Bates, whom the Polar Bears swept in three sets (30-23, 30-22, 30-18). The team was led by Diggs, who had 20 assists, 20 digs, and 10 kills, and Page, who posted 12 kills.

After defeating Bates, the team faced Bridgewater State. The Polar Bears started off the match by narrowly losing the set, 29-31, but the players did not let the loss get them down. The team roared back to win the next three sets to defeat Bridgewater 31-29, 30-21, 30-19. Prifogle contributed 15 kills, while Kristin Lee '08 tallied 28 digs. Diggs had another strong game for the Polar Bears, posting 12 kills, 27 assists, and 17 digs.

Coach Karen Corey was impressed by the team's commitment and cohesiveness.

"I have to say that every player on the team performed their roles

quite well this weekend. When players were tired or frustrated, the depth of the bench was invaluable. Ladies were able to step on the court and perform exceptionally, everyone was a contributor. I feel like I have a team of 12 'starters' and am thrilled to have such strength," she said.

Senior Wendy Mayer was also excited about the team's success.

"Our team has incredible talent, a strong drive to win, but most of all great mental toughness," she said. "We've been able to stay solid in tough situations and really prove the Bowdoin volleyball program needs to be taken seriously."

Upcoming matches for the Polar Bears are the Bates invitational on today and Saturday and a rematch at home against Colby on Wednesday, October 4, at 7 p.m.

Men's
XC paces
itself to
best Colbyby Ross Jacobs
CONTRIBUTOR

It's easy to get antsy and run too quickly at the beginning of a race—especially if it's the first race of the season against archrival Colby. The Bowdoin Men's Cross-Country Team was able to resist this temptation.

Team members proved they have courage and discipline by overcoming any first-race jitters, running their own race, and jettisoning a pack of 10 Colby runners run in front of them for the first mile. The team proved its talent and potential by passing those same runners towards the end of the race to claim a 26-31 Polar Bear victory.

"I will always remember seeing 10 Colby runners in front of us for the first few miles and passing them during mile three," said Tim Katlic '08, who led a pack of six Bears past a pack of Mules in the middle of the race.

For the team's first years, this race was the first of their career, which makes it all the more impressive that they were able to negative-split (run the second half of the race faster than the first half).

Katlic praised the first years, including standout Thompson Ogilvie, Alex Carpenter, and Jonas Crimm, for "adjusting to the longer

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Women's cross-country loses to Mules

by Laura Onderko
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Cross-Country team faced tough conditions in its first meet, running in the rain against a strong Colby team that has placed fifth at nationals for the past two years. The Mules proved too strong for the Bowdoin women, who took second in the dual meet.

"I don't think that this meet is representative of where our team is right now. We had a tough race but we all know that we are much stronger than our results showed and we are ready to prove it in the upcoming races," said captain Alex Knapp '07.

Led by experienced Head Coach

Peter Slovenski and senior co-captains Jamie Knight and Alex Knapp, the team hopes to improve upon its ninth-place finish at the Division III Regional Championship last year. Returning almost all of its top seven, the team has considerable experience and leadership, as senior Kristen Brownell and juniors Courtney Eustace, Sarah Podmaniczky, and Laura Onderko look to have their strongest seasons yet.

Racing the most challenging course of the season with a difficult hill in the middle of the second mile, the women look forward to using the racing experience gained in the first meet.

"Racing strategy is something

you get from experience. This was Colby's third race and it was our first, so we're excited to race them again later in the season at the state meet, NESCACs, and DIII Regionals," Knight said.

Colby's Karen Prisby claimed first place overall on Saturday, while Onderko led the Polar Bears to the finish, capturing sixth, with teammate Courtney Eustace close behind in ninth. Brownell, Knapp, and Knight worked together over the 5k course, claiming 12th, 13th, and 14th, while Podmaniczky and Lindsay Hodge '10 rounded out Bowdoin's top seven. Hodge was Bowdoin's only first year to compete in Saturday's early season meet and has been running strong

in all the team's practices, showing tremendous promise by finishing as one of Bowdoin's top seven.

The team looks forward to improving throughout the rest of the season.

"We had a good month of training, and it wasn't reflected in our race. One of the things that will motivate us later in the season is wanting to prove that we're a better team than we showed against Colby. We know what we have to do better next time," Coach Slovenski said.

The women will travel to University of Maine at Farmington Saturday to compete in their second meet of the season.

Women ruggers lose first to UNH

by Clara Cantor
CONTRIBUTOR

The women's rugby team lost 12-5 to the University of New Hampshire in its first NERFU season match, Sunday.

Bowdoin dominated the first half of the game, with a joint effort try by Emily Skinner '08 and Clara Cantor '08. The A side was led by strong play from senior forwards Margaret Griffith, Margaret "Munny" Munford, and back Daphne Leveriza. Several players settled into new positions with much success after some shuffling last weekend at the Beantown Tournament.

After several injuries and setbacks, the Wildcats rallied late in the second half, scoring twice in the last few minutes of the game. They added a conversion kick shortly before the final whistle.

"We played a really good game," said captain Munford after the match. "They got a little muddy."

The Bowdoin B side retaliated with a 30-0 win over UNH. Carrie Miller '08 and Alanna Beroiza '09 led the forward pack with strong play while rookie Erica Camerena '10 stood out with three tries and an assist to Sasha David '10, who scored with a field-long break-away sprint in the second half. Catherine Jager '09 completed the win with a try of her own off of a penalty play by Beroiza.

"The rookies were rocking it out there," exclaimed touch judge Vanessa Vidal '08. "We've got a lot of depth this year. That's awesome for future seasons."

The Bears face the University of Maine-Farmington Beavers Saturday in their first home game of the season.

"It's sure to be the event of the weekend. A little late for breakfast, but I've got some good beaver recipes," declared Betsy McDonald '08.

The match will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the rugby pitch behind Farley Field House.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Senior Kevin Mullins heads a ball away from the Bears' UNE opponents.

Lord Jeffs and Panthers to visit men's soccer

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Fleming, who added two more goals to his young resume of points.

More than anything else, the victory highlighted the progress of the men's young talent this season. First-year net-minder Garrick Sheldon made an impressive debut to his Bowdoin career with 71 minutes of shutout ball, and the offense was helped by Fleming and his fellow battery mate Carl Woock '10,

who scored his first goal of the season.

"It was nice to be able to see the rest of the guys who don't normally see much time," said Figueiredo.

The 9-0 victory was crucial in the team's mission to stay focused and confident ahead of this weekend's showdown with the NESCAC's top team, Amherst. The Bears will play host to the Lord Jeffs on Saturday at noon. Middlebury (2-1, 5-1 overall) will visit on Sunday, also at noon.

MEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	3	0	0	7	0	0
Wesleyan	3	0	0	6	0	0
Williams	2	0	0	5	0	0
BOWDOIN	2	1	0	4	1	0
Middlebury	2	1	0	5	1	0
Bates	2	2	0	4	2	0
Colby	1	1	1	2	1	1
Tufts	0	3	1	1	4	1
Conn. Coll.	0	3	0	2	3	0
Trinity	0	4	0	0	6	0

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/23 at Williams L 2-0
M 9/25 v. U. New England W 9-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 v. Amherst 12:00 P.M.
Su 10/1 v. Middlebury 12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	3	0	0	4	0	0
Williams	3	0	0	6	0	1
Amherst	2	0	1	5	1	1
Colby	1	0	2	3	0	2
Bates	2	2	0	4	2	0
BOWDOIN	1	1	1	2	2	2
Wesleyan	1	2	0	3	2	0
Tufts	0	1	2	1	2	2
Conn. Coll.	0	3	0	2	4	0
Trinity	0	4	0	1	6	0

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/23 at Williams L 3-1
Su 9/24 at Brandeis L 2-1

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 v. Amherst 11:00 A.M.
Su 10/1 v. Middlebury 12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/23 at Colby 2nd of 2

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 at Maine-Farmington 11:00 A.M.

FOOTBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	1	0	1	1	0	1
Middlebury	1	0	1	0	1	0
Trinity	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tufts	1	0	1	0	1	0
Williams	1	0	1	0	1	0
Bates	0	1	0	1	0	1
BOWDOIN	0	1	0	1	0	1
Colby	0	1	0	1	0	1
Hamilton	0	1	0	1	0	1
Wesleyan	0	1	0	1	0	1

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/23 at Williams L 27-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 v. Amherst 1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD

Su 9/24 at New Hampshire W 12-5

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 v. Maine-Farmington 1:30 P.M.

MEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/23 at Maine-Farmington L 26-5

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 v. Bates 9:00 A.M.

MEN'S GOLF

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/23 - at Williams 14th of 19

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 - NESCAC 11:00 A.M.

Su 10/1 'Championships

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/23 at Colby 1st of 2

SCHEDULE

Sa 9/30 at Maine-Farmington 10:00 A.M.

- Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

Football to face Amherst in home opener

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rushed seven yards for another score.

The Polar Bears came close to notching a touchdown in the fourth, when they held the ball inside the opposing team's 10-yard line. However, a pass on fourth-and-goal fell incomplete, giving Bowdoin a shutout to start off the 2006 season.

"The Williams game was very frustrating for us," said offensive lineman Greg Righter '07. "We didn't play up to our potential. It was just a bad game overall for the whole team. This week against Amherst, we look to come out, play a lot more physically, take it to Amherst and come out with the win."

Quarterback Tom Duffy '07, led the Bowdoin offense with a 10-for-27 effort that resulted in 89 yards through the air, with Doug Johnson '07 and Lamont White '08 eating up 52 and 39 yards, respectively. Jeff Smith '08 contributed 61 yards on the ground, but the team's 10 first downs paled in comparison to Williams' 25.

On the defensive side of the ball, co-captain John Regan '07 had the team's lone interception and had nine solo tackles. Damon Hall-Jones '09 led all players with 10 solo tackles and Dave Donahue '07 had a game-high 14 tackles.

The Ephs had two quarterbacks at the control, Gleeson (eight for 16 passing attempts, 126 yards, one touchdown) and Pat Lucey (14 for 21, one interception, 131 yards). Brian Morrissey led all rushers with 84 yards, while Catelli had 40 yards to go along with his two touchdowns. Williams defenders forced two fumbles.

Saturday, at 1 p.m., Bowdoin plays host to Amherst (1-0), who

dropped Bates 31-6 last week behind the play of wide receiver Mark Hannon, the NESCAC Offensive Player of the Week. Hannon had three touchdowns in the first half, including a 64-yard punt return for a score.

Bowdoin defeated Amherst last

season in week two, even though the Lord Jeffs out-produced the Bears in almost all offensive aspects of the game, amassing 399 total yards to Bowdoin's 139. But Donahue's 65-yard interception return for a score in the first gave the team a lead it would not yield.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The football team practices for its home opener against visiting Amherst.

Maine-Farmington gives men's rugby its first loss

by Jeremy Bernfeld
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's rugby team suffered a 26-5 loss at the hands of the University of Maine-Farmington on Saturday, but still has high hopes for the season.

"We got the game we expected," Coach Rick Scala said. "It was very scrappy and physical, but there were some bright spots."

Junior Sam Kamin scored Bowdoin's only try, and senior Dan Campbell was "stalwart" for the Bowdoin pack, said Scala.

"We had some great runs by our centers and wings," senior captain Dan Jaffe said, "some great tackles

and rucks by our forwards, and some smart kicks by our full-back. A few daunting mistakes caused us some real serious problems."

Last season, Bowdoin handily defeated Farmington, but this year's match-up featured a much better Farmington squad.

The Black Pack hopes to get back over .500 with a win against rival Bates this Saturday at home.

"We need to keep our heads up and stay focused on the goal: to be the Maine State Champions," said Jaffe. "We need to get our intensity up 100-fold from last week to beat our ever-resilient rivals."

In last year's game, Bowdoin barely got the win against Bates,

and only managed the win thanks to some strong back play in the final minutes of a very tight match. Bates (0-1-1) comes to Brunswick this weekend looking to move ahead of Bowdoin (1-1-0) and Colby (1-0-1) in the race for the Bates-Bowdoin-Colby Cup.

"Coming in full-tilt right from the beginning, putting Bates on their back foot from the start, and not making simple mental mistakes is what will win us this game," Jaffe said. "We have the skills, the conditioning, and the desire to win, and when those three things come together on the field it will be something special to see."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The Bowdoin Men's Rugby Team (1-1-0) practices yesterday for its Saturday home game against the Bobcats.

Men's cross-country outruns Mules

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distance of five miles and for keeping a calm pace at the beginning of the race."

Bowdoin captain Owen McKenna '07 finished the wet and hilly course in third place in a time of 27:12. Following McKenna were Nate Krah '08, John Hall '08, and

Ogilvie all under 27:30.

"This was a great opening race that showed we have potential," Hall said. He also emphasized the importance of negative-splitting a race. Hall ran 5:30 for his first mile and finished the course in a grueling 4:55.

McKenna agreed that this race should set the tone for the rest of

the season.

"Today's race was a different race filled with obstacles," he said. "Colby was an obstinate opponent refusing to lose. However, in the heat of the race we realized that Bowdoin College doesn't settle for second place because we are a school of champions. Thus, we rallied and were victorious."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

New Head Coach Chris Joyner addresses his players in a men's tennis practice.

Men's tennis opens season at Middlebury

by Emily Baird
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team swung into action last weekend as the squad opened its season at the Middlebury Invitational tournament in Vermont.

In the A flight singles, sophomore Alex White fell to Conrad Olson of Middlebury 6-1, 6-3 in the first round, while senior Sam Bitetti lost in the semifinals to Alex Scott of Middlebury 6-3, 4-6. In the B flight singles, sophomore Alex Caughon and first-year Tyler Anderson fell in their first rounds to Middlebury and Colby 7-6 (2), 7-5 and 7-5, 6-4, respectively. Bowdoin first-years Adam Davis and Jamie Neely made an impressive debut into the finals of the C Flight singles and will play each other in a future match. In the D Flight, sophomore Blake Wheale lost in the semifinals 6-3, 6-2 while senior Drew McDonald fell in the first round 6-4, 6-4.

In doubles matches, Bitetti and White teamed up and made it to the quarterfinals, while in the B flight, Neely and McDonald defeated Zach Fenno and Danilo Acosta from Bates to win their bracket.

The Polar Bears are poised to continue their long tradition of excellence. This year's additions to the team include a crop of five first years, all of whom achieved junior rankings during their high school careers.

New Head Coach Colin Joyner, who previously worked as an assistant coach for the team was optimistic.

"This year's squad is definitely the deepest we've ever had," he said. "We have kids not playing in the line up who would easily be

playing in the middle slots at most other schools."

Captains Bitetti and McDonald will be leading the charge—Bitetti is currently ranked 39th in the country for Division III, and earned post-season second-team All-NESCAC honors even after missing the fall season while abroad in Australia only to return to Bowdoin and soldier through the spring season with a nasty bout of mono.

This year's strong team will also benefit from the talents of its new coach. As a member of the Class of 2003, Joyner is a well-known member of the Bowdoin community, with a legacy of his own. He played No. 1 singles throughout his entire Bowdoin career, qualified for the NCAA National Individual Tournament each season and was named as an All-American three times. Now at the helm of his old team, Joyner is striving to win the NESCACs this year, a title that Bowdoin tennis has yet to earn.

Some practices begin at 6 a.m., and others do not end until after midnight, according to McDonald.

"We are pretty much one of the most hard-core teams on campus," he said.

Although they were hesitant to predict season outcomes, both captains feel good about this season, and are ready to face rivals Williams and Middlebury in the next couple of weeks.

The team is missing several key players though, as a number of juniors are abroad this semester. All-American Garrett Gates is in Brazil, Noah Buntman in China, and Andrew Fried in England.

The team will travel to Massachusetts this weekend for a tournament at Williams.

Next weekend is Parents Weekend. As the Orient's Parents Weekend edition is one of the most-read issues of the year, place an advertisement in these pages for maximum exposure.

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OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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Opinion section policies

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We consider these pages the public’s pages. This means that they are a space for the advancement of the public discourse—they are not a soapbox for individuals. We do not select letters or op-eds based on our agreement or disagreement with the author’s position. However, we do not print every submission that crosses our path. We—the editorial board and the opinion editor—base our decisions on clarity of argument, interest, and degree to which a submission informs the Bowdoin community. And with the exception of our regular columnists, we try to include a diversity of voices week after week.

While the rest of these pages are your forum, this week we use our space to clarify our policies. These guidelines should be used when submitting to the Opinion section. Since they are guidelines, the editors reserve the right to make modifications when circumstances warrant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Mills made right call on Darfur

To the Editors:

The member organizations of the Darfur Coalition would like to thank President Mills for urging the trustees to act on the genocide in Darfur. We agree entirely with Mills’s judgment that the unambiguously horrific nature of these crimes necessitates strong action by the College.

Joining the movement to divest from companies that support the Sudanese government is an important step for the College. As President Mills recognized, however, the role of the College is not only financial. Student activism and education are also critical parts of Bowdoin’s obligation to oppose current and future genocides.

The Darfur Coalition encourages all students to join us in addressing this challenge. This fall, the coalition will plan a week of action featuring fundraising, educational campaigns, community outreach, and political action in conjunction with other Maine colleges. In the future, the coalition will also assist the College in mobilizing others in the College and greater Brunswick community to combat such horrific atrocities.

We urge the trustees to act on President Mills’s thoughtful recommendations in the name of the College’s enduring commitment to the Common Good.

Sincerely,

Katie Auth '08, Students Taking Action Now Darfur
Rachel Munz '10, Democratic Left
Elizabeth Leiwan '08, Hillel
Amanda Escobar Gramigna '07, Global Justice
Matt Martin '07, Americans for Informed Democracy
Alison Driver '08, Bowdoin Women’s Association
Merry Segal '08, Bowdoin Students for Peace

There is more to sex than ‘Your Number’

To the Editors:

“Your Number...” raises great misgivings about assumptions concerning sexual relationships. It implies that the important attributes of sexual partners are being STD-free, incapable of getting pregnant, and trained.

If you don’t find anything wrong here—of course you don’t; our culture has saturated us in this dehumanizing doctrine. Sex is not a bad thing—it is indeed how we all get here. But what are we pursuing? It appears that, to some, the answer is a physical pleasure that involves no risks or consequences.

So what should it mean to make love? Surely it cannot mean a serotonin brain-bath. By all rights, it is one of the most precious human acts. Love translated through our physical nature is so powerful that life can be created! Marvel at this a moment. Now remove the life, remove the love, and you no longer

have “making love” but conforming to lust, a goal our culture promotes incessantly.

I’m writing this in solidarity with my fellow classmates who found this article appalling, but also encouraging us to ask ourselves: Could there not be something more to life, and the act that creates it, than this? I choose to believe that there is.

Sincerely,

Michael Taylor '07

Alterations constituted misstep

To the Editors:

I thought I should note that one of the alterations that the opinion editor made to my article caused it to be both less grammatical and longer (he or she changed: “the one already codified, to popular acclaim...” to “the one already codified, with popular acclaim...”), and that another one made my thesis innocuous (“similar” and “tantamount” are not synonyms, and an analogical argument is only effective if its two analogues are logically tantamount).

Changing “the pro-life movement is populated by...” to “the pro-life movement is driven by...” constituted another misstep. Admittedly, “driven” is both shorter and less eccentric than “populated,” but it is also the wrong word. “Consists of,” maybe?

I could mention other editor-introduced errata, but my main point is that the Orient’s quality would improve if its editorial staff acquired a working familiarity with English grammar and vocab.

Quod Erat Demonstratum.

Sincerely,

Miles Pope '09

Pro-life argument was misguided

To the Editors:

Miles Pope’s article, “Pro-life: a fetal incoherence,” appalled me not because I disagreed with what was written, but because of its blatant obfuscation of the pro-life stance. To start, many “pro-lifers” oppose all abortion, even in the cases of rapes and life-threatening conditions. In fact, the Catholic Church (a large contributor to the pro-life population) promotes this as its official stance; therefore, not all pro-lifers make a value judgment between

grown women and unborn babies. Furthermore, under virtually no circumstances is abortion ever a standard medical treatment. Life-threatening conditions typically consist of something like an ectopic pregnancy. In these cases, fundamental pro-lifers believe that all should be done to try to protect the life of the child; however, the woman has a right to medical treatment even if it indirectly kills the child. There exists no intent to kill the child, unlike abortions, which do have this intent. It is foolish to take one state’s law and conclude that the conditions of that law constitute what all pro-lifers believe. So actually, pro-lifers do not believe that fetuses are “almost human beings,” and our beliefs are not “simply rhetoric.” Therefore, it is your article that is misguided, Mr. Pope.

Sincerely,

Michael Bartha '09

Include women in debate

To the Editors:

Last week, Miles Pope suggested that the abortion discourse needs a tune up. I agree completely, but instead of recommending a shift in how we discuss the fetus, I suggest we start talking about women.

The abortion debate neglects a genuine consideration of women’s lives. The warring parties consistently fail to acknowledge that each woman facing an unplanned pregnancy is an individual facing unique challenges: whether she has a supportive partner or not, whether she has a job or not, whether she is emotionally ready for motherhood or not.

By taking women out of the debate and instead focusing on fetuses, we forget the real issues at hand. We can prevent abortion by increasing access to and information about contraception, by providing economic support to mothers and/or fighting domestic violence. Or we can assume all women live identical lives and keep arguing about fetuses and bans.

Let’s remember women, trust women, and respect the differences among women. If we change the debate, we have a chance for the cooperation sorely lacking in this ongoing bloody fight. In a perfect world, no woman would have a need for an abortion. Let’s start talking about women. When we do we will start talking about how we can get closer to that perfect world.

Sincerely,

Alison Driver '08

Write a Letter to the Editors!



Send submissions to orientopinion@bowdoin.edu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Comments on racial profiling were off the mark

To the Editors:

There is a fine but clearly defined line between criminal investigations and witch hunts. Our government already crossed that line in part when it decided to deny prisoners of war the rights due them under international law; to kidnap foreign nationals and "render" them to countries known for torturing detainees; and even to engage in acts of torture itself. The consequences have been grave: blurring of the separation of powers in our government; compounded difficulty in the war on terror; and therefore increased danger to our troops abroad; damage to our standing and credibility, especially in the Muslim world; and, not least, the condemnation of innocents. Now Zachary Linhart proposes systematic racial profiling as the next step.

To state the obvious, racial profiling is by its very nature racist. It recalls the most wicked practices in our nation's history, and offends any real meaning of the word "justice." To implement it here would be disgraceful; our image and mission abroad would suffer further, and deservedly so.

Linhart closed by declaring that only terrorists fear racial profiling. I submit that anyone with a love for freedom and human rights, who believes that these values are inextricably bound up with the nation's security, should be deeply afraid of "solutions" such as these.

Sincerely,

Peter Rocco '07

To the Editors:

It is incredibly easy to accept the argument made by Mr. Linhart that racial profiling is necessary in today's world. It is, in fact, generally easy to accept anything that only presents a shortsighted analysis of a situation.

The problem with racial profiling is that the world we live in today is an increasingly globalized one. Every day the nations of the world become less and less homogenous, and not only the U.S. or Europe, but Arab and Islamic nations too. It is also not only in America that many feel threatened by the existence of nations whose people have diametrically different beliefs. The people of most Arab nations view America and their citizens as a threat to their national sovereignty.

Nobody benefits in a world where we live in constant fear of each other and subsequently encroach upon the

rights of those foreign to us in our sovereign lands, since at some point we will all be a foreigner somewhere. Remember, Mr. Linhart, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, and here I thought you Republicans were God's party.

Sincerely,

Matthew Ginther '09

To the Editors:

Terrorists are not all "Muslim Arabs" as Mr. Linhart claims. Who was responsible for the Oklahoma City bombing? Two white guys. Prior to 9/11, this was the most deadly terrorist attack on U.S. soil. We didn't see a call for Ryder and U-Haul to screen all white people who wanted to rent trucks, did we? Why not?

I also take issue with the idea that "the only people that are afraid of racial profiling are the terrorists themselves." I approach my fear of racial profiling with a law enforcement background and as someone who gets racially profiled. Does that make me a terrorist?

So how do we prevent more terrorist attacks? Robert Kennedy, Jr. made an excellent point when he spoke at last week's Common Hour. He mentioned that when he was young, the United States was "the best-loved nation in the world. Today, we are the most despised nation on earth." To reclaim the world's love, we need to engage in critical dialogue with all nations as equal shareholders in earth's future.

Finally, Mr. Linhart, you are white. Don't take the liberty of saying you wouldn't mind being racially profiled unless you actually have been.

Sincerely,

Ian F. Yaffe '09

To the Editors:

I feel called upon to respond to Zachary Linhart's letter, published in last week's edition. My objection, however, is not political. My problem with his letter is that it was badly written. Specifically, its rhetorical formulations were stale ("Coincidence? I think not."), its wording was poor (no one is "more than willing" to be searched at an airport), and its tone was condescending and childish.

Its greatest failure is that it appeals to no one who is not already sympathetic to the argument. Persuasive language must be original, leading its readers to examine complexities and nuances they had not previously con-

sidered. That is how the written word changes minds. There was nothing new in Mr. Linhart's letter, only the nauseating echoes of televised punditry and political talking points.

Mr. Linhart's bad writing is hardly singular. A lot of college writing is pretty bad, even though it shouldn't be. Our age is no excuse. We have a responsibility to be brave and innovative with our language. If we care about what we are saying, then that should be reflected in the way we say it. At its best, writing is the ongoing culmination of individual experience. We can do better, we have that in us.

Sincerely,

Raiff Tsapatsaris '07

To the Editors:

If all Muslims or Arabs are checked at airports, as Mr. Linhart demands, then the next logical step would be to require all people of that religion or ethnicity to carry around ID cards identifying themselves. What happened to civil liberties? We can not let history repeat itself. It seems that we have already forgotten the racial profiling of East-Asian Americans in the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attacks, or of the Jews in Hitler's Germany. Are those incidents that Mr. Linhart wants to associate himself with? He needs to understand that his ideas are not some abstract concept being discussed within the Bowdoin "bubble." Real people are affected by racial profiling, even on this campus. The first time I was racially profiled was when I had just turned 16, and was escorted off a plane because I had a Muslim name, or looked Arab. In the same way that whites are not stopped because of the senseless acts of McVeigh and Kaczynski or the many other serial killers or rapists that have committed tragic acts over the last 300 years of American history, Muslims should also not be held accountable for an extreme and acute minority. Racial profiling is more than five extra minutes at the airport.

Sincerely,

Fahad Hasan '07

To the Editors:

On April 19, 1995, a white, Christian, European-American bombed an office complex in Oklahoma City, killing over 100 innocent American civilians. On July 27, 1996, a white, Christian, European-American bombed Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta,

Georgia. More recently, in 1998, a white, Christian, European-American shot and killed a physician in Buffalo, New York, for performing legal abortions in a local women's clinic.

There is a distinct similarity between all of the terrorists mentioned above. They are all white, Christian, and European-American. Coincidence? I think not. The answer to stopping these terrorists in the U.S.? Racial profiling.

Why in our airports and elsewhere do we refuse to racially profile people? We know who the terrorists are. They are white, Christian, European-Americans. Of course, not all white Christian, European-Americans are terrorists, but all terrorists seem to be of that color, religion, and ethnicity.

Racial profiling would allow us to increase the chance of detaining terrorists and therefore improve security. Safety should trump political correctness in this situation.

If I were a white, Christian, European-American I would be more than willing to be searched at an airport because I know that I am innocent. The only people who are afraid of racial profiling are the terrorists themselves.

Sincerely,

Ben Rachlin '08

To the Editors,

Here is a premise:

White Republican terrorists rig U.S. elections, promote war for their own benefit, and infiltrate the nation's media.

Here is a conclusion that may follow from this premise:

White Republicans are guilty of atrocities, so for our safety, we must profile them.

Now, let's deconstruct the language in this conclusion, in order to best decipher what is truly being said.

"White Republicans": My best friend from high school, an avowed Republican, is guilty of no atrocities. How, then, does "white Republican" equal "terrorist"?

"Guilty": Is this to actually be responsible for? Or is it to be so unfortunate as to be placed and judged within a predetermined classification?

"Safety": Is this when humans act out of fear, or out of trust and cooperation with those whom they refuse to fear?

"Profile": This is now clearer: to judge an individual through predeter-

mined perceptions. Treating "white Republican" as "terrorist."

Lastly...

"We," "Our," "Them": Who are these people? Why do such distinctions even exist? Who are these distinctions benefiting?

These questions are not new, but they are ongoing. I hope that by asking them and re-asking them, this community can help to alleviate the damage caused by uninformed and unaware statements.

Sincerely,

Torin Peterson '07

To the Editors:

Following his letter last week, I hope Mr. Linhart's comments were the result of an aggressive strategy to create dialogue concerning racial profiling and security, and not the conclusion of hours of careful research. If Mr. Linhart's comments were produced by the latter, then I would like to thank Mr. Linhart for his conclusion. While his opinion is fundamentally flawed to the point of ignorance, Mr. Linhart's inept conclusion reflects the belief of a portion of our American society.

Mr. Linhart claims that all terrorists trying to attack the United States are Muslims and Arabs. His solution contains a policy of racial profiling. However, Mr. Linhart fails to understand the flaws of racial profiling.

First, the "Arab Muslims" whom Mr. Linhart describes as the planners of the failed plot over this past summer were not Arabs. These terrorists were actually British citizens of Pakistani descent. Evidently, Arabs are not the only terrorists in the world.

If we were to include every racial, ethnic group that had individuals partaking in Islamic fundamentalist terrorism, one problem remains. Individuals within racial, ethnic groups do not all look the same. Mr. Linhart, can you pick out every individual of Arab, Muslim descent? I am willing to bet that you couldn't. How can we implement a strategy of racial profiling that Mr. Linhart would fail?

I smelled the burning ash following the collapse of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and I share the security concerns of our country, but the United States needs a more complex strategy than picking out the "Arab Islamist" at the airport.

Sincerely,

Jason Tsoutsouras '07

In support of a truce on the abortion debate

by Brian Lockhart
CONTRIBUTOR

In light of last week's "Pro-life: a fetal incoherence," I'd like to take this opportunity to express an atypical pro-life argument. It is not that fetuses are "almost human beings," but rather the fact that they are future human beings that gives them value.

For the sake of my atypical pro-life argument, unborn babies (embryos, fetuses, etc.) are not human beings. They are no more human beings than bacterial infections or flowers. Yet I take penicillin and pick dandelions in left field, so what is it about fetuses that are different?

In the field of developmental biology, fascinating research revolves around the manipulation of determined cells and resultant phenotypic anomalies in the adult organism. It is not considered immoral to experiment

on fruit flies and sea urchins because they are not human, while there is a general consensus in the scientific community that it is unethical to perform a harmful experiment on a human being.

Interestingly enough, it is considered unethical to manipulate human embryos. This appears to be inconsistent with the pro-choice argument. If a fetus is not a life, we should be able to do whatever we want to it. If we terminate it, we should be able to manipulate it. If an embryo is not a human being, scientists should be able to move cells around and observe what happens. If we could perform such procedures, leaps and bounds would be made in embryology overnight. So why can't we exchange some embryonic cells and observe a child growing up with arms coming out of its back? It would be outrageous to cause a human such suffering.

So my pro-life argument is that while a fetus is not a human life, it is indeed a future human life. Ethical issues surrounding developmental biological procedures suggest we do indeed value future human life. What about sperm and eggs? Separate from each other, the two have no chance of becoming a human being. But at the moment of conception when a zygote is formed, the rapidly changing conglomeration of cells has the potential to be a human being. If scientists are unable to experiment with human gastrulae because we value their normal future, the fetus should not be terminated either.

That's my argument, and I don't expect one member of the pro-choice movement to change his or her mind, just as "Pro-life: a fetal incoherence" probably did not change the mind of any pro-lifers. We all grew up being taught that one way or the other was

right. At some point in our lives we made a decision to close our minds to the other side. For example, the following conversation took place between a classmate and myself. I presented the same argument as above.

Me: But if it is currently not alive, and you can kill or terminate the cells than you should be able to do whatever you want to it.

Classmate: Yeah, but in the future it won't be normal.

Me: So you're admitting we value future human life? It won't live a normal life if we terminate it either.

Classmate: I guess, I just still believe a woman should be able to choose up to some point.

Me: Do you see the contradiction in your argument?

Classmate: I agree with you, it makes sense, I just don't agree; you should be able to choose up to a certain point.

Me: That doesn't make sense.

Classmate: I know.

Me: Well as long as you understand the irrational nature of your argument.

Classmate: People are irrational...

So my advice to both sides, as much as it pains me to say it: Stop trying to convince the other side. Our beliefs are often in sharp contradiction to the edicts of cold reason, leaving us too philosophically prejudiced to come to any logical consensus. Writing letters to the editor commenting on Zach Linhart's latest creation or solving the mystery of why the shower temperatures in the Tower are capable of changing up to 40 degrees in under a second may be more productive. Although it may be impossible to change the mind of the other side, I hope this offers a less than typical defense for the "pro-lifers" to any onlookers who are still undecided.

Brian Lockhart is a member of the Class of 2008.

How I kicked my coffee addiction: a hero's tale

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve
Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Ever wonder what the deal is with the lady on the Starbucks seal? The one who beckons you into her lair with her bewitching grin and the promise of temporary mania followed by atypical bowel cycles?

Her seductive quality is not unintentional. The woman depicted on the now-famous insignia is a watered-down rendering of a Siren, a mythical temptress whom you might recognize from when you skimmed the SparkNotes for "The Odyssey" in ninth grade.

The reason the current logo looks like a partially nude princess with oversized cooking mitts is because the corporate bigwigs thought that the original design—a bare-breasted mer-seductress with a pronged fish-tail that looks like two spread legs overgrown with fur—was too risqué to be marketed on a large scale (read: outside bohemian enclaves and red light districts).

At Bowdoin, where students are more than willing both to get seduced by scantily clad temptresses and hopped up on amphetamines, coffee is understandably popular.

And available. The Café in Smith Union stays open deep into the night to fix students who are up late finishing papers and problem sets. Then it opens early in the morning to kick-start those same students, who passed out in their clothes at 4 a.m., several pages short of completing their assignments. Both dining halls are fully stocked to pick up said students during the in-between hours—known as "daytime"—before night falls and the cycle repeats itself.

That was me. My freshman year, I could be seen upstairs in the union taking tri-daily java hits with the other users. We had a bunch of different names for it: the bean, the bitter, the brew, the black, the buzz, ink, oil, octane, tar juice, bean soup, black soup, black gold, black acid, black liver, big black Africa, roast, drip, tweak, and Vegas roach trap, to name a few.

We thought we were invincible. We'd sit around coffee bars until all hours of the night, doing espresso shots, hitting on baristas and terrorizing hipsters by yelling "Death Cab sucks!" and peeing in their messenger bags. When the management would kick us out, we'd go home, brew a pot or three, and write incoherent poetry while watching the sun rise.

We familiarized ourselves with the minutia of coffee-brewing. Eventually, our palettes became so refined that we could pinpoint origins of brews not only by country,

but by producing estate. We spent hours debating the relative virtues of flavored versus unflavored coffees, of *Arabica* versus *Robusta*, of Turkish grind versus French press. I urinated once every eight minutes.

Then one day, with bloodshot eyes, decaying teeth, and a nerve twitch that made me look like Will Ferrell in "A Night at the Roxbury," I decided to call it quits.

Getting clean was difficult at first. I was tired often. My reaction to coffee had become such that it no longer stimulated me to excess, but rather kept me at a functioning level of alertness. Without it, I was clinically narcoleptic.

I realized that I would have to make sacrifices to make my decaffeinated lifestyle work. For instance, I could no longer stay up late to watch "Pants-Off Dance-Off" on the Fuse channel. The sheer weight of this sacrifice alone tested my resolve to its near-breaking point.

Also, I decided that I could no longer take classes that meet during the 2:30 to 4 p.m. period. I know what you're thinking: I should be more concerned about those classes that start at 8 a.m., right? I thought so too. But as I soon found out, early-morning tiredness can be stayed by a hot shower—especially in the Tower, where water temperatures are known to leap 50 degrees Celsius without warning at least three times during an average-length shower (usually

while the stream is on your face).

Mid-afternoon exhaustion, however, has been more difficult to combat. I have usually just eaten lunch, which eliminated the oh-so-important "too hungry to sleep" factor. I've been up, presumably, for at least four or five hours, which means that back when I was riding the black stallion, I'd be two or three cups deep. Unaccustomed to the sensation of blinking, my eyes seem to fancy this "being closed" novelty.

I can no longer effectively complete homework assignments after 11 p.m. A few weeks after going off the juice, I began writing a paper at midnight, as was my custom. As I was proofing it the next morning before class, I found that I had actually drifted in and out of sleep while typing. During the time that I was asleep, I had typed erratic narratives of my dreams, which were pretty wacky to begin with. There was no time to go back and redo the paper, so I had no choice but to hand it in. Luckily, it was a Vonnegut seminar, and I got a B+ for "creative stylistic imitation."

Since I quit, a bunch of other caffeinated energy drinks have hit the market. Most of these contain the active ingredient Taurine, an amino sulfonic acid found in ox bile. Tasty!

While my self-imposed prohibition includes all caffeine, and not just coffee, I did happen to try one such beverage, once, under extenuating cir-

cumstances. I was driving through the middle of Iowa during the night, and, having been on the road for 20 hours, I was feeling a tad drowsy. But I had a schedule to keep. So I decided to get some caffeine in me, my fidelity to principle overwhelmed by a reasonable desire to not crash and die.

I chose EAS's "Piranha" energy drink, which has been advertised as "bone-crushing." I'm now pretty certain that they meant "hallucinogenic." To be fair to the good folks at EAS, I hadn't slept for quite some time, and it would be presumptuous for me to blame their humble crack-substitute for what happened next. I took a few swigs, and before I could even say, "Mmm, that's good ox bile!" I hallucinated the form of a giant man with glowing red eyes wearing overalls and a straw hat, sitting on the back of the semi-truck ahead of me.

I then pulled over and took a nap. Sometimes I long for my old habit. I often pine for the distinct aroma of a fresh brew, the warm cup against my palms on a cold winter morning, and making it through an entire day of classes without passing out and drooling on my notes.

But I have decided that these temptations, like the Sirens' songs, are better left un-indulged. Odysseus wisely determined that being dashed against the rocks just wasn't worth it, and I'm pretty sure he would say the same about cirrhosis.

STUDENT SPEAK

What is the most annoying thing about your roommate(s)?



Camille Shepherd '10

"They make fun of me for being Canadian."



Steven Kolberg '09

"They scare all the girls away."



Kristen Raymond '08 and
Amanda Leahy '08

"She rubs chocolate on her boyfriend's face."



Jay Tansey '07

"His name is Rob Reider."



Tim Katlie '08

"My roommate brings too many girls into the room."



Maxine Janes '10

"She dances around in her underwear."



Nate Krah '08

"My roommate is very short."



Hassan Muhammad '10

"My roommate sings Michael Jackson in his sleep."



Dustin Brooks '08

"The showtunes."

WEEKLYCALENDAR

September 29-October 5

Friday

Ann Kenyon address

Deloitte & Touche partner and '79 alum to give talk titled "Tired But Happy - Pursuing Balance in Life and Work."
ROOM 315, SEARLES SCIENCE BUILDING,
1 - 2 P.M.

"Wet Hot American Summer"

Join the Bowdoin Film Society for the screening of this 2001 "camp classic."
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

Foam Party

"Come get wet" at the annual foam party. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.
THE QUAD,
9 - 11 P.M.

Saturday

Women's varsity soccer

Watch the 2-2-2 Polar Bears as they take on the Amherst Lord Jeffs.
PICKARD FIELD COMPLEX,
1 P.M.

Men's varsity football

Root for the Bears in their first home game against Amherst.
WHITTIER FIELD,
1 P.M.

JAX

Music and dancing at the pub.
JACK MAGEE'S PUB,
10 P.M. - 2 A.M.

Sunday

Yom Kippur service

Yom Kippur begins with a service sponsored by Bowdoin Hillel.
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
7:30 - 10 P.M.

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

Yom Kippur service

DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
10:30 A.M. - 1:15 P.M.

Tuesday

Off-campus study fair

Visit with representatives from over 40 programs and learn more about studying abroad.
MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
3 - 5 P.M.

President Mills's office hours

Students are encouraged to drop in with any questions or comments.
SMITH UNION,
3 - 5 P.M.

Joan Steitz

Free lecture by Yale Medical School professor Joan Steitz.
CLEAVELAND 151, DRUCKENMILLER HALL,
5:30 - 7 P.M.

Rickie Solinger

"Gender, Race, Reproductive Rights" lecture sponsored by the Gender and Women's Studies Program.
LANCASTER LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
7 - 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday

Kelly Kerney '02

Author will give a public reading from *Born Again*, her novel about a young Christian's struggle with Darwinism.
MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
4 P.M.

Thursday

"Living on Nanjing Road"

Six-week film series, "On the Border: Documentary Perspectives on Modern China."
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

"An Inconvenient Truth"

Screening of Al Gore's documentary. Sponsored by Sustainable Bowdoin.
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

"Proof"

Masque and Gown's performance of David Auburn's 2000 Pulitzer-winning play. Tickets are \$1 and available in Smith Union and at the door.
WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
8 - 10 P.M.

Gunter Blobel

Nobel Laureate to give "Traffic Into and Out of the Nucleus" lecture. Free admission.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7:30 P.M.



Hints of color on the Quad signal that fall has arrived in Maine.

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient



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Sunny weather brings forth shower of leaves



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient
Mike Taylor '07 showers Kristen van der Veen '07 with leaves as she tries to study on the Quad on Thursday. More nice weather is predicted this weekend, with mostly sunny skies and highs in the 60s.

Demand strains sports trainers

Club sports athletes say they feel slighted by varsity priority

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

With approximately half of the student body playing a varsity sport, the three Bowdoin athletic trainers and two interns working out of five

different locations on campus often have their hands full. According to Director of Athletic Training Dan Davies, the trainers needed more help.

"There is a growing need for 'care,' he said.

Aside from varsity athletes, the many athletes who play club sports—crew, rugby, and ultimate Frisbee, among others—also require medical support. However, because

the trainers are already busy treating varsity athletes, they do not handle injured club players on a regular basis.

Official athletic trainer policy on the Bowdoin web site states that athletic training services are provided for Bowdoin varsity intercollegiate athletes and visiting intercollegiate teams. All other injured students

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Profs assign own books to fill gaps, not pockets

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

As experts in their fields, professors not only write articles and texts for their colleagues in the academic world, but some also incorporate them into the classroom as assigned or supplemental reading for their students.

However, faculty members say they do so not for quick cash, but in order to provide solid academic work to their students.

"Professors should assign readings that best meet the instructional goals of their courses, and they may well conclude that what they themselves have written on a subject best realizes that purpose," the American Association of University Professors wrote in a statement released in 2004.

"In some cases, indeed, students enroll in courses because of what

they know about the professor from his or her writings, and because they hope to engage in discussion with the professor about those writings in the classroom," the statement added.

At Bowdoin, professors often write and assign their own texts because there are limited works available in their disciplines. Some professors of science and research-intensive classes develop their own lab materials or texts to specifically focus and customize their courses.

Professor of Government Christian Potholm has written three books specializing in Maine politics, including "Maine: The Dynamics of Political Change" and "This Splendid Game: Maine Campaigns and Elections (1940-2002)."

"The simple fact is that for my class, there are no books other than the ones I've written. I ended up

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College, police troubled by OUIs

One student measured with BAC of .22, report Brunswick police

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

In the first month of school this year, at least three Bowdoin students were arrested for drunk driving in Brunswick. During all of last year, only two Bowdoin students were arrested for that offense.

Officially charged with operating under the influence of alcohol (OUI) by the Brunswick Police Department (BPD), the students' arrests have dismayed many in the community, including college administrators, the police, and students.

"I'm concerned that there have been three incidents," Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster wrote in an email.

"What troubles me is the poor choices people are making, especially given the transportation options that are available," he said.

With regard to the relationship between the Brunswick Police Department (BPD) and Bowdoin, BPD Commander Rick Desjardins said that "in some respects, we're doing very well." He cited good cooperation between the college houses and their neighbors regarding noise and litter. But, in an interview

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Three Bowdoin students have been arrested this fall for operating under the influence of alcohol. Maine's drunk-driving law is considered one of the toughest in the nation:

- Drivers can be arrested for having a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher—or for showing any degree of impairment.
- Drivers under the age of 21 can be arrested under the state's "no tolerance" law if any indication of alcohol consumption is present.

with the Orient, Desjardins said that he found the OUIs worrisome.

His specific concern is with the level of intoxication the BPD has seen in Bowdoin student OUIs, he said. Also, "the types of drunk driving that we've seen in the last few weeks are troubling."

One Bowdoin student was measured as having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.22 (a BAC of 0.08 is the legal limit for adults, by comparison), according to Desjardins.

"A .22 on a blood alcohol level is an absolutely, unbelievably high level. I mean we're talking borderline toxic levels," he said. "When you get into the .30 range, you're talking about people dying."

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Carolyn Hricko '08 and Mike Igou '07 play music during their radio show "The Green Room" at the WBOR studio Thursday. The station is still on the air, but is awaiting a re-licensing decision by the FCC.

WBOR waits for ruling

by Kira Chappelle
STAFF WRITER

Students will have to wait a little longer to find out if Bowdoin's WBOR 91.1 FM will stay on the air. "We're treading on thin ice," said student station manager, Adam Paltrinieri '07, "but it hasn't broken yet."

The ice began to thin considerably for WBOR last February when it re-applied for its broadcasting license with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As a public service station, WBOR is required to make public service announcements (PSAs), such as Red Cross blood drives and natural disaster relief information.

Failure to keep track of the broadcast of these PSAs can result in the radio station being shut down, in the worst-case scenario, instead of getting re-licensed for broadcasting. However, Paltrinieri said that although some records were missing, the PSAs were being broadcasted as required.

"We were doing all the public service announcements," he said. "We just weren't writing them down."

Paltrinieri promises that the lists have been reconstructed, however, and are available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

To help make its case, WBOR has

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Mills: No contact with BSG on Darfur

Some members disagreed with resolution to create Crimes committee

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

There has been no formal communication between Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) and President Barry Mills since BSG passed a resolution endorsing a permanent committee to identify crimes against humanity on September 27. Mills said Thursday in an interview with the Orient.

The BSG resolution defied Mills's recommendation to the Board of Trustees that a permanent committee should not be formed.

"No one at BSG has come to talk to me," said Mills. "Accordingly, I've not changed my position, because nobody has come to me with any justification why I should."

"I have no ideas about why [BSG] disagreed with me," he said.

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Mills says students have lacked activist spirit on Darfur

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BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 said Thursday that he has been in contact with Mills's office, but a meeting has yet to be scheduled.

Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 said that the resolution was not brought to Mills's attention before it was passed because the representatives themselves were unaware of it until two days before the votes were cast.

He added that the resolution is "an impetus to talking about it, not a demand," and that it would not have sense to approach Mills beforehand because "we wouldn't really have [had] anything to say."

Class of 2008 Representative Clark Gascoigne introduced the resolution because he was frustrated that at how sluggish the College was in its response to the genocide in Darfur.

"Reacting as slowly as we have on Darfur is unacceptable," said Gascoigne, who thinks that a permanent committee would facilitate a quicker College response to crimes against humanity in the future.

Brooks '08 agreed, saying that the College should be prepared to respond to major issues without "spending the time to set up a committee."

"It seemed like the Darfur issue was on the table for a while before a committee got going," he said.

Brooks and McKesson will sit at the Trustees' plenary session in November, where they will represent BSG's opin-

ion on Mills's recommendation.

Gascoigne, who is also the treasurer for Bowdoin Students for Peace, believes that BSG's support for a permanent committee accurately reflects the views held by the majority of Bowdoin students.

"I've spoken to a number of people, and others have approached me [about the issue]," Gascoigne said.

In his recommendation to the Trustees, Mills stressed the importance of "individual activism" on issues such as Darfur, writing that "our efforts in community service are designed to 'bubble up' from our students, faculty and staff—rather than being imposed by the College—and to demonstrate the effectiveness of activism where the interest is self-motivated."

Mills said that students have lacked a spirit of individual activism concerning Darfur, and added that the College as an institution is no more efficacious in combating the genocide in Darfur than individual activists.

"Certainly the institution can make symbolic actions, but that doesn't alleviate the responsibilities student might feel individually," said Mills.

"I find it interesting that instead of creating these committees themselves, they're asking the College to do it for them," he said.

Despite his emphasis of individual activism, Mills said that Bowdoin does have moral obligations as an institution, which is "why we're taking the action that we're taking [regarding Darfur]."

Still, Mills said, "I continue to believe that it's wrong to do this type of thing by committee."

Seven members of BSG agreed with Mills's skepticism about creating a permanent committee on crimes against humanity, casting their votes against the resolution.

"The committee's mandate was too vague and broad," Class of 2007 Representative Charlie Ticsotsky wrote in an email to the Orient. "If it's not called to meet, does that mean that there are no crimes against humanity occurring? I would argue that there are crimes against humanity happening in hundreds of places daily."

Class of 2009 Representative Ben Freedman thought the resolution contradicted itself, citing a section stating, "the Bowdoin Student Government recognizes that the College should refrain from taking positions that advocate specific religious, political, or economic issues."

"In making this proposal, Gascoigne is doing exactly that—taking a position advocating a political (and indirectly economic) issue," he wrote in an email to the Orient.

Mills said that as long as students and faculty are aware of what's happening in the world and willing to protest what they think is unjust, a committee should not be necessary.

"It's a matter of education," he said. "We are an educated community, and we ought not need more committees to recognize a [situation akin to] Darfur."

Profs' royalties from texts 'miniscule'

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writing these books to provide students with the information they need. 'This Splendid Game' is composed mostly of the lectures I used to give, which students can read with additional material to talk about later," said Potholm.

Professor of Archaeology James Higginbotham uses a chapter from his book "Piscinae: Artificial Fish Ponds in Roman Italy" in his introductory-level archaeology course.

"My research is directed at many facets of Roman archaeology [that] are useful to teach in class, but nothing that would make an entire text worth using for the whole semester," said Higginbotham. "I assign textbooks written by academic experts who have decided to pull together the type of material designed for undergraduates and classes."

In order to write a text or academic article, however, plenty of research and time is required. Faculty members often take advantage of summers and sabbaticals to conduct research, write, or travel.

"It is very difficult... You want to do your own research, but doing that and teaching is always a challenge, because you need to put in the time the courses really need. I did a lot of research for my book before I began teaching at Bowdoin full time," Higginbotham said.

In some cases, research and classes correlate with each other. Professors are not only able to use their books in lectures, but they can use a course's lectures to develop a text.

Tom Conlan, an associate professor of history and Asian studies, has published two books, including "In Little Need of Divine Intervention: Scrolls of Mongol Invasions of Japan." His work with Mongol scrolls originated from a seminar he taught, and he was able to combine his lectures with research on the scrolls to write the text. Furthermore, he then was able to provide greater access for students by uploading his works online.

He is now looking to write another text about Japanese history.

"I see a tremendous need in the field for a comprehensive text and overview about Japanese history before the 1600s. I'm thinking about incorporating lectures from one course, 'The Origins of Japanese Culture and Civilization,' with primary and secondary sources to make a textbook," Conlan said.

Many published faculty members do

not use their texts in class. Their reasons vary. In some cases, the works simply don't fit into the curriculum or work with a course. "In other cases, the professors choose to rotate in other texts as the curriculum changes."

Paul Franco, a professor of government, teaches political philosophy and has written books on G.W.F. Hegel and Michael Oakeshott. However, he does not assign them.

"What I do in my books is partly what I want my students to do on their own. There's an added authority in the texts that might inhibit the students from developing their own interpretations on the text or subject. We're really working to get the students to read the primary texts on their own and work without too much interference from outside secondary sources, which my texts tend to be," Franco said.

Whether their texts are used in class or not, professors stress the fact that their motivation for writing doesn't come from any purchasing royalties. As academic texts, the royalties are often miniscule or nonexistent.

Some professors, including Professor of Philosophy Scott Sehon, have donated their past royalties. Other professors, such as Conlan, try to photocopy excerpts or print their texts for free, but often encounter difficulties because the publisher owns the copyright.

Aurora Kurland '09, a student in Potholm's Maine politics course, thinks professors teaching their own texts can work well. Part of the Bowdoin experience, after all, involves working with renowned professors and their works.

However, if professors assign their own texts, they should assign other readings and encourage discussions, as well, she said.

"I think it could be useful. If a professor didn't explain something fully in class, you could head to his or her book and get a better understanding. Nevertheless, if the professor is too enamored with [his or her] work, then it could become a show-and-tell with [the] text, and [he or she] may not be open to hearing other opinions," Kurland said.

Overall, Conlan said that teaching at the College meshes well with his research goals.

"As a teacher, you can really see what needs to be done in the field," he said. "By being here at Bowdoin, students ask me questions, raise larger issues, and force me to think about how to address those in lectures, research, or texts."

BSG approves Parents Weekend pictures

by Emma Powers
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin Student Government voted on Wednesday to approve the taking of "Polar Pix" this Parents Weekend. Bowdoin parents will now have the opportunity to have pictures taken with their son or daughter and the polar bear mascot.

The photo souvenirs will be Polaroid pictures decorated with stickers. Pictures will be taken all day Saturday at the sports games at Farley Fields and at the football game at Whittier Field.

In the past, the BSG has not been involved with Parents Weekend activities.

"This is the first time we've

specifically programmed for Parents Weekend," said Dustin Brooks, vice president of student government affairs.

"Student government hasn't typically done things for parents in the past," added Carolyn Chu, vice president of student affairs.

The "Polar Pix" will be free for all families.

"We just wanted to do something nice for students and parents," said Chu. "This gives the parents something to take away from Bowdoin."

BSG's Student Organization Oversight Committee's policy on club leadership structure was also discussed on Wednesday. The newly formed Bowdoin organization Bowdoin Men Against Sexual Violence (BMAV) has proposed a

leadership council that is self-elected as opposed to voted on.

"Typically, Bowdoin clubs have two or three voted leaders," said Stephanie Witkin, vice president of student organizations. "BMAV didn't want to have any kind of voting system."

Witkin explained that the new club has proposed the self-election process because it promotes an equal share of power.

The club hopes that self-election will allow members to become more personally invested and involved in the student awareness group.

The issue of leadership policy regarding club organizations will continue to be discussed in upcoming BSG meetings.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 9/28 TO 10/5

Thursday, September 28

- A student who became dizzy at Thorne Dining Hall was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

Friday, September 29

- A student reported the theft of a bicycle that was parked near the polar bear in front of Smith Union. The bike was left unlocked between midnight and 1 a.m. when the theft occurred. The bike is described as a new silver and red Roadmaster Mt. Fury.

- Two Burnett House students reported receiving a series of annoying anonymous telephone calls.

- A staff member slipped on liquid soap and fell injuring a knee on the basement steps at Baxter House.

- A fire alarm was activated by smoke from burnt food at Brunswick Apartments.

- A student found electronic equipment belonging to IT Equipment Services in the basement of Coles Tower and turned it

in at the Security office.

- Glass was broken in the second floor phone booth at Winthrop Hall.

- A false fire alarm on the third floor of the McLellan Building was triggered by a heat register.

- A first-year Appleton Hall student was cited for an alcohol policy violation at a Ladd House registered event.

- A first-year East Hall student was cited for an alcohol policy violation at a Ladd House registered event.

Saturday, September 30

- Three BNAS Navy servicemen were issued criminal trespass warnings early Saturday morning after they were acting suspiciously and refusing to cooperate with a security officer. The men were identified as Andre Bruce, George Lozoya, and Felton Maise. Their commanding officer was notified and the three are prohibited from entering any Bowdoin property for one year.

- An elderly Damariscotta man who fainted at Whittier Field House was transported to Mid Coast Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

- An elderly Acton, Massachusetts, woman watching the Bowdoin-Amherst football game was injured when a fence post cap was dislodged and struck her in the head. The woman was treated by Brunswick Rescue and athletic staff.

- A false fire alarm was activated by someone who pulled a pull station lever at 10 Cleveland Street apartments. The Brunswick Fire Department responded.

- A first-year Hyde Hall student was cited for smoking marijuana outside Hyde Hall and for possessing alcohol in a dorm room. The matter was referred to dean of student affairs.

Sunday, October 1

- A Safe Ride driver reported suspicious activity at Stowe Inn at 12:40 a.m. Security officers responded and discovered that a large plate glass window in the entrance hallway had been smashed from the inside. Housekeeping responded to clean up the broken glass. The act of vandalism remains under investigation.

- Security and Housekeeping

responded to a report of vomit in a second floor Chamberlain Hall men's room, and the officer checked on the well-being of a student.

- A fire alarm was activated at Pine Street Apartments by students attempting to fry hamburgers.

Monday, October 2

- A staff member reported that his bicycle was stolen from the south side of Maine Hall at 10:45 p.m. The bike was later recovered at Stowe Inn.

Tuesday, October 3

- A West Hall student reported that sometime during the past two weeks her bicycle was stolen from the bike rack in front of West Hall. The make of the bike is unknown, but it is red with thin tires.

- A student van driver reported backing into a telephone pole, causing damage to a Bowdoin van.

- A student having an apparent seizure at Daggett Lounge was transported to Mid Coast Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

Wednesday, October 4

- The new owner of the vacant house at 90 Harpswell Road, former-

ly owned by the College, reported a burglary and theft of copper pipe and electric cable. The matter was referred to the Brunswick Police Department.

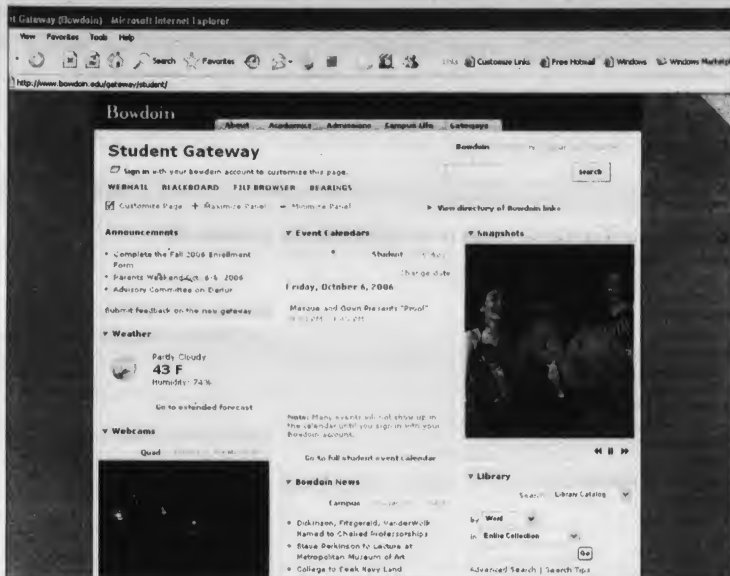
Thursday, October 5

- A citizen's band radio was reported stolen from a Danley Demolition truck that was left overnight at a work site on Harpswell Road. The matter was referred to Brunswick Police.

- Students reported that two men in a tan Chevy Trailblazer with Nova Scotia registration EDA137 were attempting to sell expensive stereo equipment from their vehicle between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. A security officer observed the vehicle headed east on College Street and notified Brunswick Police. The vehicle was not located.

- A staff member reported losing a set of keys in Sills Hall. The key ring bears a Simmons College insignia. If located, please contact Security at 3314.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.



Bowdoin Orient screenshot

Bowdoin's new student gateway features customizable content, such as news sources and menus.

IT releases redesigned gateway

by Cati Mitchell
ORIENT STAFF

Last week, Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) and IT released a revamped Student Gateway on the Bowdoin homepage. The new gateway, which can be accessed at bowdoin.edu/students, enables students to customize the content and layout of the page.

Mark Hendrickson '07, who designed the new site through IT this summer, explained, "On the old gateway, there was little method to the way that content was organized. Links to random parts of the Bowdoin site and elsewhere were scattered throughout the page."

Students can add content from outside sources, such as The New York Times or Rolling Stone, through RSS feeds. Panels, which display information on anything from dining menus to student digest posts to the athletic events, can be chosen and arranged by the student.

"These panels not only serve to organize information by topic more clearly, they can also be moved around the page, visually customized, and added or removed so that the gateway looks just the way the student wants," said Hendrickson.

"All changes to the panels are automatically saved if the student has signed in, so the student can view their customized page on

ON THE WEB
Access the redesigned student gateway at www.bowdoin.edu/students

whichever computer they later sign into," he said.

The gateway also contains an entirely new feature—a student event calendar. Unlike the College's online calendar, anyone with a Bowdoin username can access and contribute to this calendar.

"The gateway was built around the concept of a central student calendar, which, I would say, is the most important new feature," said BSG President DeRay McKesson '07.

"Never before has there existed a place where students could post event on a calendar that all students would have access to," he said.

Robert Denton, a web designer at IT, said, "This gateway in my opinion benefits students such that they can customize a view of college and external resources in one convenient place that is a measure more functional than our previous, mostly static gateway."

When designing the page, Hendrickson referred popular "portal" sites such as NetVibes.com, My Yahoo!, and Google Personalized Homepage as inspirations for the design.

"I got my ideas from a variety of sources—friends, web sites, my colleagues in IT, and simply my own

thoughts about what I would like to see on a gateway," said Hendrickson.

So far, students have responded positively.

"I think it's useful," said Joyce Mendes '09. "It's much more organized."

Tim Gammell '09 said, "I think that they bring the library and the directory to it, so it's all in the same place."

Gammell also noted the special features, adding, "You can customize it. Mine's orange."

Hendrickson has received a number of suggestions as to how he could improve the site. He plans to implement several new features over the course of the year, including panels for checking email messages and playing streaming audio from WBOR. The faculty and staff gateways will also be redesigned along the same line as the new student gateway within the next year.

BSG has been promoting the site—posters in the union read, "It's like Smith Union. Everything you need in one place" and "Raincoat or fleece? Bowdoin weather. Know before you walk out the door."

"BSG is continuing to monitor the growth of the gateway and is primarily responsible for its promotion," said McKesson. "The gateway is everybody's."

"I think it's amazing. It's one-stop shopping for campus life," he said.

Bowdoin residents spar to save energy

18 dorms to participate in fifth-annual conservation competition

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

The next time you leave your computer on all night, consider your competition. This month, Bowdoin dorms are vying for first place in the fifth-annual energy-conservation competition.

Six first-year dorms, six social houses, and six upperclassmen dorms began the competition on Monday in an effort to reduce the College's impact on the environment, and teach people how they can save energy by altering their habits.

"Bowdoin has been trying a lot of different things to reduce energy," said Kelly Pitts '08, a member of Sustainable Bowdoin and the sustainability assistant for Facilities Management.

"[The competition] is one way to get students involved because a lot of the efforts—hybrid cars, bio-diesel blends—don't really involve students. This is one way to introduce students to how they can conserve energy," she said.

Many of the newer buildings on campus have been designed to use energy more efficiently, such as the green-certified East and West dorms. The renovations to the other first-year bricks have also made the buildings more eco-friendly.

However, according to Pitts, residents of Winthrop Hall, Maine Hall, and a host of other older dorms should not worry: Measures have been taken to level the playing field.

"For the most part, how it's calculated is based on percent improvement, not total kilowatt hours," explained Pitts. To determine this improvement, Facilities Management first takes a reading of each dorm's energy usage before the competition, to gauge a base-line level. Then, halfway through October, a reading from each dorm is taken again, and a last reading is taken at the end of the competition.

Energy used by lights and appliances is taken into account, though not heat. However, students should be aware that heating dorms also requires a good deal of energy. This can be problematic in some of the older dorms, where the heat can

occasionally jump to 80 degrees. Instead of throwing the windows open, though, Pitts said that a call to Facilities would fix the problem immediately, and waste substantially less energy.

In addition to obvious steps like shutting off room and bathroom lights, there are a few other tricks for students to reduce their energy consumption, Pitts said.

It takes more energy each day to light the clock on your microwave than using the actual microwave for eight minutes, Pitts said, "so unplug appliances that you're not using. If common spaces aren't being used, turn the lights off, although people are hesitant to do that around campus. Compact fluorescent bulbs last way longer [than regular bulbs do], and they don't use as much energy."

Pitts said that if students want a free compact fluorescent bulb, they can contact Sustainable Bowdoin Coordinator Keisha Payson.

Last year, there was a 13.1 percent reduction in energy use in all of the dorms, and Winthrop Hall placed first in the competition with a reduction of 46.6 percent. In the end, 83,600 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions were prevented from being released into the atmosphere, and the savings totaled 38,768 kilowatt hours.

Though students compete against other dorms, they have been reminded to play by the rules.

"Freshmen get pretty into it—last year they were taking lights out of the ceilings. One of the dorms had construction hooked up into their electric, and they were all paranoid about that," remembers Pitts, referring to Coleman Hall, which actually increased its energy use by 47 percent in the first half of last year's competition.

"I am uber-psyched, and my dorm room lights are off right now," said Maggie Crosland, a first year living in East Hall.

Pitts hopes that by the end of the competition people will have a better sense of the impact they can have on the environment.

"Some of the small things really do relate to the bigger picture of how much oil and coal is burning in the U.S.," said Pitts. "Our generation in general doesn't think that we can change things."

"We do need to make changes now, and it's up to our generation to do that," stressed Pitts. "Making everyday changes is a good step in the right direction."

CORRECTIONS

Wrong name

Due to an editing error, "BSG endorses Darfur group" (9/30) gave the wrong last name of a representative who voted against student government's Darfur resolution.

Mike Dooley '10, an at-large member of BSG, voted "no" on the resolution. Mike Bartha '09 is a class community service officer and does not participate in BSG meetings. The Orient regrets the error.

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Bowdoin students suspected of drunk driving subject to Maine's 'zero-tolerance law'

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"So to have a driver driving an automobile at .22 is just unbelievable. We see chronic drunks not that high," Desjardins said.

Some students were confused as to why anyone would drink and drive at Bowdoin.

"I really don't see why anyone would do that," said Pat Costello '09. "Everything is within walking distance on this campus. Even the longest of walks are not that long."

A drunk driver hit Costello over the summer "a few days before the Fourth of July," resulting in very serious injuries. He was in a hospital intensive care unit for "a couple of weeks" and got off crutches one week ago, he said.

The Orient has confirmed that Brunswick police arrested three Bowdoin students for OUI in the first month of the school year. Other Bowdoin men and women may have been arrested by the BPD or other local law enforcement agencies.

"The status of a student is not part of the booking process," Desjardins explained, noting that it was therefore impossible to know how many OUI arrests have been Bowdoin students.

"It is very possible that the number [of three students] is artificially low," Desjardins said. "I would venture to guess that there may be more."

Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols, a Maine State Police trooper for more than 27 years prior to coming to Bowdoin, has seen his share of drunk drivers first-hand. In an interview with the Orient, he emphasized the possible catastrophic consequences of driving while under the influence. Nichols was just as vocal about the

multitude of other choices available to a student who has consumed alcohol and has the inclination to drive somewhere.

"Here at Bowdoin, there are so many options available to you: you have Safe Ride, you have friends who don't drink that can come and get you, you have Brunswick Taxi that can be called, you have Bowdoin Security that can be called," Nichols said.

Safe Ride is a service "provided for the safety of students moving across campus," according to Bowdoin's web site. It operates from 5:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. every day. Any student can call for a ride, (207)-725-3337, to be driven from anywhere to anywhere else on campus during that time. The service also provides rides to students living within a mile of campus.

Nichols explained that even if a student is outside Safe Ride's area of operation, there is never an excuse for OUI.

"If you have your car across town at Joshua's Tavern or Sea Dog or what have you, and you've been drinking, park your car there and call us," Nichols said. "We'll get you back here. One way or another we will get you back here safe and sound back to your room."

"Whether we go pick them up or make other arrangements for them, we're there for their safety and security," Nichols added.

Maine's OUI laws are some of the toughest in the nation, according to law enforcement officials. Maine statute defines what it means to be operating under the influence.

"A person commits OUI if that person operates a motor vehicle a) while under the influence of intoxicants; or b) while having a blood alcohol level

"To have a driver driving an automobile at .22 is just unbelievable. We see chronic drunks not that high."

Rick Desjardins
BPD Commander

of 0.08 or more," the statute says. "A law enforcement officer may arrest, without a warrant, a person the officer has probable cause" to believe has been driving under the influence.

In other words, a person is guilty of OUI if he or she has a BAC of over 0.08 or if "the person showed signs of impairment to slightest degree because of alcohol," according to Desjardins.

"Bowdoin students—especially ones from out of state—need to remember that Maine is one of the states with a zero-tolerance law," Nichols said. For people under 21, "that means any amount of alcohol in your bloodstream... will result in a violation" if a student drives and is stopped by a police officer.

According to Desjardins, if a police officer has evidence that a driver under 21 has consumed alcohol—either through an admission, through the scent of liquor, or through other means—he or she is guilty of violating Maine's zero-tolerance law even if the impairment limit has not been reached.

If a person is guilty of only a violation of the zero-tolerance law, the punishment is administrative, not criminal.

"It is important for Maine drivers to remember that a driver's license is not a right guaranteed under our Constitution. It is a privilege that is administratively issued and can be withdrawn by the state," according to the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (BHS) web site.

In the state of Maine, the legal ramifications for OUI depend on the circumstances of the violation and "aggravating" circumstances.

The BHS web site explains that "aggravating factors include a BAC of .15 percent or more, or traveling 30 mph or more over the speed limit, or attempting to elude an officer of the law, or having a passenger under 21 years of age."

"Every single misdemeanor case that goes to the office gets an offer for a sentence," Jo Morrissey, the business and communications manager for the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office, said. A person charged with OUI "can either accept the offer or dispute for a jury."

"Our offers are going to be reflective of the circumstances of the case, as well as the [specific] mandatory minimum that might be imposed by the legislature," said Michael Madigan, a Cumberland County Prosecutor. He is part of the team of assistant district attorneys in the county that handle misdemeanors.

"Higher blood alcohol content is going to determine whether there are mandatory jail requirements," Madigan said in a telephone interview. "There are [also] other aggravating circumstances," that can affect sentencing, he added.

Foster noted that the procedural ramifications of driving drunk extended beyond the police station and the courthouse. If the College finds out about OUI arrest, "typical-

ly, the student will meet with his/her dean and we'll require an alcohol assessment with a substance abuse specialist, because again, our focus is on health and safety," Foster wrote.

"There is a very high correlation between an OUI charge and alcohol abuse. Students are typically placed on social probation for a year and this change in the student's status means that a copy of the letter is sent home to parents/guardians," Foster wrote. "That generates another conversation. And if the student is an athlete, we also ask that s/he have a conversation with their coach. The coach then decides what additional action to take," he added.

Of the three students, two were females and one male; one is a sophomore, one is a junior, and one is a senior. Two refused to comment for this article.

In an interview, the student admitted to having a few beers. The student was stopped by a police officer for not stopping at a crosswalk and was arrested for OUI.

The student expressed remorse and said, "It's just something I shouldn't have been doing."

The DA's office notes that consequences of an OUI conviction are not short-lived.

"As far as I'm aware," Madigan said, "an OUI, or any criminal conviction that's maintained by the state, is going to be there forever."

Beyond the legal penalties, there can be other long-term consequences to drunk driving, according to some in the community.

"One of my friends, like a month after my accident, got pulled over for drunk driving," Costello, the student who was hit by a drunk driver, said. "I haven't talked to him since."

Athletic department hopes to hire trainer to work with rugby team, administer ImPACT tests

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must go to Dudley Coe Health Center.

All students are allowed to make appointments with a visiting physical therapist. Also, in a medical emergency, trainers will not discriminate between varsity and club athletes. "If a student is ever in need of immediate care...the athletic training department will be available to them," said Davies.

Although Director of Athletics Jeff Ward stressed that there is no difference in the quality of care club athletes receive, he recognized that the distinction causes hard feelings among some athletes.

"Whenever you have distinctions, there is the uncomfortable possibility that people will take that as a negative," he said.

The notion that club sports athletes are not treated as well as varsity athletes appears to permeate the Bowdoin club sports community. The Orient spoke with numerous players on the rugby, crew, and Frisbee teams, many of whom said they had had negative or frustrating experiences with athletic trainers and had also heard rumors about fellow athletes who had run into similar problems.

Dawn Riebeling '07, a member of the crew team, reported hearing about negative experiences other rowers had had with trainers. She encountered difficulty making an appointment with the trainers after a hip flexor injury.

"There is an impression that club athletes are not covered," she said. Katie Wells '08, also a rower,

said that club athletes "hope they don't get injured under the pretense that they won't be made priority No. 1."

This pretense is correct, according to Ward. When it comes to medical support, "varsity [programs] have preference over club programs," he said.

However, Ward stressed that the athletic department does not take risks with the health of its club athletes. "We want to make sure that every situation is safe," he said.

Ruth Morrison '07, captain of the women's ultimate Frisbee team, voiced her concern with the athletic trainers' prioritization of varsity athletes.

"If the issue comes down to resources needing to be prioritized to varsity, think about the implications of that decision: Certain students' health is more important than

others," she said.

Eric Robinson '07, captain of the men's rugby team, echoed Morrison's view.

He said that the prioritization of Bowdoin's varsity programs "shows through in field space, trainers attitudes, et cetera," and said that he would like to see more trainers available to give his team medical attention.

According to Ward, the athletic department recognizes the need for additional trainers, and included a request for another trainer in its budget next year, primarily to work with the men's rugby team.

One goal in hiring the new trainer is to provide ImPACT tests at the beginning of the season to all athletes playing contact sports. On ImPACT's web site, the test is described as "a sophisticated, research-based software tool devel-

oped to help sports-medicine clinicians evaluate recovery following concussion."

According to Davies, the goal in administering an ImPACT test before an injury is to develop "a baseline on each athlete so that when a concussion occurs you can compare the data. A baseline is not crucial to the test but it just helps with the diagnosis."

Men's rugby currently is not offered these tests prior to injury.

Robinson sustained a concussion earlier this year, and took the ImPACT test only after his injury. He said that he believes the results

of the test would have been more conclusive if he had taken the test before the injury as well.

"There is no baseline to compare results...Information I would have attained as a varsity athlete I don't have," he said.

"I feel that any Bowdoin student that is out there doing any sort of college sanctioned athletic activity should have access to the trainers, no matter what sport they're doing," said Matt Murchison '07, captain of the men's ultimate frisbee team.

"If a Bowdoin student gets hurt, what more information do you need?" he asked.

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Students rally for peace, withdrawal from Iraq



Above, Sam Minot '08 and Alex Lorch '05 of the Democratic Left protest the war in Iraq on Thursday afternoon. Groups of students, totaling about 15 at a time, gathered outside of Smith Union to rally against what Lorch called President George W. Bush's "irresponsible foreign policy." Lorch said the students generally felt that the U.S. should withdraw from Iraq by the end of 2007. The gathering was the first anti-war protest on campus in recent memory. Left, people from the Brunswick area join the students.

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Bowdoin radio 'treading on thin ice'; station garners wide local support

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hired a lawyer, Bowdoin alum David O'Connor '91.

"He's been incredibly helpful," Paltrineri said. "He's been doing research and compiling other cases of stations that may have been fined or warned [for similar offenses], but that were allowed to continue broadcasting."

WBOR submitted a file to the FCC yesterday with a formal response, as well as more than 600 letters the station received from people in the Bowdoin, Brunswick, and surrounding communities expressing their support for the endangered station.

"We even got a letter from the office of Senator Olympia Snowe saying that it's in the public's interest that we get our license renewed," Paltrineri said.

According to Paltrineri, the response acknowledges WBOR's mistake, but states that the mistake has been corrected and will not occur again.

Now that WBOR has aligned its response with community support, and delivered it to the FCC, it's a matter of waiting, Paltrineri said.

If the FCC declines to renew WBOR's license, Paltrineri said that the station would appeal the decision and schedule an FCC hearing. In the meantime, the station would keep broadcasting through its web site.

"If, in the worst case scenario, we get our license taken away, we would continue to webcast online," he said.

"The web already gets our signal across the country and around the

"For whatever reason, they're coming down hard on public stations and letting stations with money get away with a lot more."

Adam Paltrineri
WBOR manager

world...That doesn't mean we wouldn't try to get our license back in two years though."

Paltrineri believes that the FCC has been pressuring other non-profit, non-commercial stations in the greater area as well.

"A lot of other smaller stations have been contacting us and saying, 'The FCC is coming down hard on us, too,'" he said.

"For whatever reason, they're coming down hard on public service stations and letting stations with money get away with a lot more. But this is questionable because those stations don't provide the community [the] service that we do."

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Dear Bowdoin Community,

The Bowdoin Queer Straight Alliance is proud to celebrate National Coming Out Week from October 7th - 11th. We realize that it can be difficult to learn a community's values in the first month, so we want to use this week to remind Bowdoin's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, and questioning community members that you can feel safe and supported here.

A defining moment for our community came last year when hundreds of students mobilized to support the "No on 1" campaign that protected all Mainers from discrimination based on sexual orientation. The sea of Bowdoin students, faculty, and staff that showed up wearing yellow to protest Michael Heath's speech supporting discrimination was a powerful sign of support for Bowdoin's queer community.

We want to remind everyone that the BQSA is dedicated to uniting queer students and our straight allies for discussions, social events, and support. The Queer-Transgender Resource Center (QTRC) has materials for students seeking information about sexuality and gender.

In support of Bowdoin's vibrant and diverse community, we have pledged to respect and support the members of our community regardless of their sexual orientation.

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The following is a list of events scheduled for Coming Out Week.

Saturday, Taste the Rainbow, 10 p.m. at Ladd House. Social house party.

Tuesday, Movie Night, 7:30 p.m. at MacMillan House.

Wednesday, National Coming Out Day (wear yellow!)

Wednesday, BQSA Social with Faculty, 7 p.m. at Johnson House. Refreshments will be served.

FEATURES

'Helicopter parents' can hover too close for comfort

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli can expect to receive between 30 and 40 calls from parents during the housing lottery each spring.

Usually, parents call because they have been contacted by a son or daughter who is upset about a housing assignment. Pacelli said that often the parents calling do not fully understand the process of the housing lottery. Once she explains it, they are typically more understanding.

"It really ebbs and flows in terms of parent contact that we have here in Res Life," Pacelli said.

Although Pacelli receives calls less frequently during the rest of the year (six to 10 per month, she said), the nature of the calls are similar. Parents call because their son or daughter is unhappy with his or her living situation. Pacelli said she always begins conversations with parents by explaining the processes and philosophies behind residential education, and then most parents are "usually pretty reasonable," she said.

For instance, some parents hear that their son or daughter is not getting along with a roommate, and call requesting an immediate housing transfer. However, they do not realize that Residential Life has a conflict mediation protocol.

"I don't have ample space to be moving first years around," Pacelli said.

Pacelli added that she does sometimes have conversations where parents will drop the "\$40,000 line." That is to say, they remind her of how much Bowdoin's approximate tuition costs.

While most parents are reasonable, Pacelli admitted that there are some exceptions.

"I can think of a very small handful of cases where the parent was way too involved," she said.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Samuel Putnam referred to a "scaffolding" analogy to describe the proper amount of involvement and support that parents should provide for children. Although his research focuses primarily on toddlers, he thinks that the instructional scaffolding can be applied to parents with students in college as well.

"You challenge them to accom-

plish things on their own, and you give them just enough support to accomplish it," he said.

Putnam said that he has never been contacted by a parent regarding a student's grade, but he does have colleagues at other colleges who have. If a parent were to ever get in touch with him about such a matter, he said it would put the student in "a questionable light."

Putnam believes that Bowdoin parents may be less likely to be excessively involved in their students' lives than parents of students at some other colleges. He thinks that there might be a correlation between "the caliber of the Bowdoin student" and the independence that they have from their parents.

"Maybe that's why [Bowdoin students] have accomplished so much," he said.

Like Putnam, Dean of First-Year Students Mary Pat McMahon thinks that overly involved parents may have a stronger presence at other colleges. She worked at Carnegie Mellon University two summers ago, and she said that the term "helicopter parent" was used frequently there. In recent years, the term "helicopter parent" has been used in various journalistic accounts to describe parents who hover closely above of their children and are ready to descend and rescue them at any moment.

While these parents may not have as large of a presence at Bowdoin, McMahon will not deny their existence in students' lives here.

She believes that parents who call their sons and daughters frequently or are heavily involved in their lives in other ways have good intentions, and may even be aware that they are considered overly interested parents.

McMahon, who graduated from college in 1997, believes that students now are more frequently in contact with their parents than they were when she was an undergraduate.

"It was my impression in college that people talked to their parents once or twice a week," she said.

However, she noted that now some students talk with their parents on the phone at least once a day. She attributes this change to today's ubiquitous cell phone.

One problem that McMahon noted about students' phone calls to parents is that often these calls leave parents



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as victims of the "dumping factor." She explained that sometimes students will call parents to complain about various things, and then they'll hang up the phone and go have fun with friends. These sorts of conversations can leave parents with an incomplete, negative perception of the student's life.

In addition to concealing some aspects of their lives from parents, students are under no obligation by the College to reveal their grades to parents. McMahon said that students should have a conversation with their parents about privacy before "there is some more charged reason to talk about it later."

Finally, McMahon said that some students struggle with parents who have different expectations for their sons' and daughters' study-away or postgraduate endeavors than the students have for themselves. One common example of this sort of conflict happens when parents who expect their son or daughter to go to medical, law, or business school, and a student realizes he or she does not want to.

"Parents care so much that some-

times they have a hard time hearing their students say that they want to take bigger risks," McMahon said.

Blair McElroy, a staff clinician at counseling services, thinks that it can be hard for parents to watch their students make mistakes and sometimes fail. Like McMahon, she sees parental interest as a positive quality.

"I think the real strength of the millennial parent, or helicopter parent, is that they care," she said.

However, she acknowledged that there can be a downside to excessive involvement. A student that is too dependent on parents, McElroy said, could have a difficult time developing an internal compass, trusting herself without external feedback, and building skills to manage hardship and disappointment.

The Orient sought to interview students who have helicopter parents, but none were willing to talk about it.

McElroy thinks that students should talk openly with their parents about their involvement. Ideally, she said students and parents would be able to determine a way "to retain the connection in a way that fosters self-growth."

Do you have helicopter parents?

How often do your parents call you?

- One time per week.
- Two to four times per week.
- At least once a day.

Who picked your classes this semester?

- I picked all of them.
- I picked them, but took advice from my parents.
- My parents told me which classes I should take.

How many times have your parents contacted Bowdoin administration?

- To my knowledge, never.
- One time when I had a major crisis.
- They call whenever I'm having trouble in classes or with roommates.

Who decorated your dorm room?

- I decorated it with my roommates.
- I did, but my parents sent me a couple of posters in the mail.
- My mom measured the windows for curtains.

How many times have your parents gotten you to stand in front of the Bowdoin web cams and wave to them at home?

- At least once.
- I did it once for my dad's birthday.
- That's how I check in every morning.

How many times have you seen your parents since you left for school in August?

- None—they aren't even here for Parents Weekend!
- They came for my birthday.
- They came about every other weekend.

If you answered:

Mostly As: Your parents give you plenty of space and let you do your own thing.

Mostly Bs: Your parents are involved in your life, but they still give you room and let you make your own decisions.

Mostly Cs: Duck!

SOURCE: AN INFORMAL DISTILLATION OF STUDENT AND STAFF OPINION BY THE ORIENT.

Parents, we want to know what works for you

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST



It's Parents Weekend, and students are introducing their new boyfriends and girlfriends to Mom and Dad. Instead of writing about the awkward, anxiety-provoking mess that often ensues on this weekend, I thought I would dig in to how our parents—yes, our parents—shape our romantic relationships.

College is where many of us experience our first serious relationships. But from whom do we learn how to be in a relationship? For many of us, we learn a lot about what kinds of partners we want to be, and don't want to be, from our parents.

Like it or not, our parents have played a major role in shaping our opinions and behaviors regarding relationships. After all, theirs have been the only ones we've witnessed on a day-to-day basis for the past 18 to 22 years of our lives. Some of us were lucky—we learned from witnessing a healthy relationship. Others learned too, but from being around the static and tension that came with Mom and Dad's rocky relationship. Those people now know what they don't want their own relationships to be.

With their parents in mind, some friends have confided in me that they would never marry as young as their parents did. Still, others have parents who were high school

sweethearts who are more open to marrying at a young age. One girlfriend said, "My parents got engaged after knowing each other for only 12 days. I guess I believe in soul mates and love at first sight." According to the U.S. Census in May 2006, the median age for men to get married for the first time is 27.1, while the median for women is 25.8 (up from 23.2 and 20.8, respectively, 25 years ago). Some

COMMENTARY say that one in five of you will marry another

Bowdoin student, while the nation's divorce rate is at a worrisome 50 percent. Bowdoin, are you listening? I'm not advocating it, but let's face it, could some of us be headed towards another trouble phenomena, "starter marriages?" (Having said that, my aunt and uncle met at Bowdoin 30 years ago and are still happily married today.)

One rather cynical friend said he doesn't ever want to get married.

"I've watched my father get remarried four times, twice to the same woman...I don't think I even believe in marriage," he said.

A bitter, over-cafeinated friend, who has discussed her parents' influence at length with her therapist, said she grew up with what many self-help books call an "absent father."

"My shrink says I choose boyfriends who are commitment-phobic and distant because my father abandoned me as a child. I guess there might be something there," she said.

Many Bowdoin women whom I spoke with said they often find themselves with men whose person-

alities remind them of their fathers. One jokingly said, "The fact that I'm dating and going to marry my dad is kind of scary."

A guy friend, who experienced the dissolution of his parents' marriage after his mother's extramarital affair, said the importance of being a loyal, faithful partner will always be of the utmost importance to him.

I know that I have learned a lot about relationships from my parents, especially from my mother. I was five years old when my parents divorced and my mother became a single mom. For the next eight years I watched my mother go through the ups and downs of raising two young children by herself, while rebuilding both her career and her personal life. I think I may not have fully realized the effect her experiences have had on me until I came to college and was faced with relationships of my own. In the most fundamental way, what I have taken from watching her throughout my entire childhood and adolescence is the importance of being able to take care of yourself. I've learned that you can't love someone else until you love yourself.

Like many kids of our generation, I've seen what a divorce can do to both the two parties involved, but I have also been lucky enough to experience the making of a new family. Almost 20 years after my mother married my dad when she was 23, she is now remarried to a wonderful man, raising their six-year-old son, and has forged a second career as a TV producer (she's even got five Emmy awards.) What have I taken from my parents' first

marriage? Biased as I may be, I don't think I would ever consider getting married at such a young age. More importantly, I have learned from my mother the value of independence and self-awareness in a relationship.

Like any other human being on this planet, our parents are not perfect. They make mistakes just like

we do, and God knows they can be annoying. So, we have two options: We can praise them for teaching us how to respect our partners, or we can blame them for totally messing us up. Tonight, or over the weekend, as you sit across from you mom and dad, dad and step-mom, or single mom and boyfriend, ask them: what works for you? We want to know.

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With cold season approaching, learn how to deal with a cold

Ask Dr. Jeff

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Dear Dr. Jeff:
How should students treat colds? How can we prevent them when, say, our roommate has one?
A.K.



Dear A.K.: Good questions, and certainly timely ones!

Colds are caused by viral infections. There are no antiviral medications, which kill off the viruses that cause colds, so you're left with supportive treatments that aim to relieve symptoms and get you feeling better sooner.

If you have a runny nose, sinus congestion, or post-nasal drip, you'll need some kind of decongestant, like Sudafed, or mucolytic, like guaifenesin. If you're coughing, you'll need some cough syrup, like dextromethorphan. For headache, fever, and aches and pains, try Tylenol or Ibuprofen, which work best if taken on a schedule, every six to eight hours, than just when you feel like you really need them. If your throat is sore, gargle with warm salt water or aspirin dissolved in water.

To shorten the duration of your cold and to lessen the severity of your symptoms, you'll need to rest—a lot. That may mean missing class or postponing work, or missing practice or working out less. It will definitely mean getting as much sleep as your body is begging for—so give in to that fatigue! You'll need to drink plenty of fluids. Water, fruit juice, and broths are all fine. If you have access to a stove or microwave, you can cook up some chicken soup, a mainstay home remedy for at least three world cultures. Try loading it up with lots of fresh garlic and ginger. Minimize your

You can insist that coughs and sneezes are properly covered with elbows or with disposable tissues.
You can both be very careful about washing your hands—often, and not sharing a towel to dry them off.

drinking of alcohol, and definitely avoid smoking altogether.

Here's another question: When should you come in to the health center?

The vast majority of people who have colds can take care of them themselves, and they rarely lead to medical attention.

Most of the remedies listed above are freely available in our self-care packets. The remainder can always be found at the campus convenience store or out in the community. Remember, colds typically last about a week, and they rarely lead to complications.

When should you come in? If you run a fever for three days greater than 101.5 degrees, if your tonsils are red and swollen and covered with white spots, if you have severe ear pain, or if you have prolonged sinus pain that has not improved after 10 days or so, or that has progressively worsened after five to seven days, you should visit the health center.

Here's what you shouldn't do: Don't take antibiotics for a cold. They won't help, and they'll probably make you worse. Unnecessary antibiotics may have side effects like allergic reactions, nausea, diarrhea, and yeast infections, to name a few. They'll kill off helpful bacteria that help you digest food and offer protection against viral pathogens. And they'll increase the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, so that diseases that used to be easy to treat become more difficult to cure—like MRSA.

According to most experts, nearly half of the antibiotic prescriptions

written each year are inappropriate. Over half of the adults who go to their health care providers for a cold are treated with antibiotics. Despite the absence of evidence of any benefit for most people from these treatments, more than 23 million prescriptions a year are written for colds, bronchitis, and upper respiratory infections. These 23 million prescriptions account for nearly one-fifth of all prescriptions for antibiotics written for children and adults.

Now, A.K., about preventing colds, and about your roommate. Let's be honest. Given the realities of student life, colds are pretty much unavoidable. And you can't really ask your roommate with a cold to move out until she or he is better. But you can insist that coughs and sneezes are properly covered with elbows or with disposable tissues. You can both be very careful about washing your hands—often, and not sharing a towel to dry them off.

And more generally, you can try hard every day to do some of the things that shorten colds—to prevent them. Like getting enough sleep, eating a balanced diet, exercising regularly, not drinking excessively, not smoking at all, and very importantly, always finding time to relax and relieve the stresses of college life.

Do those things daily, and you'll be preventing a lot of illness and promoting a lot of well-being.

Hang in there, and get that chicken soup a-cooking!
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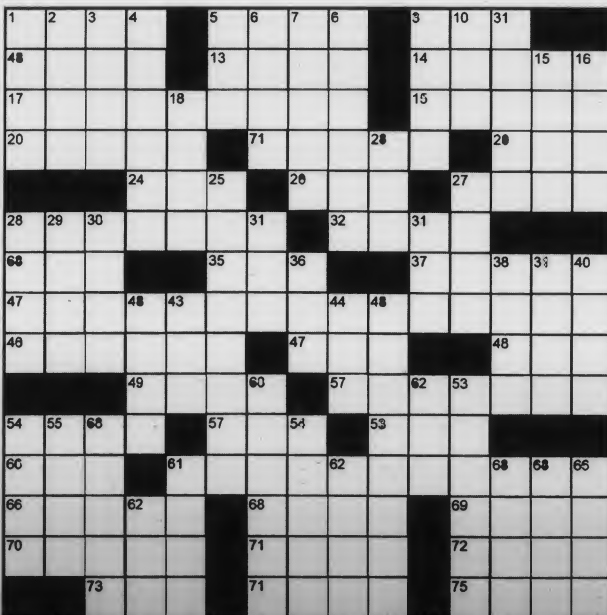
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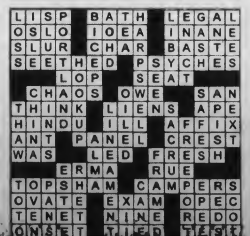
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Last week's solution:





Maine offers family destinations

Joshua Miller, The Bowdoin Orient

Above: Buoys attached to a lobster trap sit on a rock in Vinalhaven, an island 15 miles off the coast. Vinalhaven is the largest year-round island town in Maine. Right: Bohemian Coffee House, located on Railroad Avenue off Maine Street, has a selection of drinks and pastries. Below: Bay Mist pulls into Portland harbor. The boat runs from Portland to Peaks Island in Casco Bay.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient



Joshua Miller, The Bowdoin Orient

by Tara Rajiyah
CONTRIBUTOR

Parents Weekend has arrived and Bowdoin students might feel overwhelmed at the prospect of entertaining their parents. But fear not: Mid-Coast Maine offers a variety of activities and restaurants to keep even the most skeptical occupied and content.

Here is a selection of local destinations where you can show your parents a good time.

On campus

The Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum provides patrons with a look at the Arctic travels and research of Bowdoin faculty, students, and alumni. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

In Brunswick

Step a few feet off campus and experience Maine Street and the streets that channel off it. Stop by the Brunswick Farmer's Market on Friday and find a variety of locally grown plants, vegetables, fruits, and other things. Or indulge at one of the local restaurants or cafes. The Little Black Dog Café at 87 Maine Street and the Bohemian Coffee House at 4 Railroad Avenue are renowned for warm drinks and light snacks and pastries. For a heartier meal, consider Pedro O'Hara's on 1 Center Street, which serves an eclectic Mexican-German infusion palette, or try Fat Boy Drive-In burger joint on 111 Bath Road.

A short drive away

Further in the heart of Maine, enjoy the great outdoors. Visit the St. John River and go canoeing. Or go apple picking at one of the numerous orchards in Maine, which include Moulton Orchards in Turner, just a short distance from Portland.

In Freeport

You can also experience the fall foliage while walking around Freeport, where you may indulge in a galore of outlet shopping as well as visit the L.L. Bean flagship store.

While in Freeport, stop by the Mast Landing Sanctuary, a bird sanctuary owned by the Maine Audubon Society, which can be reached at (207) 781-2330. The sanctuary offers 140-acres of woodland, marshes, and rolling hills, which provide a unique impression of a Maine autumn.

Also in Freeport is Wolfe Neck's Farm at 184 Burnett Road. Wolfe Neck's Farm is owned by a nonprofit trust that experiments with different ways to produce organic beef and sells its own beef, which is used by many of the local restaurants. Frommer's guidebook promises that the farm "is located on one of the most scenic coastal [areas in Maine] (especially at sunset)." While at the farm be sure to hike one of the trails and for those who live nearby, stop by the farmhouse, and pick up hamburger meat or steak to cook for dinner.

In Portland

If you prefer the open waters, Portland is a great stop to charter boats, go for a sunset cruise, or go whale watching. The whale feeding area is about 20 miles from the Portland coastline at an underground plateau called Jeffrey's ledge. The Maine State Pier in Portland is dotted with many sailing companies. Be sure to visit and compare options before choosing a company.

If you like the ocean but prefer a less rocky option, visit DeMillio's Floating Restaurant, located at 25 Long Wharf. The restaurant is a converted car ferry that will allow you to dine on the sea without going too far off shore. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner starting at 11 a.m. Reservations are not taken, but you can call (207) 772-1081 half an hour before arriving to check on wait time and to be put on a waiting list.

It might be easy to think that Bowdoin is isolated, but it is a mere 30 minutes from Portland, a cultural hub, and it is even closer to natural havens. Bowdoin's location in southern Maine will prove to be exciting for everyone, no matter what their interest are.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Proof' shows rock star, human side of math



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Jimei Hon '09 and Mark Viehman '07, as Catherine and Hal, perform a scene in the mathematically based play "Proof."

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

Would you enjoy a silent song named after an imaginary number? Does the idea of mathematicians who excel at sports, play in a rock band, and "get laid surprisingly often" intrigue you?

Even if you're unfamiliar with imaginary numbers and think that mathematicians and rock and roll should stay far, far away from each other, don't worry. You'll still enjoy Masque and Gown's fall production of David Auburn's 2001 Pulitzer Prize winning play "Proof."

The play is billed as a show about genius, humanity, and mathematicians. Non-math majors need not fear: Of these three topics, humanity is clearly the central theme.

"Mathematics is a skeleton for the play," first-time Masque and Gown director Clark Gascoigne '08 said. "The characters are really what fills it out."

"Proof" focuses on the struggles of Catherine, played by Jimei Hon '09, after the death of her mathematically brilliant but mentally unstable father. Catherine is joined by her sister Claire, played by Hannah Weil '08, and her father's former student Hal, played by Mark Viehman '07, as she deals with the implications of the discovery of an important mathematical proof.

Gascoigne pointed out that the

Proof

When: October 5-7, 8p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall, Wish Theater

Admission: \$1.00. Tickets are available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

relationships between the characters are the central focus of the play. Weil gives an especially strong performance as Claire, depicting her character's tumultuous relationship with her sister. Weil depicts Claire's simultaneous resentment of her younger sister's genius and fear of what Weil calls Catherine's "insanity factor," with a realism and warmth that makes their relationship both humorous and touching.

The budding romance between Catherine and Hal is another strong point of the play. Auburn's sharp dialogue makes the characters' relationship seem authentic, while Viehman's geeky but likable performance as Hal is believable and funny. Audiences will find themselves rooting for the young mathematician to succeed in his romantic quest. Hon's portrayal of the acerbic Catherine provides a strong anchor for the play as her character goes through emotions ranging from love to loss.

Sam Duchin '10, who plays Catherine's father, rounds out this strong cast. The youngest actor in the play, Duchin's grey hair and tall

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Godfrey: more than Zoolander in disguise

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

It's rare that a comedian gets his big break as a walk-on running back for a Big Ten football team.

The popular comedian Godfrey, who will perform tonight for the Parents Weekend crowd, displayed his first hints of comedic brilliance during a varsity football talent show, shortly after making the squad at the University of Illinois-Champaign. Impersonating coaches and teammates, he got a rise out of his audience.

"Godfrey has a long list of credentials, which include being featured on VH1, MTV, and NBC. We figured that made him both hip and appropriate," said Rob Reider '07, co-chair of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) Concerts and Comedy Committee.

In addition to a recurring role on "Third Watch," Godfrey has also appeared on a number of Comedy Central specials. But he may be most well-known for his highly popular 7Up commercials and his small role in "Zoolander," where he played Derek Zoolander (Ben Stiller) in disguise.

Currently, Godfrey is a regular at New York's comedy clubs, including the Comedy Cellar, Comic Strip, and the Boston Comedy Club.

Deciding on entertainment for Parents Weekend can often prove to be a tough balancing act for the Campus Activities Board. Comedians, especially, have to be entertaining without being offensive.

Godfrey

When: Today, 8:30 p.m.

Where: Morrill Gym

Admission: Free. Tickets are available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

CAB co-chair Megan MacClennan '07 illustrated the balance necessary with comedians.

"They can appeal to a large range of people—parents, younger siblings, grandparents, and students here at Bowdoin," she said. "In booking someone for the event, however, we strive to find a comedian that is clean and offers humor that is appealing to everyone."

"A comedian is a good act for the Friday night of Parents Weekend because it's an event that both parents and students can go to in comparison to a concert or a foam party," said Sarah Scott '07, the other CAB co-chair. "You wouldn't want your mom or dad dancing in a pit of foam."

Godfrey, a Chicago native whose parents came to the United States after fleeing the Nigerian-Biafran Civil War, fits the board's condition that a Parents Weekend comedian should be both appropriate and funny.

Scott stated that comedians are notified about the nature of the weekend before coming to campus and they understand who their audience is.

Still, Emma Reilly '09, the other co-chair of the Concerts and Comedy

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Kelly Kerney '02 returns as acclaimed novelist



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Kelly Kerney '02 reads excerpts from her debut novel, "Born Again," on Wednesday in Moulton Union's Main Lounge. Kerney, who now lives in Virginia, returned to campus as part of a nationwide book tour.

Project focuses on Maine print art

by Mallory Banks
CONTRIBUTOR

The largest collaborative art project in Maine to date, The Maine Print Project, reveals a long history of an art form that has not traditionally been a focus in galleries: printmaking.

Twenty-five institutions throughout the state, spanning from York to Presque Isle, have united for "The Maine Print Project: Celebrating 200 Years of Printmaking in Maine." As a combination of exhibitions and education programs that will continue through March 2007, the project celebrates the rich history of printmaking in the state.

In conjunction with the project, Alison Ferris, curator at the Bowdoin Museum, coordinated the publication of the history of printmaking: "The Imprint of Place: Maine Printmaking, 1800-2005," by David P. Becker '70. The idea for the book grew out of discussions at project meetings about creating a congruent publication, and also due to the Bowdoin College Museum of Art's current renovation project and inability to hold an exhibition.

While the project committee members initially considered creat-

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Sundae cherries flavor Sam Adams



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

SAMUEL ADAMS' CHERRY WHEAT—\$8.35 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's Market

By now, we all know that Uncle Tom's is a little odd. Among the fake arms, '80s sunglasses and tasteful magazines, I was starting to wonder if there was anything in there worthy of writing about. Don't get me wrong. I like electrocuting my friends with fake pieces of gum just as much as the next guy. But seriously, who chews Doublemint these days anyway?

But good things happen to those who wait. I bring to you Samuel Adams Cherry Wheat Beer. Again, Uncle Tom had never had this one (shocker), but Sam Adams was telling me that it didn't matter this time. So, I picked up a six-pack of Cherry Wheat, hoping it would make for a satisfying beer and a positive review. Like every week, I tasted my quarry with some of the greatest minds and mouths that Bowdoin has to offer. What I got was the first truly mixed review of the year. People either liked it or hated it, and it was fairly split down the room.

Always up for beer that tastes like food, Eric Gutierrez '07 commented that Cherry Wheat finishes off "like eating the cherry at the bottom of a mixed drink." Conversely, often sweet but sometimes sour, Ted Upton '07 asserted that the cherry taste was far too "artificial" for his refined taste buds. Emma Cooper-Mullin '07—writing her senior thesis on the biochemical compositional dualities between maraschino and natural cherries—drank three-fourths of the bottle before sliding it across the table to me and storming off to the library. Lastly, cute-and-cuddly tough guy Ross Stern '07 noted while clutching his tender breast that "just one sip takes me back to cool summer mornings, frolicking in meadows, and my mom's homemade pies."

Here's what you need to know: Cherry Wheat is a fruit ale that boasts a delectable wheat aroma with a subtle yet unmistakable cherry undertone. Its hue is a smoky amber, its body medium but still light. On the palate, Cherry Wheat hits with a mixture of carbonation and earthy wheat and finishes off smoothly with pure cherry delight. So what's not to love?

Sam Adams Cherry Wheat is great for those of you who like the fruity

beers (and fellas, don't kid yourselves, you enjoy the Blue Paw just as much as the next girl). Even for those of you who tend not to go in that direction (like myself), the occasional fruit beer can be a pleasant departure from the well-worn path. What is more, Cherry Wheat goes great with food (seriously, these Cheetos taste great right now). It even makes up half of the ingredients for a drink called the "Chocolate Covered Cherry"—Guinness poured over Cherry Wheat (from the tap, of course)—which I hear is fantastic.

The only problem I have with Sam Adams Cherry Wheat is that its cherry flavor reminds one of a maraschino cherry, sweetened in a jar instead of plucked from a tree. This gives the beer's signature flavor an overly sweet and artificial nature—think somewhere between Dimetapp and the top of an ice cream sundae. While I do enjoy a couple casual Cherry Wheat ales, any more than three and I'm wishing I'd had one less scoop.

Suffice to say, Cherry Wheat—like every beer I review (except Bull Ice, which is coming next week)—is not the beer you should be breaking out the Solo cups for. But for those of you looking for something tasty and new, it is sure to offer a pleasant surprise. Besides, no matter how thick the leaves or chilly the breeze, the cherry tree is always right down the road.



Teahouse discovers it's sweet to be local

by Diana Heald
STAFF WRITER

While options abound in downtown Brunswick for a daily latte or red-eye coffee jolt, until this past week, getting a cup of good quality loose-leaf tea was difficult. Having it alongside a piping bowl of soup or a crispy panini was not to impossible. Luckily for Bowdoin's tea drinkers, however, Brunswick's brand new Sweet Leaves Teahouse opened September 30, just in time for Parents Weekend.

Sweet Leaves' motto is "Tis a gift to be local," and the page-long food menu is chock full of New England ingredients, from the simple salad with Sullivan Harbor smoked salmon to the cheese plate, which features Debbie Hahn's Petit Poulet from Phippsburg, Maine and York Hill Farms' Aged Natural Rind Goats Milk from New Sharon.

If you're hungry for lunch, choose from a selection of salads, panini, soups, and little plates. Both soups are excellent. The roasted eggplant soup is rich, complex and garlicky, while the red kuri squash soup is exceedingly smooth and creamy with the slightest peppery bite—perfection. Not so for the farm chicken panini. Its cucumber, spinach, chicken, and sweet corn relish combination tasted a bit off. The bread was charred yet excessively soggy, and the pickled green beans served on the side were too tart and vinegary. The extra sharp Vermont cheddar panini was far better, served with green tomato apple chutney and a little cup of mulled apple cider for dipping—the perfect autumn sand-

wich. The cranberry walnut scone was nothing out of the ordinary, but, served with a side of tangy lemon curd, it still hit the spot.

It speaks to Sweet Leaves Teahouse's dedication to coffee's sister beverage that while the food menu is only a page long, there are four pages of teas to sample. They include a full range of black, green, and herbal varieties conveniently served with a little old-fashioned hourglass so you can calculate the tea's strength. We had a pot of smoky Lapsang Souchong, the perfect complement to our salty soups and sandwiches, but milder teas are also on hand to take with desserts and scones.

Service was exceedingly slow—but then again, it did just open. Our waitress was kind and apologetic, if a bit frazzled, and ultimately we forgave her for the fact that our sandwiches arrived at the table a good half hour after we saw them leave the kitchen. The preparation and delivery of our soups and sandwiches somewhat lacked finesse, but these flaws are likely to be sorted out with a few more days of practice.

The bottom line is this: As long as you aren't in a hurry, try Sweet Leaves Teahouse for lunch or tea with your family this weekend, and don't forget to order a bowl of either of their delicious soups. Be patient with the servers and take the time to enjoy the simple pleasures of this dear little teahouse, which, with a bit of hard work and refinement, promises to become a Brunswick classic.

Sweet Leaves Teahouse is located on 22 Pleasant Street in Brunswick.

Kearney channels Coldplay, Streets

by Sara Tennyson
STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, the residents of Brunswick H put down their Thursday night glasses of Carlo Rossi and watched with

breath as Izzie Stevens finally picked herself off the bathroom floor. What caught their attention, perhaps even more than the Emmy-worthy performances of Katherine Heigl and Ellen Pompeo in the episode's final minutes, was the music playing behind the drama onscreen.

Renowned for its soundtrack, "Grey's Anatomy" has clued its viewers into hip, lesser-known artists such as Joe Purdy, Tegan and Sara, and Psapp. The end of this season's premiere introduced the show's legions of fans to "All I Need" from Mat Kearney's latest album "Nothing Left to Lose," the newest CD in rotation in the H sound system.

"Nothing Left to Lose" is Kearney's second album since 2004, and its fusion of folk, hip-hop, and acoustic rock has slowly been earning him media attention since its release in April. His music, exploring themes of love, loss, and change, is sincere and personal. The album's title track exemplifies his honest, hopeful lyrics: "Something's in the air tonight/The sky's alive with a burning light/You can mark my words something's about to

break/And I found myself in a bitter fight/While I've held your hand through the darkest night/Don't know where you're coming from but you're coming soon/To a kid from Oregon by way of California/All of this is more than I've ever known or seen."

Kearney's inspiring lyrics hearken back vaguely to his past as a Christian rocker, which he became when he relocated to Nashville after college. Combined with his unique style, the lyrics produce a refreshing sound that can be likened to everything from Coldplay to U2 to the Counting Crows to Snow Patrol to an early John Mayer.

A creative edge shines on songs such as "Undeniable," "Girl America," and "In the Middle," as Kearney mixes acoustic guitar, piano, and spoken lyrics in the same vein as The Streets' "Dry Your Eyes." "All I Need" and "Nothing Left to Lose" provide the inspirational Patrick Dempsey operating-room-scene-worthy power ballads sung in a voice eerily identical to that of Coldplay's Chris Martin.

In a recent interview about the album, Kearney said, "My artistic goal was to write something that's 100 percent real and true to me and to this world. I tried to touch on truths that really connect with people from every avenue of life.

Ultimately, when you write from a vantage point of faith, humility and openness to the world around you, people have to respond because those same truths are instilled in them. Honestly, I don't have any agenda other than being sincere, real, and passionate about these songs and the music I make."

Kearney achieves just that with this album. His lyrics are believable, and his harmonies are catchy without losing their indie edge. "Nothing Left to Lose" is a multifaceted, mellow, and authentic mix of songs that is sure to catch the attention of a wide audience.

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Hannah Harwood '08 & Ryan Dunlavy '07

What's the best album ever created?

RD: J.J. Cale, "Naturally."

HH: Bob Dylan, "Nashville Skyline."

Who is the greatest living musician?

RD: Mike Gordon.

HH: Ani DiFranco.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

RD: Phish in Albany, December 2003.

HH: Leo Kottke in South Portland, March 2006.

What is the first album you ever bought?

RD: "Live in Europe" by Creedence Clearwater Revival.

HH: "The End of Summer" by Dar Williams.

What's your musical guilty pleasure?

RD: Dar Williams.

HH: The Police.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

RD: "Dancin' in the Streets," as performed by the Grateful Dead.

HH: "Boogie On Reggae Woman," Phish.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

RD: I would tell a really long story.

HH: "Dance your pants off!"

Dunlavy and Harwood's show, "Yellow Fever," airs on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Students make their own contributions to the Maine printmaking tradition, on display in the Visual Arts Center. "The Imprint of Place: Maine Printmaking 1800-2005" by David Becker '70 chronicles 200 years of Maine prints.

Smith writes of cruel, vulnerable 'Beauty'

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

Zadie Smith writes with a raw ferocity about the modern day clash of cultures and ideals in her first novel, "White Teeth." The overlap between the worlds is filled with tension and convolutions of common denominators. In her most recent, "On Beauty," Smith does not shy from friction. However, her characters are somewhat less extreme representations of their subjects, a bit less abrasive and grounded in literature in a manner that is more familiar.

Howard Belsey and Monty Kipps are both professors of art history, though the latter is quantifiably more successful. The two are rivals, and their bickering is part of the drama that plays in Wellington, the site of the fictional liberal arts university outside Boston where Howard and his family live.

These men and their ideals occupy opposite ends of the spectrum. Ideologically, they diverge in their views on affirmative action and homosexuality, but they are unified by their scholastic study of Rembrandt and connected by the web of interactions that is spun between their families.

It is often difficult to like more than one or two of the characters for an extended period of time in Smith's books. That is not to say that she writes about characters who are particularly reprehensible and crass. Rather, it is the opposite: They are fallible and most of the time they are working furiously for themselves. Smith does not spend time flattering her characters; she often presents each pro-

tagonist in a light that is harsh, pitiable, and usually incredibly human.

Smith is a master of the melting pot. She gathers characters of various races, various socioeconomic and educational backgrounds, religious views, politics, and beauty, throws them together, and spins tales of identity, crisis, and betrayal.

The combination is frantic in "White Teeth," but here it is easy to situate one's self among the affairs, the professors, and the children.

An interesting element of Smith's novel is its layout. The reader is not taken through the story day by day. Smith omits months at a time in the lives of the protagonists. The reader feels like she is dropping in casually on a friend (the narrator) who is sitting as an observer just beyond the drama and who only has the time to relate the events of utmost importance that have occurred. This quality does not make it a gossip novel, since the characters are thoughtful, but it is the drama, the betrayals, and the appeals for love that fuel the life of the book.

Beauty manifests itself in a number of different forms in this novel. Victoria is breathtaking and knowingly beautiful, Levi is beautiful in his oblivious physical comportment, and Carl is beautiful in his talent. There are other characters whose beauty lies in their intellects, and those who create beauty with their love, those whose beauty is sexual and those who seem to have no beauty to them at all.

What Smith's characters illustrate, with their moods and their foibles, is that beauty is cruel, isolating, self-absorbed, vulnerable, and unbelievably mundane.

Bowdoin alum, Maine Print Project illustrate printmaking tradition in 'The Imprint of Place'

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ing an exhibition catalog, the catalog would have been a challenge with the large number of institutions involved. A book offered more possibility in revealing a broader history.

A prominent scholar in the field who also has "been in Maine for years," as Ferris noted, Becker was the first choice to author the book. Becker traveled around the state meeting curators and artists, looking at print collections, and selecting images.

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important addition to the Maine Print Project, as it provides an overview and a unifying thread to the variety of focuses of the exhibits. Each institution chose its own focus about printmaking—a particular artist or period in history, for example. Becker provides a new window through which to explore the culture of Maine.

Bruce Brown, project chair and curator at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art, writes in the foreword that the book celebrates "an art form [that has been] seldom highlighted by galleries and museums through the years."

"The Imprint of Place" also marks this important moment in Maine art, serving as a "record that these institutions worked together," Ferris said, and "a celebration of their commitment."

More information about the Maine Print Project is available at www.maineprintproject.org.

Masque and Gown's production of 'Proof' not just for mathematicians

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stature ironically make him a believable professor, although his spastic performance seems at times incongruous with the more restrained actions of the other characters.

Gascoigne was committed to incorporating his actors' ideas into this character-driven play. Gascoigne, who became familiar with the play after seeing it in high school, deliberately avoided seeing the 2005 John Madden-directed film of the same name.

Instead, he allowed his actors to contribute their own ideas about their characters. Hon- enjoyed Gascoigne's collaborative style, saying that the director "likes to hear suggestions" and "basically pushes us to find our own interpretations."

The mathematical themes do not dominate "Proof" in such a way that it could lose certain members

of the audience. Lighting designer Suzie Kimport '09, who is considering majoring in math, claimed that the show's theme did not impact her decision to become part of the crew.

"The premise is math," Kimport stated, "but [the play] has little to do with it."

Echoing this statement, Gascoigne feels that "Proof" deals with mathematical ideas, but bringing these themes to the theater "spans a lot of disciplines, much like a liberal arts education at Bowdoin."

The show's excellent actors and compelling ideas about humanity, insanity, and genius should appeal to everyone, from the first years who placed out of the introductory math courses to the students who ignore the plea on the math department T-shirts, "Hey wait, come back!"

Don't miss Masque and Gown's production of "Proof" at 8 p.m. on October 5, 6, and 7, in Memorial Hall. Wish Theater. You might learn

something about the humanity behind the play's self-described "raging geeks," who "can dress themselves and hold down a job at a major university."

Godfrey on campus to entertain students, families

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Committee, believed that the board doesn't have to sacrifice humor to keep the content appropriate.

"Godfrey is definitely a name that is recognized and hopefully will attract attention," she said. "We were hoping to bring in someone that was going to be appropriate for parents

and students and, most importantly, funny."

If Godfrey doesn't abide by the board's recommendation to keep it clean, Scott is looking on the bright side.

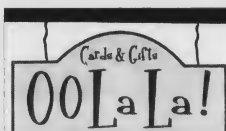
"Well, then it will give the students and their parents something to talk about," she said. "It's really about the bonding experience."

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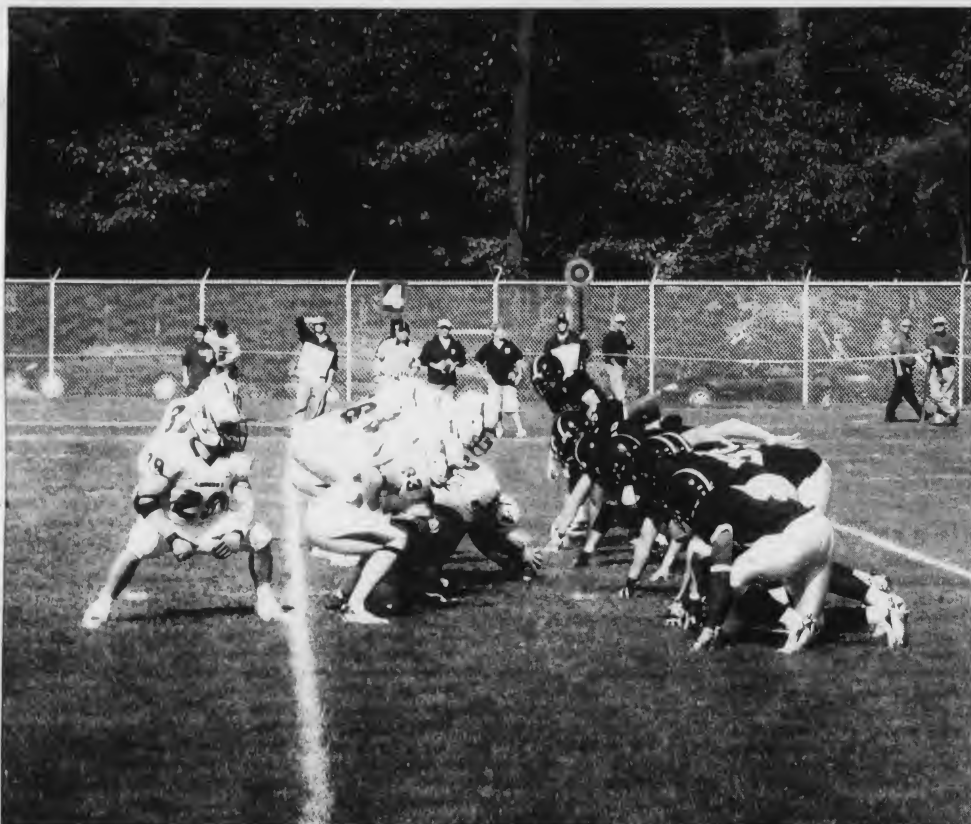
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Amherst slips away from football team



Chase Cicchetti for The Bowdoin Orient

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

The football team dropped its second straight game to start off the season, losing 20-7 at home against Amherst College on Saturday.

The game was much closer than the score might suggest. The Bears trailed by only three points entering the fourth quarter and the game stayed tight until the final minutes. Bowdoin showed marked improvement after being shut out in its season opener at Williams.

Amherst opened the game by driving for a 20-yard field goal, but the Polar Bears fought back quickly with a touchdown to give them their first score of the young season. The 62-yard drive, which included a fourth-and-one conversion, was capped off by a 25-yard run by Tim Kelleher '09.

But the Jeffs answered back on a three-yard touchdown run by Aaron Raub.

The two teams then exchanged drives without putting any points on the board until the fourth quarter. The Polar Bears had an opportunity to tie the game in the third, but Zach Hammond '07 was unable to put a 29-yard field goal through the uprights, missing wide right.

Bowdoin captain Brendan Murphy '07 injected some excitement into the crowd with a fourth-quarter interception, but the offense was only able to gain 14 yards and was forced to punt the ball away.

The Jeffs split the uprights for three in the fourth, but down by only six points, the Bears were well within striking distance.

The Bowdoin defense lines up to stop Amherst in Saturday's 20-7 loss to the Jeffs. The O-2 Polar Bears will play host to Tufts on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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F. hockey XC dominates at Maine-Farmington wins two McKenna '07 stars for men Women claim top three spots in 5k

by Emileigh Mercer
CONTRIBUTOR

The field hockey team fought its way back to the top tier of the NESCAC standings with two home league wins over the weekend, one against Amherst and the other versus Middlebury.

The team parents were heard complaining of added gray hairs due to the fact that Bowdoin won both games coming from behind.

In Saturday's game, the Lord Jeffs scored in the first half despite pressure early on from Bowdoin. Amherst scored again in the second half, but the Polar Bears refused to lay down.

After many futile attempts, the offense was finally able to produce with about nine minutes left when captain Burgess LePage '07 connected with Julia King '09 on a corner. Another corner provided the tying goal when junior Hillary Hoffman tipped in another shot from King.

"The whole team offensive effort played a huge role in today's game. We scored off of two corners which was crucial to the win," said sopho-

by Ross Jacobs
CONTRIBUTOR

Mud, muck, and hills couldn't stop men's cross-country captain Owen McKenna '07 from claiming the three things he came to the University of Maine-Farmington Invitational for—a course record, a Polar Bear victory, and pie.

"The tight turns and terrain prevented me from finding a nice rhythm because I had to slow down so many times. I just had to keep pushing through the hills and not lose steam in the middle miles," said McKenna, whose 27:08 mark for the five-mile race set a course record.

The UMF meet featured six Maine schools and gave Bowdoin a chance to showcase the team's depth. Coach Peter Slovenski kept most of the top seven runners out of the race, yet Bowdoin was able to claim a convincing 23-65 victory over second place St. Joe's.

After UMF's Drew Croteau, first-years Colman Hatton and

Ross Jacobs crossed the finish line in third (29:02) and fourth (29:09), respectively. First-year Elliot Kilham and sophomore Jay McCormick also finished in the top 10 in the 50-runner field.

Hatton and McCormick agreed it was tough to find a rhythm on the course: Hatton recalled "finally finding his rhythm after for the last mile."

Among the successes of the day were the debuts of first-years Cameron Swirka and Matt Rodrigs, who finished 11th and 24th, respectively, and Michael Julian '09, who claimed 22nd while lopping an impressive three and one-half minutes off his time from this meet last year.

McKenna's third wish was fulfilled when after receiving individual awards, Bowdoin received the winner's blueberry pie, a trademark of the UMF invite.

The Polar Bear men take their momentum to the Boston area this weekend where they will compete full force at the Open New Englands.

by Lindsey Schickner
CONTRIBUTOR

It was a cool, sunny day. The cross-country course in Farmington, Maine was complete with an apple orchard, mud, and plenty of hills.

It was there that Bowdoin claimed the top three spots in the University of Maine-Farmington Invitational 5k run with junior Laura Onderko winning the race and setting a new course record of 20:34.16. Senior Jamie Knight ran a strong and confident race to claim second place at 20:49.20, while junior Courtney Eustace came in third at 20:56.10.

Junior Sarah Podmaniczky and sophomore Annie Monjar came in at seventh and eighth place in the race, respectively. Senior Livy Lewis came in ninth and sophomore Lindsey Schickner came in 14th.

Junior Liz Onderko and first-years Taylor McCormack, Kristina Dahmann, Claudia Hartley, and Stephanie Schmiede each cracked the top 50 in respective order.

Coach Peter Slovenski comment-

ed on the team's performance.

"This was a good race for our team to run in the front and open up," he said. "I was particularly impressed with the way in which Jamie Knight pushed the pace in the second mile. The best teams push the pace in the middle of the race, and we'll have to be ready to do that at the state meet and the New Englands."

The Bowdoin women came in first with a total of 21 points, while the second-place team followed with 63 points.

At the end of the meet, the women were rewarded with a delicious victor's blueberry pie that they devoured in seconds.

Next weekend, the Bowdoin women look forward to a meet at the Open New Englands' at Franklin Park in Boston. Bowdoin did not go to the Open New Englands' last year, and Slovenski hopes that the intense competition of the meet at this point in the season will help during the more competitive meets at the end of the season.

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Women's soccer falls in consecutive shutouts

The Polar Bears suffered two disappointing losses: the first to Amherst, the second to Middlebury

by Bridget Keating
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Soccer Team kicked off a doubleheader weekend with a hard-fought 4-0 loss to NESCAC foe Amherst College on Saturday. The Polar Bears and the Lord Jeffs fought evenly for the first period of play and entered the halftime intermission tied up at 0-0.

Despite the first-half effort, the floodgates opened upon Bowdoin six minutes into the second stanza when Amherst's Amy Armstrong scored off a Katie Coffey feed. The Jeffs wasted no time securing their lead, as Meg Murphy notched a second tally off a corner kick three minutes later. Amherst would break through Bowdoin's defense two more times before the final whistle.

The Polar Bear offense ended the game with nine on-goal efforts, while net-minder Kat Popoff '08 snagged ten saves. Popoff leads conference keepers with an average of 8.75 saves per game.

The Bears were forced to move swiftly past Saturday's match as they faced another conference rival, Middlebury College, on Sunday. The two squads battled for a full 90 minutes of regulation before a 0-0 scorebore sent the teams into overtime.



Eleanor West for The Bowdoin Orient

The women's soccer team lost to Amherst 4-0 on Saturday. Sunday, the Bears lost to Middlebury 1-0 in overtime.

But when a lofted ball floated into Bowdoin's 18-meter box with less than two minutes remaining in extended time, a swarm of Polar Bear defenders and Amherst attackers battled for possession. The officials called a foul on

Bowdoin for an illegal tackle, and Middlebury was awarded a penalty kick. Amherst's Lindsay Walker sealed the Bears' fate with a successful shot to end the match 1-0.

From the sidelines, veteran ball boy Greg McConnell '07 saw

promise in the evenly-played match.

"This team is as good as any team I have seen," he said. "We just couldn't catch a break. Annskie [Ann Zeigler '08] hit the post and then in overtime a close

call went in Middlebury's favor. The game could have gone either way."

As this weekend marked the halfway point for Bowdoin's regular season, now is a natural time for reflection on past performances and the competition that lies ahead.

"The past couple of weeks have been tough, but I think it has also brought us together as a team," senior captain Ivy Blackmore said. "We are learning how to cope with the losses, learning from our mistakes, and supporting each other."

With a full week of practice ahead, the Polar Bears are looking to prepare themselves both mentally and physically for the remaining half of the season and this weekend's match.

"The focus of this week is going to be on keeping up the intensity in practice and really pushing each other to improve individual skills," said Blackmore. "We just have to take each game one at a time and I'm confident that if we bring the intensity and composure that I know we are capable of we will be successful."

On Saturday Bowdoin will face Tufts for yet another NESCAC weekend showdown. The Bears enter the contest 2-4-2 (1-3-1 NESCAC) while the Jumbos post a 2-2-3 (1-1-2 NESCAC) record.

Senior captain Kate Donoghue is optimistic about this weekend's prospects.

"The women's soccer team is on the rise," she said. "The month of October should bring us a lot of success."

Football to play Tufts

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With just over five minutes left in the game, Amherst mounted the charge that would break Bowdoin's comeback hopes. After a big stop on third down inside the Bears' red zone, Amherst went for the first down on fourth and one, barely breaking through for another set of downs. Rauh put the final nail in the coffin with a two-yard run for a touchdown.

Bowdoin only managed 12 first downs, compared to Amherst's 23. However, the Polar Bears were able to move the chains when they needed to, such as during the long touchdown drive and the 51-yard possession that ended in the missed field goal. By converting a few more opportunities, the Bears could have reversed the game's outcome.

Sophomore Ian Merry led Bowdoin's receiving corps with 83 yards, including a pair of spectacular grabs. Jeff Smith '08 rushed for 54 yards while Kelleher totaled 45 yards on the ground. Quarterback Tom Duffy '07 completed 13 of 31 for 143 yards through the air. Senior captain John Regan led all players with 12 total tackles, seven of which were unassisted.

This weekend, the Tufts Jumbos (2-0) visit Brunswick to battle the Polar Bears. They are coming off a 21-12 win against Bates, in which quarterback Matt Russo connected with wide receiver David Halas for two touchdowns. Last season, Bowdoin visited Tufts during week three and came away with 10-8 win.

First years propel volleyball to victory

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

For the second time this year, the women's volleyball team beat the Colby Mules, winning their eighth straight match and improving their record to 12-3 on Wednesday in Brunswick.

"It was awesome to win an important match against our NESCAC rival," said captain Julie Calareso '07. "I think this victory shows the maturity of our team and how we are coming together. We are on track to meet all of our team goals and have a winning season."

The Polar Bears won the first set 30-20, but Colby came back to win the second game 30-23.

After dropping the second set, the Polar Bears regrouped to take the third set 30-21, and then carried over the momentum to win the match in a convincing fashion, beating the Mules 30-13 in the fourth and final set.

Many members of the team had strong performances, showing the strength and depth of the Polar Bears. Leading the team in kills were Amanda Leahy '08 and Skye Lawrence '10, both posting nine kills, with seniors Erin Prifogle and Wendy Mayer both contributing seven kills.

On the defensive end, Erica Michel '07 recorded 19 digs, and Jess Liu '08 tallied 14. First-year Jenna Diggs also had a strong game, posting 29 assists and 10 digs.

The women's volleyball team had an outstanding weekend as well, winning all of their four matches at the Bates Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

The Polar Bears began the invitational with a convincing sweep of the USM Huskies in their first match, winning 30-12, 30-17, 30-9. Middle hitter Leahy led the team with 12 kills.

After defeating the Huskies, the Polar Bears faced UMass-Dartmouth. The Polar Bears then recorded their second sweep of the day, beating the Corsairs 30-20, 30-17, 30-28. Diggs and Prifogle had strong games for the Polar Bears, with Diggs tallying 20 assists and 14 digs, and Prifogle notching 14 kills.

On Saturday the Bears faced Worcester State and swept their opponent yet again. The Polar Bears defeated Worcester State 30-18, 30-14, 30-13, and moved on to the championship game against Bates. Leahy was the statistical leader against Worcester State, posting 10 kills.

The Polar Bears had a challenging match against Bates for the finals of the Bates Invitational, as the two teams pushed the match to five sets. Bates took the first set 30-25, but the Polar Bears rallied back in the second, winning 30-18. Bates then came back to win the third set 30-26.

Facing elimination, the Polar Bears pulled together to take the next two sets, winning the fourth set 30-24 and then taking a commanding victory in the fifth and final set with a 15-5 victory.

Leading the Polar Bears on the scoresheet were Prifogle with 16 kills and 8 blocks, Diggs, who posted 30 assists, 24 digs, and 10 kills, and Lawrence, who tallied 10 kills and 12 digs.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Junior Jess Liu serves in Wednesday's win against Colby in Brunswick.

This week the Polar Bears will participate in the Midcoast Classic, where they will face opponents such as Cal State East Bay and the

University of Dallas, and on Wednesday night they will travel to Lewiston to once more take on NESCAC opponent Bates.

Men kick back Jeffs, Panthers

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Men's Soccer Team dismantled two of the NESCAC's premier teams this past weekend in Brunswick. The two victories vaulted Bowdoin back into 13th place in the most recent Division III men's soccer poll. The guys also managed to extend their modest winning streak to three games.

The opening match of the weekend was an epic defensive battle against Amherst right up to the final whistle. Nick Figueredo '08 was able to break the 0-0 deadlock in the 60th minute by slotting home a Wolf Grueber '08 cross that was knocked in by first-year Hugh Fleming.

Before and after this short burst of offense, Bowdoin settled in and let the back five show the extent of their talent. The key to this win was the sense of confidence that all eleven players exuded on the field. They all refused to panic, Figueredo explained.

"What set us apart from them was that we were able to hold onto the game when it wasn't going our way," he said.

The next day featured an equally gripping and tense match-up against an always strong Middlebury side. The game, a 2-0 victory for Bowdoin, improved the team's record to 6-1 (4-1 NESCAC) and allowed the Polar Bears to savor the taste of redemption after last year's battle.

In 2005 Bowdoin traveled to Panthers territory and got "bullied" in a 3-0 loss, according to Figueredo. The Polar Bears did their best to ensure that no such antagonism would take place again this season.

The Bears used a 20-yard strike from Simon Parsons '07 to go up a goal and never looked back from there. Parsons received a pass from Figueredo and lofted the ball over the head of the poorly positioned Tufts net-minder in the 38th minute.

Bowdoin relied on the play of its very tough and determined back four as well as goalkeeper Nathan Lovitz '08 to secure the win. In this regard, it is only fitting that captain

Brendan Egan '08, a defender, put an end to the affair by running coast-to-coast and scoring on an empty net with less than a minute remaining on the clock.

Goalie Lovitz was especially valuable last weekend. He produced back-to-back shutouts, saving a whopping total of 13 shots over the two-day span. The consecutive clean sheets added to his season tally of four and lowered his NESCAC-leading save percentage to an impressive .897 after seven games. He has also managed to go perfect over his last 216 minutes and 17 seconds in goal, which is the equivalent to more than six halves of soccer. His stellar performances earned Lovitz NESCAC Player of the Week honors.

"The defending starts with the forwards and everyone has been doing a great job this season," Lovitz said. "I must say that they deserve most of the credit. I just happen to be the keeper so it makes me look good."

Bowdoin will try to continue its winning streak this weekend against Tufts on Saturday. The game will be played at Farley and the starting time is 12 p.m.



Elizabeth Jones for The Bowdoin Orient

The women's rugby team defeated University of Maine-Farmington 37-12 in the Polar Bears' home opener.

Women's rugby mauls UMF

by Clara Cantor
CONTRIBUTOR

Women's rugby cruised to a 37-12 win over University of Maine-Farmington in its first home game of the season on Saturday.

Captain Margaret Griffith '07 led the pack, aggressively controlling the ball along with co-captain Margaret "Munny" Munford '07, who scored three tries and added two conversions and a penalty kick, totaling 22

points. Helaina Roman '09, Krystal Barker '08, and Maria Koenigs '09 also scored tries for Bowdoin.

The game was the epitome of "good, clean, fun," said rugby Emily Skinner '08.

"It was a really fun match to play in," added Naomi Kordak '07.

The Killer B's (Bowdoin's B-side) were also victorious with a 25-0 shutout win over the Beavers.

Hannah Wadsworth '09 rallied to play another 40 minutes, and was

instrumental in forward play along with Z-Z Cowen '08 and Lizbeth Lopez '09. Wadsworth scored a try, joined by Emily Randall '10, Kayla Baker '09, Elise Selinger '10, and Miriam Sopin-Vilme '07.

"The game was amazing," said Sopin-Vilme, "and the rookies were playing really well. We were shooting boots all over the place."

The Bears, now 1-1 in the NERFU, will play host to rival Bates this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Sailing takes first at Penobscot, Sloop Invite

by Kelly Rula
CONTRIBUTOR

Bowdoin sailing earned first-place finishes last weekend at the Penobscot Bay Open, a varsity dinghy event, and the Sloop Invite, hosted by the Maine Maritime Academy.

A-Division skipper Mark Dinneen '08 and crew Kelly Pitts '08 dominated the competition at the PBO, earning first place in their division, and qualifying for the Hoyt Regatta in two weeks. Held at Brown, the Hoyt Regatta gives top sailing teams a chance to qualify for the Atlantic Coast Championships, the largest collegiate sailing event of the fall season.

At the PBO, competition between Bowdoin, the University of

Vermont, and the University of Rhode Island was especially tight.

Dinneen attributed their success to "utter domination of the 420: speed, boat-handling, and point."

In the B division, seniors Simon Bolmgren and Kelly Rula improved considerably from Saturday to Sunday, and earned a fourth-place finish in the B-division.

The Sloop team, comprised of skipper Rob Parrish '08, Stuart MacNeil '08 on the bow, Sean Sullivan '08 working the jib trim, and Tom Charpentier '10 adjusting the main sheet trim, won all five races on Saturday and performed well enough on Sunday to capture first place.

During its wins on Saturday the team "stayed patient in the light wind and communicated to each

other about wind variations and maneuvers," Parrish said.

Although Maine Maritime gained points on Sunday as the breeze picked up, MacNeil claimed he "flew the chute like nobody had ever flown a spinnaker chute before," and as a result maintained the lead over the fleet.

Other Bowdoin sailors were dispatched to Boston last weekend for a variety of other regattas, including

the Metros Series at BC, the Team Race Trophy at BC, and the Smith Trophy at MIT. Both the Smith and Metro sailors finished mid-fleet or below. The team racing group of sophomores sailed well, but lost a close finish to Tufts in the final leg of the race to finish fourth out of five teams.

The sailing team will hold the Casco Bay Open Saturday and Sunday at Bethel Point.

Field hockey takes two in close games

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more forward Lindsay McNamara.

McNamara fired the decisive shot in overtime that LePage knocked in to make sure it crossed the line for the 3-2 win.

"Coming off a perfect regular season last year, I was a bit nervous about how this year's team would deal with situations when we had to play down a goal," said LePage. "This weekend in our Amherst game, our two defensive breakdowns led to goals. We had to stay calm and collected, confident that the next goal would be ours. I was really impressed with the perseverance of every player on the field and the strength with which we fought back. Losing was never an option."

On Sunday, the Polar Bears faced off against Middlebury in a battle of two nationally-ranked teams.

"The difference from the Amherst game to the Middlebury game was astonishing," junior defender Val Young said. "By the second game on

the weekend we came out and controlled the game. We played with determination and urgency that was evident not only in the key timing of our goals, but also in the percentage of time that we had control of the game. On Sunday we played our game, setting the pace, and we completely took Middlebury out of their game."

Middlebury scored the first goal, and the score was 1-0 at the half. Bowdoin answered back though, with a goal by LePage, assisted by sophomore forward Maddie McQueeney.

For her efforts and offensive production in both the Amherst and Middlebury games, LePage received the honor of NESCAC player of the week.

The go-ahead goal was scored by Hillary Hoffman off of a corner, but minutes later Middlebury tied the game at two apiece.

Still, Bowdoin was not fazed. Senior Kate Leonard made a number of game-saving stops, including a

diving save that gave Bowdoin the energy to take the ball back down the field. McNamara then scored the game winner goal with just 1:35 left on the clock, lifting Bowdoin to a 3-2 victory over the Panthers.

Senior captain Susan Morris reflected on the weekend.

"Our goal was to come out of this weekend 2-0 and we did just that," she said. "For the second season in a row, I think the Middlebury game was a pivotal and crucial success for our team. We have set the bar high and need to continue to keep working hard in practice so that each day we are a little bit better."

Even with the wins tucked away, the Bears know they will need to keep up the momentum from previous games when they face a strong Tufts team over Parents Weekend, as the Jumbos visit Brunswick on Saturday. The field hockey team must also prepare for a visit to Connecticut College on Wednesday, October 11, to challenge the 4-4 (1-3 NESCAC) Camels.

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It's playoff time: Divisional calls

by Chris Adams-Wall
CONTRIBUTOR

Ahhh, yes. It's officially the most wonderful time of the year: A time when a crispness serenades us wherever we step; a time when we are surrounded by its cool, brisk voice; a time when all of these seasonal wonders combine with football and baseball to produce the most soothing amalgamation known to man.

Obviously I'm talking about FOX Sports' lead commentator Joe Buck. What did you think I was describing, autumn?

Buck, entering his 11th season behind the mic, made his much anticipated yet unexpected return to the booth Tuesday night in the Bronx for Game 1 of the ALDS between the Detroit Tigers and the New York Yankees. His appearance was surprising only because over the last few years, Buck has opted out of calling the first round of the postseason with football taking up most of his time, and much to the chagrin of his fans, has previously handed the torch to a cheap imitation like the unbearable Thom Brennaman or the squirmy Josh Lewin. Thank you, Joe Buck, for taking one for the team this time around, and sacrificing your own schedule to bring us that bold, Mr. Baseball, velvet-mixed-with-peanut-butter-esque voice that has everyone touching their throats, while simultaneously imitating your famous call, "Swing and a miss." But now, without further ado, I give you this year's first-round prognoses.

New York Yankees vs.

Detroit Tigers

The Yankees have perhaps the most potent lineup Major League Baseball has ever seen. You all know the names, but just to re-emphasize its strength, second baseman Robinson "third in the AL in batting average (.342)" Cano is batting ninth. And New York's pitching, as unpredictable as it is, will be good enough to hold the impatient, free-swinging Tigers in check, who, besides catcher Pudge Rodriguez and manager Jimmy Leyland, have limited to no "playoff experience. Detroit also entered the postseason on a five-game losing skid, and I'm pretty sure that country music legend Kenny Rogers won't be able to extinguish the fire once it is set ablaze. Too bad Billy Chapel doesn't exist, for in his last start he threw a perfect game at Yankee Stadium to beat the Bombers 1-0.

Yankees in five.

Minnesota Twins vs.

Oakland Athletics

You couldn't watch ESPN for more than five minutes this September without listening to the predictions of how well Minnesota would fare come playoff time. They are now on the verge of severely disproving that assertion. Cy Young favorite Johan Santana was supposed to win, but didn't. The Twins were supposed to take two at home, but

didn't. They didn't even take one. The team with the best record in the game since June 8 suddenly finds itself being beaten by not only a better club, but one that they themselves didn't even see coming. They have also now lost seven straight playoff games at the Metrodome. Hats off to the A's though, for one team's failure is another's success, and Oakland's effective pitching combined with Frank Thomas's power and clutch have nearly clinched a trip to the second round. Torii Hunter (sigh), you're in for a long off-season. Red Sox anyone?

A's in four.

New York Mets vs.

Los Angeles Dodgers

Decimated by injuries to their pitching staff, the only hope the Mets have now is an abject one. They are in some serious trouble without starters Pedro Martinez and Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez. Or are they? Let's remember that Pedro was sidelined for much of the year with an ailing calf and shoulder, and in games that he started, the Mets actually held only an 11-12 record, and Hernandez, as far as we know, could very well be 87 years of age. They still have veterans Tom Glavine and Steve Trachsel, as well as resilient rookie hurler John Maine to compliment what is still the scariest lineup in the National League. The Dodgers, on the other hand, sport arguably the best pitching staff this year behind 16-game-winner Derek Lowe, Brad Penny, and recently acquired four-time Cy Young award winner Greg Maddux. However, with an offense lacking a true slugger, 2000 NL MVP Jeff Kent and Nomar Garciaparra will truly need to step up for L.A. to advance. It's a simple match-up here: Mediocre pitching/great offense vs. great pitching/mediocre offense. And even though pitching will win you titles, offense will be the key here in the first round.

Mets in five.

San Diego Padres vs.

St. Louis Cardinals

The Padres captured the NL West again for the second straight year behind good pitching and timely hitting, doing it virtually behind everyone's back. They are the forgotten team this postseason, but with veterans Mike Piazza, Brian Giles, Mike Cameron, and speedy Dave Roberts combining with flamethrowers Jake Peavy, Chris Young, and closer and Cy Young candidate Trevor Hoffman, they could surprise. The Cardinals, battered and bruised, limped there way into the playoffs after almost choking and blowing their enormous division lead to the Astros, but were impressive in Game 1 behind ace Chris Carpenter. Going back to St. Louis, home to some of the greatest fans in the game, can only play to this underdog club's advantage, eventually earning them a spot in the NLCS. Oh yeah, they also have that Pujols guy.

Cardinals in four.

FOOTBALL

	NESCAC		Overall	
School	W	L	W	L
Amherst	2	0	2	0
Middlebury	2	0	2	0
Tufts	2	0	2	0
Williams	2	0	2	0
Trinity	1	1	1	1
Weesleyan	1	1	1	1
Bates	0	2	0	2
BOWDOIN	0	2	0	2
Colby	0	2	0	2
Hamilton	0	2	0	2

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/30 v. Amherst L 20-7

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/7 v. Tufts 1:00 P.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

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School	NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Middlebury	4	1	6	1
Williams	4	0	8	0
BOWDOIN	3	1	6	1
Tufts	3	1	6	2
Trinity	2	2	5	2
Wesleyan	2	2	4	4
Bates	1	2	4	2
Conn. College	1	3	4	4
Amherst	0	4	2	5
Colby	0	4	1	5

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/30 v. Amherst W 3-2

Su 10/1 v. Middlebury W 3-2

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/7 v. Tufts 12:00 P.M.

W 10/11 v. Bates 5:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sa 9/30 at Maine-Farmington 1st of 6

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/7 at Open N.E.s 12:00 P.M.

(Boston)

- Compiled by Adam Kimmel and Beth Kowitz. Sources: NESCAC athletics web sites

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

	NESCAC		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Williams	1	0	12	2
Bowdoin	4	4	12	3
Amherst	3	3	14	1
Colby	3	3	10	3
Wesleyan	3	3	10	3
Conn. College	1	1	10	3
Tufts	1	1	12	5
Bates	1	2	8	10
Middlebury	1	2	8	8
Trinity	0	2	6	4

SCOREBOARD

F 9/29 v. USM (at Bates Inv.) W 3-0

F 9/29 v. UMass-Dartmouth (at Bates) W 3-0

Sa 9/30 v. Worcester State (at Bates) W 3-0

Sa 9/30 v. Bates (at Bates) W 3-2

W 10/4 v. Colby W 3-1

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/7 at Midwest Classic TBA

Su 10/8 W 10/11 at Bates 7:00 P.M.

MEN'S GOLF

Sa 9/30 - NESCAC 8th of 10

Su 10/1 Championships

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/7 at CBB Classic TBA

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sa 9/30 at Maine-Farmington 1st of 6

Sa 10/7 at Open N.E.s 1:00 P.M.

(Boston)

MEN'S RUGBY

Sa 9/30 v. Bates L 26-5

Sa 10/7 v. Maine-Orono 1:00 P.M.

SCOREBOARD

Sa 9/30 v. Amherst W 1-0

Su 10/1 v. Middlebury W 2-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/7 v. Tufts 12:00 P.M.

M 10/9 v. Gordon 3:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

Sa 9/30 v. Maine-Farmington W 37-12

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/7 v. Bates 10:00 A.M.

Men's rugby falls to Bates

by Jeremy Bernfeld
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Men's Rugby Team fell to visiting Bates, 29-13, in a physical match on Saturday.

With the loss, Bowdoin (1-2) slipped under .500 on the season. However, the team is not giving up on the season just yet.

Said captain Dan Jaffe '07, "While the score of this last game didn't reflect it, anyone who has seen us play over the past three weeks can tell that there have been some dramatic improvements in our overall play."

Jaffe cited improvements in the team's field-awareness and play inside the 22-meter lines.

Bowdoin took a 13-12 lead with them into halftime, but were outscored 17-0 in the second half.

"We outplayed Bates for 30 minutes," Coach Rick Scala said, "but rugby is an 80-minute game."

"No discredit to Bates, as they were a hard-fighting team with some solid forwards and well-coached backs," said Jaffe, "but had we kept our heads in the game as we did for the first 40, we would have won."

Derek Castro '09 and Ryan Devenyi '08 both scored tries, and Sam Kamin '08 kicked one penalty, for the Bowdoin scores.

Scala faulted Bowdoin's shoddy tackling and mental mistakes as reasons for the loss.

"There were some bright spots, however," said Scala, "Ryan Devenyi scored a beautiful try, just the way we drew it up in practice. And of course, our young sophomores are gaining valuable experience."



Courtesy of Hae-Min Gil

Men's rugby lost to Bates 29-13 last Saturday. The team plays Orono Saturday.

This weekend, the division-leading University of Maine-Orono squad will travel to Brunswick for a match with the "Black Pack." So far this season, Orono (3-0) has outscored their opponents 53-11.

"If we are aggressive and keep

our heads in the game, we have a phenomenal opportunity this Saturday to show a much larger Orono team, and the rest of the teams in the state, that we are still a force to be reckoned with," said Jaffe.

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OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

Established 1871

Save WBOR

In his Common Hour speech in Pickard Theater last month, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. focused on corporate control of the media. "Five multinational corporations now own 14,000 radio stations, 5,000 TV stations, and 80 percent of the newspapers," he said. Given this corporate media monopoly—where voices that do not contribute to profitability struggle to be heard—we would expect that the federal government would not be threatening a small, community radio station with closure.

Yet the government is making such threats loud and clear to WBOR 91.1 FM, Bowdoin's independent, non-commercial, student-operated radio station. It is true that the station failed to adequately keep records of public service announcements in recent years, and perhaps such a misstep does mandate a higher level of scrutiny by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) during the station's current re-licensing process. However, it appears that by reconstructing the necessary records, Station Manager Adam Paltrineri '07 has compensated for this mistake. Furthermore, WBOR has also collected over 600 letters of support from students and members in recent days to show that the station does indeed provide a service to listeners.

We urge the FCC to take these letters and reconstructed records seriously and renew the station's license. WBOR performs a public service far beyond the airing of messages about community organizations and initiatives. The station offers a service both to its DJs and to its listeners.

By our count, each day, the station offers 20 to 30 students, staff, faculty, and members of the surrounding community the chance to play music, offer diverse commentary, and hone their communications skills. That's at least 150 voices each week that the community is able hear—150 more than if WBOR didn't exist. That also means at least 150 people are developing skills necessary to communicate with their peers and neighbors—skills that are so important for positive civic life.

WBOR is one of those few media outlets free from the pressures of the corporate media environment. It broadcasts without being preoccupied with meeting the bottom line and hitting a set number of listeners each week. Instead, people are allowed to expose the wider community or the music and messages they think need to be heard. Such content ranges from international musical selections that would never be aired on Portland-area radio stations, to the positive safety messages broadcasted by Randy Nichols and Mike Brown's show each week.

When people listen to WBOR, they know that what they hear are voices from people who are passionate about their broadcasts and care about their world. We can't think of a better way for a radio station to offer a community service.

The editorial represents the majority view of The Bowdoin Orient's editorial board. The editorial board is comprised of Bobby Guerette, Beth Kowitz, and Steve Kolowich.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Partisan squabbling should stop

To the Editors:

A major concern I have for our intellectual community is the impact of politically driven debate. Both the College Democrats and College Republicans have used our community's tools for debate as their own personal media advertisements. The Democrats have used BCN for a television spot that accuses the Republicans of wanting us to forget about civil rights. This is a baseless claim that angers people rather than encouraging community-wide discussion. Recently, the co-chair of the College Republicans wrote a narrow-minded piece about racial profiling in The Orient that was logically flawed on the basis that not all terrorists are dark-skinned Muslim Arab men. These examples are two of many.

Their domination of the editorial page and BCN reduces the level of political discourse to obtuse partisan logic, which is self-serving. We are all individuals that have our own nuanced views of the world and are capable of producing arguments that are so much more thoughtful and unique than partisan rhetoric. If we are committed to intellectualism and not partisan squabbling, we need a greater student voice that is not dominated by aspiring politicians.

Sincerely,

Nathan R. Chaffetz '08

Vote No on Question 1—again

by Shelley Barron
and J. Patrick Brown
CONTRIBUTORS

A vitally important question will appear on Maine's ballot this coming November, and once again, conscientious voters will be urged to vote "No on 1." Question 1 this year is the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, commonly referred to as TABOR. Though the convoluted and misleading language presents itself as greater voter control over taxes, the question presents, in essence, an irrational and completely unfeasible cap on spending in Maine.

To most voters, the idea of reducing taxes may sound appealing. However, while there are effective ways to decrease governmental spending, TABOR is, without question, not one of them. The language of the question is as follows:

Do you want to limit increases in state and local government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth and to require voter approval for all tax and fee increases?

Though seemingly benign, the process through which government spending would be capped is arbitrary and disastrous. The "rate of inflation and population" growth has no logical connection to government spending. While the question is presented under the auspice of providing more voter control over taxation, it would in reality cripple Maine's state spending, and ultimately

Support GOP, war

by Zachary Linhart
CONTRIBUTOR

September 11, 2001. Some 2,973 innocent Americans were brutally murdered on that day by a group of fundamentalist, Muslim terrorists. Today, only five short years later, it appears that half of the citizens of our nation have forgotten the pain that those terrorists inflicted upon us.

President George W. Bush, after 9/11, swore that he would not stop until the terrorists were brought to justice. He is still holding to that promise today by keeping up the good fight against terror around the globe.

While President Bush, Condoleezza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld, and many other conservatives in the government are waging war against terrorists in Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, and other places worldwide, Democrats are only hindering the effort.

Left-wing Democrats in this country have abandoned our continuing struggle against terrorism altogether. They have decided to nestle back into their cozy lives and wait for another massive terrorist attack to occur.

As we say on our sports teams here at Bowdoin, a strong offense is the best defense. Currently, our offense is the best in the world. Yet if it were up to the Democrats, it would be significantly weakened.

Democrats have denounced our troops, tried prematurely to withdraw troops, sided with terrorists over one of our most faithful allies (Israel), exposed key terror fighting

tools such as the NSA wiretapping program, and have, to put it bluntly, been detrimental to the well-being of our great country.

It disgusts me that so many of my fellow Americans, who stood so strong on and shortly after 9/11, now whimper and cry about government programs created with the sole intention of catching terrorists here and abroad. They defend terrorist prisoners when they are "mistreated." However, the American prisoners whom terrorists abduct in Iraq and Afghanistan get their heads chopped off with machetes. I believe the terrorist at Guantanamo Bay and other prisons are treated significantly better than they deserve.

Here at Bowdoin I would expect students to think rationally about what is going on in our country and who is trying to defend us. Yet many here support a party whose stance is retreating from the war on terror and opening our borders to anyone who wants to enter (and blow us up).

The current government has been steadfast on the issue of defeating terrorists. The next time you think about bashing President Bush, his allies, or his policies, think about who is currently fighting back for the actions of Al Qaeda on 9/11. Bush is. The Democrats gave up on this fight shortly after the biggest terrorist attack in our nation's history in order to strengthen their party politically. As long as Republicans are in power, they will continue to fight terrorists. Democrats in the government and the American population will not do the same.

Zach Linhart '07 is co-chairman of the Bowdoin College Republicans.

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mately Maine's economy. Furthermore, the government spending for the coming fiscal year is determined by the amount of government spending from the previous year, which would cause a spiraling drainage of Maine's ability to sustain public services.

One of those key services is the health sector. The state of HMOs and healthcare in America is a severe challenge for too many Americans. A cap on spending would mean that the government would no longer be able to sustain current levels of public healthcare assistance, forcing thousands of low-income workers to live without medical insurance. TABOR supporters have repeated false statistics, misleading the public into believing that it will benefit the economy. In reality, TABOR will force the government to stop investing in public works, transportation infrastructure, education, environmental protection, and other programs vital to economic growth. The bill is dangerously shortsighted and poorly planned.

One look at Colorado's TABOR legacy from more than 10 years ago may suggest what the future for

Maine would be if TABOR were to be implemented. According to the Bangor Daily News, "[A] school in the Rocky mountains [ran] out of money to pay for heat. Children [were] parkas and mittens while the PTA fundraised for heat, books, even reams of paper." Public teacher salaries dropped from 30th to 50th in the country (Hutchinson News). TABOR has eroded state support for enforcement of clean air and water regulation. TABOR has severely crippled Colorado's state economy, and will only do the same for Maine if it is implemented here. Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike have agreed upon TABOR's inevitable destructiveness.

We urge voters to learn more about the issue by checking out www.notabor.org or searching for other information online. When Election Day comes this November, we urge all voters to vote No on 1, and cast a vote for a promising and vibrant future in Maine.

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Genes: you'll grow into them The second act

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Back in the now-distant days of my blithe youth, the concept of adulthood befuddled me. I couldn't figure how my parents enjoyed "healthy" food when it failed to satisfy standard chocolate, peanut butter, or high fructose corn syrup criteria. I was non-plussed by their willingness to retire for the evening before the hour when cable channels switch over to paid programming. The frequency and ease with which they became tired bewildered me, as did the concept of an "afternoon nap."

They refused to watch movies containing disemboweling, excessive vulgarity, or Jim Carrey. They were interested in things that happened on other continents. They didn't know the "fatality" codes for Mortal Kombat, and always pointed out that "combat" was misspelled. They wore their pants awkwardly high. They delighted in puns. They watched the History Channel.

My parents were aliens. We operated in different dimensions of reality. The way I saw it, no part of me corresponded to any part of them, other than the fact that both they and I were carbon-based and shared a surname. In a way, I was most independent from my parents during the years in which I was most dependent on them.

A few years ago, disturbing things began to happen.

It began with a snicker. Someone made a wisecrack, and I blurted it out as a reflex. Immediately, I recognized that something was different about this exclamation: it wasn't the ironic, coolly disinterested snicker I and my fellow delinquents would use to belittle "authority" and put down people who weren't as awesome as we were. Instead, it was high-pitched, mildly goofy, and unabashed.

My friends looked at me like I had just suffered a bout of Tourette's syndrome. Embarrassed, I swiftly rectified this lapse in coolness by cussing violently.

Not long afterwards, I was sitting in my room, idly channel surfing and neglecting my homework—two familiarly immature pastimes—when I zoned out. I remained engaged by the images and words emanating from the television, but my reflexive sense of self-awareness had temporarily taken flight.

When it returned, I realized with a start that I had been watching the House of Representatives debate a

resolution on ethanol tariffs on C-SPAN for about 15 minutes. What's worse, I had remained interested the whole time.

As I desperately scanned the cable in the search of a Comedy Central or Cartoon Network program juvenile enough to cancel out this unsettling foray into civic curiosity, my roommate came in and offered me some Junior Mints. Naturally, I accepted, but paused before plunging in with an eager fist. Instead, I rotated the box in my hand and considered its nutritional information, as though manipulated by some insuperable biological impulse.

"Good Lord," I thought to myself. "These Junior Mints have almost no nutritional value whatsoever. Forty-three grams of sugar per serving? These'd keep me up all night, plus I could spoil my appetite for dinner."

It was only after hearing myself think these words that the heavy truth struck me. The goofy laugh, the interest in trade regulations, the nutritional awareness...it all pointed to one thing.

I became light-headed and dizzy. The box of Junior Mints slipped my grip, cascading to the floor in slow motion.

I was becoming my parents. Bitch of a thing, these genes. Just when you think you've got 'em fooled, they remind you that nature is king, and nurture is a lesser feudal baron who seduces you with promises of limitless potentialities, but most of whose power is derived from the king via Punnett squares.

Of course, there are exceptions. There are kids born to successful, intelligent parents who become illiterate drug addicts. There are kids born to illiterate parents who become president of the United States. There are

even kids born to successful, intelligent parents who become illiterate drug addicts and then become president of the United States.

And lest we forget, there are those genetic features from elsewhere in your bloodline that lay dormant in your parents, but have manifested in you. For example, your premature baldness and my ability to do 720-degree dunks.

Other of your parents' attributes might skip your generation. My dad majored in applied mathematics at Harvard, and I didn't even make it out of Algebra until I was nearly a high school senior.

These caveats notwithstanding, genetic inevitability can be a frightening thing. That is why it is so comfortingly ironic when our parents try to resemble us.

For example, I was fortunate to be at Colorado College last fall during its Parents Weekend. At some point on Saturday evening, I was hanging out in a friend's dorm room when one of his floor mates appeared in the door with wide eyes. Behind him, I described four 50-somethings staring eagerly over his shoulder.

"I brought parents," he said, "and they want to party!"

The quartet of mid-lifers spent the remainder of the evening in our dorm room, brewing "jungle juice" in a garbage can with a lacrosse stick and dancing to the Rolling Stones with each others' spouses. I am not making this up.

Students, beware: college visits can easily trigger these anachronistic episodes in parents. So Mom and Dad, if your weekend agenda involves donning togas and wading into the depths of a social house for night of beer pong, be my guest. You can deal me out, though; I'll be watching C-SPAN.

by Jordan Schiele
ORIENT STAFF

I wonder why writers lead tragic lives, as though inspiration were more promising when we stare misery in the face. Great writers recognize it, embrace it, allow it to assume the shape of things to come in penciled words, each letter a stroke with the past. The craft of the writer is embedded with cathartic power. The beauty of black thoughts on white paper reveals tragedy as much as poetry ensconces it, and those who seek solace in words must engage with their meaning in ways never before imagined.

Now imagine where such beauty and tragedy thrive—in the privileged world of expatriates, whose lives Fitzgerald believed "have no second act." While it is true that the climax for plays with a single act arrives quickly, Wilde's prophetic Shakespeare, that the world is a stage and we are badly cast, reminds us that a single life may play more than a single role.

I am arguing for the second act, the life you will lead when you return home from living abroad. Your appearance, like that essence of being which we hide within the warmth of ourselves, will change. And the world you once knew will seamlessly change, though it is wise to remember that you are responsible for what may at first appear drastic.

To reach a decision is to accept consequence, the burden of which you will bear alone. Although no one will offer you tomorrow, many will strive, perhaps unwittingly, to pilfer today. This submission is the one temptation we should resist, for

the wonder in consequences is their climax and the stories that inevitably follow. Do not fear decisions. Fear the day you may no longer be able to make them.

For sophomores, February is the cruelest month. The decisions to select a major field of study, a country to call home for a semester or a year, an advisor with whom they will make decisions still unknown to them, are exhilarating as they are exhausting.

Exhaust yourself. Make the second act of your life exhilarating. Study, live, change abroad! The writer who surrenders to the success or failure of his past, the memory of which achieves nothing for his present, condemns the unwritten acts of his life. That some of the most beautiful symphonies are unfinished is full of wonder.

Why do we wander? Why do we return home? We can never return to a place of happiness nor find it again by the same means. The moods of our passion change with-out notice, like a weary traveler who keeps traveling, unable to create home. We must discover what is missing that was never once there and deny ourselves the comfort in panic or excuse. We learn that life need only go on if we so desire, which we always should.

Regret decisions, if you must, but never lament experience. As Woody Allen warns us to the tune of Gershwin, "the brain is the most overrated organ." It is a tool for writing lives, yet it is not life itself. Life is a thread of exquisite moments that spans the length of unforeseen acts. Spend yourself in ways without considering the tragedy that may follow, because the words, and lines, always will.

BULLFROGS HAVE IT EASIER:



STUDENT SPEAK

What would your parents be doing if you visited them in college?



Michelle Argueta '09

"My dad would be wearing a ridiculously see-through shirt."



Daphne Leveriza '07

"My dad would have been rolling with his gang mates."



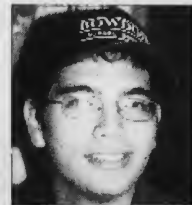
Ben Stormo '08

"I'm sure it would be more exciting than what I'll be doing while they're here."



Nick Norton '09

"My dad would be stroking his outrageous goatee."



Michael Bartha '09

"Rediscovering their hair lines."

Compiled by Nick Crawford '09 and Morgan MacLeod '09

WEEKLYCALENDAR

October 6-12

Friday

Softball silent auction

Bid on everything from Curt Schilling memorabilia to local gift certificates to support Polar Bear softball.

SMITH UNION,
10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**Parents Weekend
Common Hour**

Entertain your parents with poetry readings, dance, and a capella performances by Bowdoin student groups.

MORRELL GYM,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

"Grizzly Man"

Werner Herzog's film documenting Timothy Treadwell's lethal obsession with bears and his experiences in the Alaskan wilderness. Sponsored by the Bowdoin Film Society.

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"Proof"

Masque and Gown's performance of David Auburn's 2000 Pulitzer-winning play. Tickets are \$1 and available at Smith Union and at the door.

WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
8 - 10 P.M.

Godfrey

Comedian and ex-7UP spokesman to charm students and parents alike.

MORRELL GYM,
8:30 P.M.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient
Workers prepare for weekend events in Morrell Gym.

Saturday

Open discussion

Join President Barry Mills and Dean Tim Foster as they cover topics ranging from academics to dorm life.

DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
9 - 10:30 A.M.

"Grizzly Man"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"Proof"

WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
8 P.M.

Student group performances

Bring your parents to performances by Bowdoin's dance and a capella groups. Limited seating; no tickets required.

MORRELL GYM,
8 - 10 P.M.

Sunday

Sunday Mass
BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

Venice Faces the Flood

A lecture by University of Ohio History professor, Robert C. Davis.

MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
7 P.M.

Tuesday

President Mills's office hours

Students are encouraged to drop in with any questions or comments.

SMITH UNION,
3 - 5 P.M.

Carter Smith

Enjoy Smith's lecture and film screening. Sponsored by Aviva Briefel and the Gay and Lesbian Studies Program.

MOULTON UNION,
8 - 10 P.M.

Wednesday

Plan B available

Stop by the Bowdoin Women's Association's table to learn more about a secondary form of contraception. Plan B will be available.

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ALL DAY

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Weekend to feature reunions

by Cati Mitchell
ORIENT STAFF

This weekend, hundreds of Bowdoin alumni and current students will come together and participate in a variety of events to celebrate Homecoming Weekend.

According to Associate Director of Alumni Relations Peter Wagner, "The major focus is young alumni and getting them back for the weekend."

To encourage this, there is a Young Alumni Party on Saturday afternoon. Members of the past five graduating classes along with the current senior class are invited to this event. There is also a half-year reunion for members of the Class of 2006.

Another important event is the Athletic Hall of Honor Induction,

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MORE ALUMNI NEWS

The director and assistant director of alumni relations depart. Officials say no reason to worry. Story, page 3.

Students, staff 'Take Back the Night'



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Community members gathered on Hyde Plaza Thursday night to express their opposition to sexual violence. The event was sponsored by V-Day, Safe Space, Bowdoin Men Against Sexual Violence, and the WRC.

Security: Party checks a success

Nichols cites need for communication between students and Security

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

In an effort to ensure a safer student body and campus, Bowdoin's Residential Life and Security staffs have teamed up this year to conduct pre-party checks at registered campus events.

At the beginning of each party, security officers meet with event hosts to check on registered alcoholic beverages, ensure adequate quantities of food and non-alcoholic drinks, identify any fire and safety issues, and answer any questions the hosts have.

"The major goal is to make sure that party hosts really understand their responsibilities when agreeing to host an event for their peers and to take the precautions seriously," said Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli. "It's important to run the events well and safely, and to catch and address any problems in a proactive way."

Event hosts in previous years were given a checklist of procedures and regulations at the beginning of each party, and security officers would stop by throughout the night. However, Director of Security Randy Nichols said that it could be difficult to find event and alcohol hosts during parties, and suggested that meeting beforehand could establish better communication.

"The good thing about this is that it gives the security officers on duty a chance to meet the event and alcohol hosts face to face," Nichols said. "They share ideas, talk about the event, and get to know each other. Later, when the officers come back, they know who they're dealing with and who to go to."

So far, Nichols and Pacelli agreed that the inspections on campus have been a success.

"By and large, the checks have gone really well," said Pacelli. "I think the policy has helped convey to students the importance of these precautions that we have. It reinforces the importance of making sure that students are running the

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OUTweek celebrates queer student pride

'Taste the Rainbow' party includes students from other Maine colleges

by Kira Chappelle
STAFF WRITER

If you noticed the chalk coloring Bowdoin's walkways early last week, you probably noticed that the messages were more emotional and political than mere event advertisements.

Chalking the Quad was just one way to raise awareness of OUTweek this year, an annual weeklong celebration organized by the Bowdoin Queer-Straight Alliance (BQSA). This year's OUTweek, which began Saturday, October 7, and culminated the following Wednesday on National Coming Out Day, featured a variety of events in which members of the Bowdoin community confronted and discussed issues that lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transsexual people face.

"It's a week to celebrate those LGBT students and any students of any sexual identification who are coming out or are already out, and are proud of themselves," said BQSA Co-President Lydia Hawkins '07.

Events were held every night beginning Saturday at Ladd House with

"Taste the Rainbow," a party to which BQSA invited not only Bowdoin students, but students from Bates, Colby, and the University of Southern Maine.

"We've always had a goal of getting students from other campuses involved and interacting with us," said Hawkins.

Other events included viewings of "Transamerica" and "But I'm a Cheerleader," a movie about a cheerleader that is sent to "rehab" when her parents and friends suspect her of being a lesbian.

This year's OUTweek concluded with a "Speak Out" discussion, in which students, faculty, and staff engaged in a conversation about their experiences, and what it means to come out and be out.

"This OUTweek has been the most productive in having very well-attended events," said Hawkins. "The conversation—'Speak Out'—in particular, was a really positive, meaningful experience."

Dan Robinson '07, also co-president of BQSA, said that some of the most successful elements of OUTweek were not events.

"We collected stories into a publication called 'In and Out,'" he said.

"It was awesome that we were able to collect so many different stories. There

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Blog ruminates on Bowdoin food

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

At the beginning of this school year Mark McGranaghan '09 started a web log (blog) devoted to Bowdoin's culinary excellence. McGranaghan writes entries on everything from Thursday afternoon's "Baked Ziti and Chicken Florentine" to "How to eat a grapefruit." McGranaghan includes a number of mouth-watering photos on his site. He has recently been featured in local press, garnering the attention of the Portland Press Herald and New England Cable News (NECN). McGranaghan writes a weekly haiku about the food every Friday. His blog is updated often and can be found at www.bowdoingourmet.com.

The Orient sat down with the Bowdoin Gourmet to find out what prompted him to start his blog, what his favorite meals are, and whether he ever gets sick of college food. What follows are excerpts from the interview.

Bowdoin Orient: Looking at colleges, was the food at Bowdoin something that caught your eye?

Bowdoin Gourmet: I wasn't considering the food when I decided which school to go to.

BO: When you got here, what jumped out at you first in terms of food?

BG: The lobster bake was pretty special but the everyday quality of the food was most impressive—the

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Courtesy of BowdoinGourmet.com

Sophomore Mark McGranaghan's blog, BowdoinGourmet.com, includes a weekly haiku about food.

Maine College Dems file ethics complaint

by Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

The Maine College Democrats asked the state of Maine on Thursday to investigate the Maine College Republicans for alleged violations of campaign finance laws.

The organization is alleging that Maine College Republicans Chairman Nate Walton is improperly working for state Sen. Chandler Woodcock's gubernatorial campaign

while also leading a Republican political action committee.

"I have no comment at this time," Walton, a Bates College student, told the Orient late Thursday.

The complaint was filed with the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, which is an independent state agency that administers Maine's election rules.

In the complaint, Maine College Democrats Co-President Oliver

Radwan, a Bowdoin junior, requested an investigation into the relationship between Walton's work with the Maine State College Republican Organization political action committee (PAC) and his role as a field director for Woodcock's campaign.

The Democrats alleged that Walton was working as Woodcock's field director while simultaneously leading a College Republicans PAC

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COLLEGE WITH A TWIN

The Orient interviews six sets to see what it's like to take on college life with a twin brother or twin sister. **FEATURES, PAGE 6**

Judd wants office to be more visible

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd told Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) that her office is currently "invisible" to the student body. She wants to reverse that trend.

Judd spoke at Wednesday's BSG meeting to elaborate on her goal of making her office more visible.

Burgess LePage '07, BSG's vice president of academic affairs, said the meeting was "a good way to make the connection between the BSG and academic affairs."

Judd discussed her goals for the upcoming year, which include establishing a student advisory board to meet monthly to discuss academic affairs.

She also hopes to pursue how to support faculty in their lives as both researchers and teachers.

Other issues Judd outlined include breaking down barriers between the classroom and rest of life on campus, improving the academic advising system and increasing the role of the arts at

the College.

Judd also briefly explained her take on the new distribution requirements, which come into effect for the class of 2010. She described the requirements as the 21st-century version of the Offer of the College realized.

BSG President DeRay McKesson said that Judd "sparked BSG interest in a way that calls for sustained discussion," and listed the Credit/D/Fail option and the new distribution requirements as issues to be reconsidered in the future.

Dustin Brooks, vice president of student government affairs, said that a priority of BSG is to figure out how the student government and the academic side of Bowdoin can better work together.

He believes that there is sufficient support on both sides to begin to bridge the gap between the two.

Brooks said the meeting was successful, and "provided a general literacy about the world of academic affairs so we can find out what issues to pursue in the future."

EPA recognizes clean energy use

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is recognizing the College as a green power leader for its purchase of clean renewable energy, the College announced this week.

The College is purchasing 12 million kilowatt hours of green power each year from a low-impact hydroelectric facility near campus, along with 285,000 kilowatt hours of renewable energy credits. These two purchases comprise approximately 65 percent of the College's electricity purchases.

In combination with Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard, 100 percent of the College's electricity comes from qualifying renewable resources, the College said. The state standard requires that a minimum of 30 percent of electricity sales in Maine come from renewable

resources, according to North Carolina State University.

"EPA applauds Bowdoin College for making a significant green power purchase to meet the campus's electricity needs," said Matt Clouse, program director for the EPA's Green Power Partnership. "Bowdoin is providing an excellent example for its peers, employees, students, and faculty by purchasing green power."

"This purchase serves as a great way to tie together Bowdoin's environmental and educational missions," he said.

According to the EPA, Bowdoin is the agency's No. 2 green power partner in the NESAC. Bates College edges out Bowdoin slightly, with 12,980,000 kilowatt hours purchased.

From college and Orient news staff reports.

BSG reps, Mills discuss Darfur activism

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

President Barry Mills met with Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) President Derya McKesson '07 on October 10 to discuss BSG's disagreement with Mills concerning the creation of a permanent College committee to identify crimes against humanity. Mills discouraged the creation of such a committee in his recommendation to the Trustees on September 20. BSG passed a resolution endorsing such a committee on September 27.

Though the two continue to disagree on whether a permanent committee should be formed, McKesson said that he and Mills had a "great discussion."

Most of that discussion focused on the issue of student activism at Bowdoin. Mills had said in an October 6 interview with the Orient, "I find it interesting that instead of creating these committees themselves, they're asking the College to do it for them."

"I think that [Mills] is right in the big picture—if there is student activism then you don't really need a committee," McKesson said yesterday in an interview with the Orient.

McKesson said he told Mills that he thinks that there is a lack of student activism regarding the genocide in Darfur because many students don't know how to turn their passion into initiative.

"Students here care about a lot of issues, but I don't think they necessarily know how to care about those issues," he said. "I see a lot of students who care—I don't see a lot of activists."

McKesson said that Mills committed to a conversation with BSG about cultivating student activism.

"I don't think that [Bowdoin] culture necessarily encourages activism," McKesson said, "and we could do better."

McKesson also said that for BSG the conversation about a permanent crimes against humanity committee is not over.

This week, Mills met with Class of 2008 Representative Clark Gascoigne, who had introduced the resolution endorsing a committee. Like McKesson, Gascoigne said that while he "didn't make much progress" with Mills arguing for the creation of a committee, their meeting was "productive on certain issues."

Gascoigne said he talked with Mills about how BSG could engage the Bowdoin faculty in a discussion about how it could help students stay well-informed about world issues like Darfur by curricular means. Specifically, by

lobbying for new courses designed to explore conflict resolution and mediation through the lenses of economics, sociology, and philosophy.

"I feel good about these ideas," Gascoigne said.

'In and Out' available around campus

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was a publication my freshman year that impacted me on a very personal level, and it was great to see that happen again," he said.

"I know some students who were writing for the pamphlet, and that was the first time they may have been writing down their story and sharing it with other people," added Hawkins.

The pamphlet, which includes stories

from faculty and staff as well, can be found in Smith Union, the Women's Resource Center, and the Counseling Center.

"OUTweek isn't necessarily a week where people stand up in the union and shout that they're coming out," said Hawkins. "It's a week where kids can get information and learn to feel comfortable with who they are...it's encouragement to start letting people in on that part of your life."

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McGee gives lecture on science of food

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

Dr. Harold McGee is using his Ph.D. in literature to find a better way to cook meat. And he packed the house at Bowdoin to talk about how he's doing it.

McGee, a food scientist, spoke about his experiments in a lecture before Fall Break. In one study, he modeled the cooking of meat on a computer program, and found that the stove time can actually be shortened according to how often the meat is flipped—for example, if the meat is flipped every 15 seconds as opposed to every six minutes, it will take five fewer minutes to cook.

According to McGee, "cooking is just chemistry and physics."

McGee was named "Food Writer of the Year" in 2005 by Bon Appetit magazine, and he has been writing about food and science since 1978. His book, "On Food and Cooking: The Science and Lore of the Kitchen," first published in 1984, was named the best food reference book by two different associations, and has been hailed as a bible for professional chefs and home cooks alike.

McGee graduated from the California Institute of Technology with a degree in literature and earned his doctorate from Yale University, with a dissertation entitled "Keats and the Progress of Taste," (the metaphysical type). Several years after graduating from Yale, he decided to enter the world of science and cooking, and started work on the first edition of "On Food and Cooking."

During his lecture, McGee gave his audience what he called a "three-course meal" of information, speaking about the history of the relationship between science and cooking, McGee's own scientific discoveries, and how renowned chefs are now using science in their own creations.

"Science and cooking really do go way back," McGee said. "This kind of thing isn't new, yet when I started writing about it, it felt new, and people weren't used to it."

When McGee started doing some of his own experiments, he initially thought he would be debunking kitchen myths and getting down to purely facts. Instead, he said, he found that he was actually confirming what cooks had thought all along.

One popular theory from the 18th century and espoused by Julia Child held that whipping egg whites in a copper bowl, as opposed to a regular bowl, would make a better soufflé,



Courtesy of curiouscook.com

Harold McGee, a food scientist. He visited Bowdoin last week.

because the copper would solidify the egg whites. McGee, not believing that there was any science involved in the theory, decided to test it himself, and made one soufflé in a glass bowl, and one in a copper bowl.

The results surprised him. According to McGee, the mixture made in the copper bowl looked as it should. However, while the top of the mixture made in the glass bowl was fluffy, the egg whites had floated to the bottom. After examining the whipped egg whites with a spectrometer, McGee found that they do in fact absorb copper from the surface of the bowl, and that this copper stabilizes the egg foams.

"Julia Child and French chefs were right," he joked.

McGee went on to present the audience with slides of delectable creations from renowned chefs who are using science in their kitchens as well.

McGee cited the Spanish chef Joan Roca's creation, "Oyster and Earth," as an example. According to McGee, the dish consists of an oyster combined with gelatin that has been infused with the flavor of dirt, using a distillation apparatus and handfuls of dirt. McGee accompanied this description and others with dazzling pictures of the delicate creations of each chef, all of whom seek to find "new ways of giving people pleasure through food and drink."

At the conclusion of his talk, McGee emphasized that science can be used not just in the professional kitchens of chefs, but also to make traditional cooking better in the kitchen of anyone.

"Making a better boiled egg, roasted chicken, and cup of tea—the simplest thing can be improved by what's going on [with the science]," he said.

Alumni relations office to rely on temporary staff

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

With the departure of both the director and an assistant director of alumni relations, and another assistant director on maternity leave, Bowdoin's alumni office will be relying on temporary staff to manage Homecoming this year, according to Randolph Shaw, vice president for development and alumni relations.

"There have been a lot of changes, but I think we're under control," Shaw said.

After Sarah Bond Phinney '99, the former director of alumni relations, stepped down for personal reasons earlier this year, Associate Director

of Alumni Relations Peter Wagner accepted a position as the director of alumni relations at his alma mater, Davidson College in North Carolina, Shaw said.

Wagner's last day at Bowdoin is November 3.

The assistant director, Renata Ledwick, is on maternity leave.

"It's really just a coincidence of things that happened all at once," Shaw said.

"This is a terrific opportunity for Peter... and he goes with our blessing," he said.

A search for a new director is planned, but has not yet begun, he said.

Emily Guerin contributed to this report.

Super Snack woes continue

Students continue attempts to gain entrance after meal is closed

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

An incident at Super Snack on Friday, October 6, the most recent in a series of conflicts initiated by students at the late-night meal, resulted in a card-checker quitting and the director of dining services reminding students to be respectful of Thorne Hall's staff.

Two females, a Bowdoin student and her sister, entered Super Snack around midnight without checking in. The checker alerted Super Snack Coordinator Chris Derbyshire "to say that there were a couple of girls that just went in and wouldn't return to check-in when called," Director of Dining and Bookstore Services Mary Lou Kennedy said.

"He came upon them in the servery with their trays and tried to get them to check-in, but they wouldn't do that or show their ID," Kennedy said. "They were generally non-compliant and I think he got very, very frustrated."

Tim Gamwell '09 is a student employee at Super Snack who did not see the incident but "felt a lot of its effects," Derbyshire told Gamwell that two girls tried to sneak into Super Snack and, when they would

not produce identification, made it difficult for him to call Security.

According to Director of Security Randy Nichols, the two females "were approached by a dining staff member and there was an exchange, at times heated," he wrote in an email. "Security was called to resolve the matter," Nichols added.

After Super Snack closed at 1 a.m. on Saturday, a few students still tried to gain entrance, harassing the checker when she refused to grant it.

"It was just a rough night for both [the checker] and for Chris," Gamwell said.

According to Kennedy, the checker quit, citing undue stress.

The student told Kennedy that she wanted to quit because she did not feel that she was treated very well by some of the students, and said that the stress level was too high to continue.

"A lot of people were just haranguing her to get in after the closing time," Kennedy added. "When she wouldn't open the doors, they said things that weren't very nice to her—obnoxious things."

The checker could not be reached for comment.

On Wednesday, Kennedy posted a message on the campus-wide student digest reminding "Super Snack Devotees and Neophytes" of Thorne's closing time and encouraging them to respect dining services employees.

"PLEASE do not harangue the checker, ram the doors, climb the ramparts or conduct evasive maneuvers to gain admittance!" she wrote.

Although the resignation of Super Snack card-checkers due to stress is not unheard of, "it usually doesn't come up quite this early in the year—it's usually Ivies Weekend," Kennedy said.

In May, after Ivies Weekend, Kennedy and Bowdoin Student Government President DeRay McKesson sent out an email to the school entitled "Will Super Snack Continue?" Citing some students' recent belligerent behavior in which they demanded to be let into Thorne long after it had closed, Kennedy and McKesson asked students to show Derbyshire and his staff the high level of respect they deserve.

"Our regular and student employees have the right to expect a work environment that is safe and free from harassment and mistreatment," they wrote.

"Super Snack has been successful and wildly popular," they explained, but requires a certain level of decorum from students.

Super Snack did continue and remains as "wildly popular" as it was last year.

Super Snack debuted in September 2003 and has garnered high marks from students ever since. Neither Bates College nor Colby College has a similar late-night meal option.

Ranking based on 'super-enthusiastic' comments

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Since the Princeton Review started publishing its influential book, "Best 361 Colleges," Bowdoin College Dining Service has landed the College in one the top six places on the "Best Food" list, garnering the number one spot in the 2003, 2005, and (the most recent) 2007 editions.

According to Adriana Kelly, the ranking is based on a comprehensive nationwide survey of students.

"For this edition of the book, we actually surveyed 115,000 students," Senior Editor of "Best 361 Colleges" Adriana Kelly said.

Each list of superlatives—happiest students, most religious students, best food, etc.—is based on the responses of students to a specific survey question.

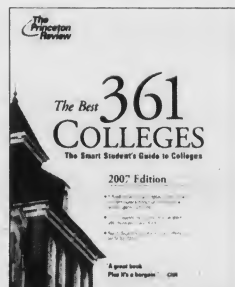
"We asked students to rate the quality of their food on campus on a five-point scale. It just so happens that students at Bowdoin were particularly pleased with the quality of their food on campus," Kelly said in a telephone interview from the Princeton Review headquarters in New York.

"In their survey responses, they told us that they were big fans of the lobster bake that [Bowdoin] has at the beginning of the school year," Kelly explained.

"Students also mentioned the organic meats and vegetables available in the dining halls. So they were super enthusiastic about the healthiness of the options that were available to them," she added.

The Dining Service continues to focus on food that is both good tasting and good for you.

"Our focus for this year is 'healthy,'" Director of Dining and Bookstore Services Mary Lou Kennedy said.



Courtesy of the Princeton Review

The cover of the Princeton Review's "Best 361 Colleges."

"Not that our food [in the past] hasn't been healthy—but I think our students are now more interested in low-fat food and knowing where the food is coming from," she added.

Bowdoin's two organic gardens and purchases through the Farm Fresh Connection program are examples of the College's increased effort to bring local, fresh food to Moulton and Thorne, Kennedy explained.

Even though they are No. 1, the Dining Service is always looking to improve.

Bowdoin Student Government President DeRay McKesson encouraged students to make their opinions known.

"Not enough people submit comments," McKesson said. "People think of the comment cards like nobody reads them, but Dining Services actually emails all the comments to all their managers."

"They are extremely responsive to student input and concerns and that's one of the many things that makes Bowdoin dining great," McKesson added.

Health agency gives Bowdoin dining halls highest marks

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

According to records obtained from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Bowdoin College Dining Service has an almost-perfect record for sanitation and cleanliness.

The only violation reported by inspectors was in Moulton Union in 2003. The violation resulted from an ice cube scoop being placed on the wrong surface, Director of Dining and Bookstore Services Mary Lou Kennedy said.

The health inspectors "come in and they talk to the managers after they do their review and say, 'Boy, I wish all of our inspections were this easy to do. For food areas we go into, yours are the cleanest we've ever been in,'" Kennedy said.

Bowdoin's dining service is ranked by the Princeton Review as having the best campus food of any college or university in the nation.

CORRECTIONS

Wrong office

"Mills: No contact from BSG on Darfur" (10/6) reported the incorrect BSG office for Charlie Ticotsky '07. Ticotsky is an at-large representative for BSG. The Orient regrets the error.

The Orient strives to be accurate in all of its reporting.

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Security to campus hosts: 'Call us early and often'

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event well. They also appreciate the opportunity to correct issues in advance."

Any problems that do arise before a party are usually dealt with on the spot. Security would find the student responsible for a particular offense, take the student's information to report to the dean's office, and allow the party to continue.

After the initial pre-party check, security officers make one or two random stops throughout the course of the night. During subsequent visits, officers want to ensure that the tone of the event is appropriate, without high-risk behavior or excessive drinking.

Nichols said that security's goal is not to make a scene at the parties, but to prevent out-of-control situations and ensure safety.

"We want to let the hosts all know that we're there and available to help them deal with tough situations, not to shut the event down. If there are problems, the hosts should call us early and often," he said.

Nichols emphasized the fact that Security wants successful, safe events. He said that sometimes town residents may infiltrate a party or a student may show up to a party highly intoxicated, creating disturbances or threats. In either situation, he said, Security can escort the subject out safely and bring the situation back under control.

"We want to be non-confrontational," Nichols said. "Students that have the responsibility of managing events want the advice based on our past experiences. We want them to know to not be afraid. If things start spinning out of control, the hosts won't get in trouble."

Jessica Korsh '09, programming chair of Quinby House, said that a recent pre-party check worked well.

"I'm glad that they gave us the heads-up that they would come by during the event and that they checked everything beforehand," Korsh said.

"It was good to see that Randy and Security was on our side and ready to support us, and to know that we could call Security if there was a problem," she said.

K.J. Kozens '08, treasurer of Baxter

House, was not as enthusiastic about security's visit before the House's annual graffiti party.

"I thought the pre-party check was a bad idea," Kozens said. "They were doing their jobs, but it was unnecessary. They should've waited until there was an issue to come check on the party."

"Their visit is under the assumption that they don't trust us to begin with," he said.

Pacelli said that she welcomes suggestions and feedback from students in order to improve the pre-party checks, but expects them to remain part of Bowdoin's policy.

Nichols agreed, and said that the checks are a good way for students, officers, deans, and residential life staff to work together.

"It takes a lot to manage one of these events and a lot of times hosts have their hands full," he said. "But still, they need to do everything in their power to do everything legally and according to college policy and it's our job to help them do that. We want them to take their responsibility seriously and have a good handle on what resources are available."

Complaint alleges election collaboration

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fundraising drive to collect \$25,000 that would be used to hire Maine field workers.

Maine law prohibits political action committees from coordinating about expenditures with the campaigns of Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) candidates. Woodcock is running as a MCEA candidate, which means that he is choosing to receive state campaign financing and cannot raise his own contributions.

A Woodcock campaign finance report filed in late September shows that Walton received paychecks from the Woodcock campaign in July, August, and September. The reported disbursements totaled about \$4,600.

In the College Republicans PAC's filings with the state, Walton's phone number and address are listed for the PAC's contact information.

"Unless Nate Walton is able to firewall his own mind, keeping the

knowledge of the College Republican's [sic] activities separate from his duties as a Woodcock staffer; there is a serious problem here," Radwan said in a press release sent to Maine news media organizations Thursday evening.

The Orient learned about the complaint after business hours had closed on Thursday and was unable to contact the commission for comment about the investigation.

Complaints to the commission by various Maine political entities have been common during this campaign season.

The Bangor Daily News reported earlier this week that the Maine Republican Party was intending to file a complaint with the ethics commission over Gov. John Baldacci's campaign over alleged impropriety leading up to former President Bill Clinton's visit to Maine on Monday.

The Maine Democratic Party is also planning on filing a complaint today against Woodcock's campaign alleging different violations, WGME-TV reported late Thursday.

Miscellania, rugby teams will hold reunions for Homecoming; 1,500 alumni expected to visit campus

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which Wagner calls "one of the big focal points of the weekend."

This year, 10 of Bowdoin's former athletes and coaches will be inducted on Saturday morning at Thorne Dining Hall. Though Thorne will be closed for brunch, all members of the Bowdoin community are welcome to attend the induction.

"It's a love fest," said Wagner.

"It's a really great way to kick

off Saturday," he said.

There will also be three special reunions this weekend, for alumni of Miscellania, men's rugby, and women's rugby.

According to Wellesley Wilson '08, a current member of Miscellania, Bowdoin's oldest female a capella group, this is the first reunion the group has had in three years.

"We plan on singing 'Song for Earth's Children,'" said Wilson, a song that was written by a member

of Miscellania and is one of the first songs that every member learns.

Alumni will also be able to view and listen to video and audio recordings of Miscellania performing over the past few years.

The highlight of the men's and women's rugby reunions are the alumni games, in which former and current members of the rugby teams will play each other.

Bowdoin Women's Rugby Coach MaryBeth Mathews said, "Around

50 women's rugby alumni are coming back, some from the early '80s, so we're really excited."

Each team will also play host to a banquet on Saturday evening for the alumni.

"Our purpose as a team right now is to remind the alumni that they are still a part of the Bowdoin women's rugby club, and that the feeling of camaraderie and friendship has remained strong throughout the years," said Mathews.

Other weekend events include a 5k run sponsored by the Nordic ski team, various athletic competitions, a coffeehouse on Friday night, and the annual Bowdoin Bonfire on Saturday, which will include the College House chair-building competition and a performance by the Spins.

Although it is impossible to say, because many events do not require registration, Wagner estimates that at least 1,500 alumni return for Homecoming Weekend.

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Sophomore McGranaghan brings Bowdoin food to global audiences with his blog, BowdoinGourmet.com

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pride that dining services took in their work everyday.

BO: What did you expect the response to your blog to be?

BG: I thought it would have some traction. This school is great platform for a food blog because it is consistently rated as having outstanding food. I also think there is a growing interest about food at colleges. I thought it was the right time at the right place [to start the blog].

BO: Do you have any disappointments with the foods here?

BG: I certainly, in my writing, focus more on positive things but,

actually, I have had very few negative experiences at the dining hall—it's hard to when they offer so many choices.

BO: Do you keep track of your blog's readership?

BG: I do. It fluctuates. On a typical day it might get 50 or so unique visitors. After the article in the Portland Press Herald about the site, I got a couple hundred. It's been growing though, which is fun to watch.

BO: Do you have any experience with culinary writing?

BG: I had been reading a lot of food blogs on the internet, something I have enjoyed doing. I figured that I could do something like that here

that would be interesting.

BO: What's your philosophy of writing?

BG: In my free time, I had the tendency to do a lot of reading and that is necessarily a passive activity. There's a lot to be said for writing and creating and taking the risk of putting yourself out there in terms of developing your thoughts and ideas.

BO: How have you found writing the blog to be?

BG: It certainly is challenging writing every day to, potentially, a couple of hundred people. Writing things that are going to be both interesting and somewhat entertaining: that is the challenge of a blog. You have no captive readership because

they can click away in a second so that's the challenge.

BO: Have you had any experience with photography or food photography, in particular?

BG: I've not particular experience with photography, in fact very minimal experience. The dining services here makes it quite easy to photograph.

BO: Bowdoin rotates its menus. Do you ever get bored with a particular dish or do you enjoy a particular dish?

BG: They only repeat their menus once every four weeks—that provides plenty of diversity so rarely is there an occasion where I feel like the food gets repetitive. I do enjoy,

consistently, the salad bar which is pretty much the same every day although they have some variety. They have a lot of great, healthy staples in there that I really enjoy.

BO: Understanding that you haven't eaten at every college, do you think that Bowdoin really deserves to be ranked for No. 1 for food?

BG: I think that A) Bowdoin has great food and that B) the staff and the management do an incredible job and take incredible pride [in what they do]. I really can't speak to other schools, but I think this school certainly deserves to be recognized for going out of their way to create a great dining experience for their students.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 10/6 to 10/18

Friday, October 6

•A student was asked to leave Jack Magee's Pub following a disturbance at closing time.

Saturday, October 7

•A student and her sister entered Super Snack without stopping at the checker station.

•The fire alarm at Coastal Studies was activated by a malfunctioning heat sensor.

•A Bowker Street resident reported two student vehicles parked in his driveway without permission during a football game at Whittier Field.

•There was an unregistered event on the second floor of Appleton Hall; a large amount of beer and some drug paraphernalia was confiscated.

•An intoxicated East Hall student was observed urinating from the second floor down to the first floor of Maine Hall. The matter was referred to dean of student affairs.

Sunday, October 8

•A student in Winthrop Hall was cited for possessing hard alcohol in violation of college policy.

•A security officer investigating a loud noise complaint at Brunswick Apartments seized a beer funnel and a marijuana pipe.

•A student vehicle parked behind Quinby House was damaged when a pumpkin was apparently thrown from an upper story window onto the vehicle's windshield.

•The fire alarm at the Children's Center offices at 4 South Street was activated by a malfunctioning smoke detector.

Monday, October 9

•A parent of a Stowe Inn student reported problems with the lighting at the Stowe Inn parking lot.

•A parent of a Brunswick Apartments student called to report problems with

her daughter's apartment. A work order was submitted.

•Brunswick Rescue responded to Smith Union to treat a visiting teenager who had fainted.

•Security officers responding to a complaint of loud noise on the eighth floor of Coles Tower cited a student for holding an unregistered event.

Tuesday, October 10

•Two Helmreich House students who were in possession of marijuana were reported to the dean of student affairs.

Friday, October 13

•A student who claimed to have accidentally broken the glass of a framed picture at Jack Magee's Pub received a minor bleeding cut to his hand.

•A security officer responded Baxter House to investigate a report of unwanted people in the building, and a student was cited for an alcohol policy violation.

•A student who had reported the theft

of her purse at Smith Union later reported that she had mistakenly left it at a friend's dorm.

•The Textbook Store directional wall sign in the lobby of Coles Tower was reported stolen.

•A Brunswick resident turned in a student's backpack and wallet that was found on Thompson Street.

Sunday, October 15

•A Brunswick Apartments student was warned about having a dog inside his apartment, a violation of college policy.

Monday, October 16

•A College vehicle parked in the Farley lot received damage to the right rear quarter panel. A report was filed the Brunswick Police.

•IT reported that someone had entered a Visual Arts Center classroom overnight without authorization. Nothing was reported missing.

•A security officer transported an East Hall student with an allergic reaction to Parkview Hospital.

Tuesday, October 17

•An ill student was transported to Mid Coast Hospital from Mayflower Apartments.

•A visitor to the College reported that she lost a pendant somewhere between Coles Tower and Moulton Union. The pendant is a small square tourmaline stone in a gold setting. If found, please return to the Safety and Security, Rhodes Hall.

Wednesday, October 18

•A staff member found an envelope containing cash and turned it over to Security. The owner was located and the money returned.

•A professor emeritus who became ill at Moulton Union was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

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FEATURES



Seeing Double

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Clockwise from top left: Chris and Matt Antoun '05, Chris and Tim Cashman '07, Sarah and Shavonne Lord '10, Lottie and Becca '08, Emily and Rachael Norton '10, and Nick and Mike Larochelle '08.

The Orient spoke with six sets of twins on campus about what life is like as a Bowdoin twin.

by Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

Becca Lewis '08 had a feeling that she would attend the same college as her twin sister, Lottie.

"I think I kind of knew we would end up at the same school," Becca said. "You spend 18 years together and I guess I just knew it wasn't over yet."

Next semester will be their longest separation to date when Becca studies abroad in New Zealand and Lottie studies in England.

"It's going to be tough," Lottie said.

The Lewis sisters are certainly not alone in wanting to go to school with their twin. The Orient identified eight sets of twins on campus and spoke with six of them. All said having their twin at school with them made the transition to a new environment more relaxed.

"It made the adjustment to college easier," said Mike Larochelle '08, whose twin brother Nick said they sometimes take for granted the benefits of attending school together. Both applied to Bowdoin early decision, and Nick said that the possibility of one getting in and not the other "was something we avoided talking about."

First-year Rachael Norton agreed, saying that having her sister Emily here has been beneficial, especially considering the two are far from their home in West Virginia.

"I'm a little homesick," she said. "I mean I would be more homesick if Emily weren't here."

Linda Kremer, senior associate



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Lottie and Becca Lewis '08 pose with a backpack. Both of the twins are leaders for the Bowdoin Outing Club.

dean of admissions, said in an email to the Orient that Bowdoin does not have an admissions policy on twins, but since decisions are considered by high school "we would be aware of how the applications of twins compare to each other."

"In general, I would say that applicants who are twins are considered independently, and I believe there have been times when we made two different decisions," she wrote.

That doesn't seem to stop twins from applying to the same schools, even

though some said they never planned on going to the same college. For several sets of twins, Bowdoin just ended up being both of their top choices.

Chris and Matt Antoun '05, however, said it was unlikely that they would have separated.

"We really never expressly decided [we would go to the same college], though we never really imagined being at different schools," Matt said.

"We've only done things separately a few times in life," said Chris. "There have only been a few occasions when we've been forced into diverging paths."

The Lord twins, both first years, were prepared to split up, as Shavonne was set to apply early decision to Bowdoin and Sarah to Middlebury.

"I knew that I wanted to go to school with Sarah, and she was kind of on the fence about it," Shavonne said. "She wasn't sure if she wanted to be independent of me."

But the night before her Middlebury application was due, Sarah had a change of heart.

"I just woke up in the middle of the night and decided I just really wanted to go to Bowdoin," Sarah said. "We both ended up applying early."

Though the Lords ended up going to the same school, they have taken different paths at Bowdoin. Shavonne plays field hockey and softball, and Sarah will run track in the spring.

"It's almost better this way, because we don't do the same things here so it's like we can be completely independent, but if we need each other we're also right here," Sarah said.

The Lords seem to be the exception,

however. Most of the twins at Bowdoin said they participate in at least some of the same activities: the Lewis twins are both active in the Bowdoin Outing Club and tutor in the America Reads program; Tim and Chris Cashman '07 are in the same band; Mike and Nick Larochelle '08 play on the same intramural sports teams; the Antouns DJ a radio show together called Radio Blue and Red (Chris is DJ Blue and Matt is DJ Red).

Some also are studying the same subjects and end up taking classes together. The Cashmans are both biochemistry majors, though Tim has a double major in history and Chris has a minor in film studies. The Larochelles are both biology majors, and the Antouns are both computer science majors and Asian studies minors. They have taken all of the same courses since the second semester of their sophomore year.

"Some professors are pretty quick with [telling us apart], but others we've had for years still can't," said Matt.

"If people address us by name, they usually have it right," said Chris.

All the twins said they see each other at least once a day and eat a good deal of their meals together. Most live together as well, at least on the same floor, and have the same group of friends.

"We're similar people so we ended up having the same friends," Lottie Lewis said, who lives in the same quad as her sister in Howard.

"Freshman year we tried distinctively to get to know different people," Chris Cashman said, "but then those two different groups of people kind of merged."

Tim Cashman said Chris is similar enough to him that his friends would most likely be Chris's friends, too.

"We've never had a situation where one of us has a friend and the other one doesn't like him at all," Tim said. "We pretty much always like the same people or don't like the same people."

Most of the twins seemed to blur the line between friends and siblings. The Larochelles, who have four other brothers, one of whom is a senior at Bowdoin, said they have a different kind of relationship at home in Bangor, Maine.

"Especially when our other brothers are around we're much more like brothers, but here we're more like best friends," said Nick Larochelle.

"In a sense, for us this is the standard," said Matt Antoun. "We've really got no idea what it's like not to be a twin."

Those who said they used to be competitive with their twin have worked out some of the tension since college.

The Cashmans, however, said they have never been competitive with each other.

"Our mom is a twin, not an identical one, just fraternal, so she knows what it's like to be a twin," said Chris. "She consciously tried to make sure we were never competing in the same things."

Becca Lewis said she and Lottie used to be competitive, but not anymore.

"Our academic paths are so different," she said.

The Lord twins have reached a similar place in their relationship.

"When we played field hockey together [in high school] we were both good, but Shavonne was the best player on the team," said Sarah. "I remember at first it was very hard, but eventually you just recognize that she has that and you have your own thing, and it doesn't really matter."

While the Antouns said "there's no tension," they did admit to coming to blows one time over something trivial.

"Chris claims he won, but someone



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Top: Sarah and Shavonne Lord '10 are twins from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Sarah plans to run track, and Shavonne plays softball and field hockey. Middle: Nick and Mike Larochelle '08 of Bangor, Maine, have four other brothers, and they both play intramural soccer. Above: Emily and Rachael Norton '10 think that having each other here has made the transition from their home in Huntington, West Virginia, easier.

ended up with a broken rib and it wasn't me," Matt said.

However, going to school with a sister or brother is not for every set of twins. Senior Kate Halloran's twin brother is at Bates, which she feels is best for them.

"It was really important for us to separate and form our own identities for the first time," she said.

She said that she and her brother are close and talk about two or three times a week and visit each other about once every two months.

"I can understand for comfort reasons wanting to go to the same school," Halloran said, but she added that by college they were ready to have their own space.

"I personally don't see the appeal after 18 years of living together," she said.

Halloran does agree with the other twins on campus that being a twin becomes a part of your identity.

"It's a little thing that people have. 'Oh, you're a twin? I'm a twin, too!' It's a little connection," Tim

Cashman said.

And while the Lords said they always identify first as sisters and then clarify by saying they are twins, Shavonne noted that there is a special bond between them.

"It's more than just a sister-sister relationship. Sometimes I know exactly what she's thinking and I don't have to ask," she said. "It's above the normal level that other siblings would have. It amazes me. Sometimes when we break out and say the same thing, I still laugh."

Myths about sex and love can't always be believed

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST



There are hundreds of sex myths out there. Think: virgins can't get pregnant the first time they have sex, bigger is better, girls are more needy than guys—the list is never-ending. My favorite myth is that women are always looking for love,

while men just want sex. In other words, women want to be in a relationship, and men want no strings attached.

The idea that all women are hopeless romantics and men are porn-obsessed players holds no water; it never has and it never will. What's interesting, though, is how this myth has penetrated our society, and as a result, how many of us are left confused by these stereotypical roles we think we're supposed to play.

We've all heard this guy gripe

before: "She wants to be in a relationship. I just want to play the field." Guess what, fellas? So do we. It seems increasingly common that college-aged women are less interested in being in a committed

relationship and more interested in "having fun," reveling in the freedom of not being attached. While many of my friends like being in relationships, a large percentage of them are content to be single and are "too busy" for a boyfriend. And contrary to popular belief, lots of

guys want to be in committed relationships.

One fiercely independent girlfriend admits, "I don't want to be in a relationship right now, especially at Bowdoin. There are too many temptations when you're young and in college to be in a committed relationship. I don't like feeling like I have to answer to someone at the end of the night. I like having the freedom to be with anyone I want."

We've been taught by society to believe that men are "hornier" than women. Biologically, men have more testosterone (the hormone that controls your sex drive) than women have. According to WebMD Medical News, recent studies have shown that just because men have more testosterone, it doesn't necessarily mean they want more sex, more often, than women. In fact, it's widely believed that sex drive is affected more by your state of mind and factors like stress and body image than levels of testosterone.

What does all this mean? Girls are just as horny as guys.

On the one hand, we are constantly reminded of the traditional roles of the demure woman and the macho man, but at the same time women are sent conflicting messages about how they are expected to behave. Songs like Nelly Furtado's "Promiscuous Girl," raunchy episodes of *Real Worlders* sleeping with every roommate in the house, and Britney Spears gyrating on the floor in a belly-bearing tube top send quite a different message. The "Sex and the City" girls told us we could be happy and empowered living the single life, sleeping with a different guy every night. And with almost

What I do know is this: all these sexual stereotypes do is confuse us.

every popular female vocalists singing lyrics like the Pussycat Doll's "Buttons" ("I'm a sexy mama / Who knows just how to get what I want and what I want to do is spring this on you"), women in entertainment today are all saying the same thing: I'm hot, I'm in control, and I want sex, so come and get it.

One Bowdoin guy said he feels uncomfortable with girls who seem so sexually uninhibited or make the first move. "I feel intimidated," he said. "It's old fashioned, but I like to feel like I have at least some power."

Are women today consciously going against the traditional stereotype of how they should conduct their sexual lives? I'm not sure. What I do know is this: All these sexual stereotypes do is confuse us. It appears one of the greatest hurdles both genders must overcome is to stop expecting each other to act a certain way, or play a certain role. Gender shouldn't dictate how a person behaves sexually. Ultimately, bigger isn't better and girls don't just want to be in relationships, they want sex too.

So let's rewrite the myths. I've talked to the ladies and the guys, and here's how I see it: virgins can get pregnant if they don't use protection, bigger ain't bad, but style counts, and guys can be very needy, but call them metrosexual and they sound much cooler. Kind of goes down better that way.

Juniors buckle down with business

by Martina Welke
CONTRIBUTOR

Most college first years hope to find a friend in their roommates, but two creative Bowdoin students were lucky enough to find a business partner as well.

When Mattie Cowen and Alyssa Chen were paired together in Maine Hall two years ago, they proved to be the ideal combination for entrepreneurial success, bringing the necessary qualities of inspiration and practicality, after just one semester, the young women began manufacturing and selling eye-catching ribbon belts, and their label, Batada Belts, was born.

During her senior year of high school, Cowen used to dream of making intricate beaded belts and even designed a sales brochure for her imagined enterprise. At first Chen teased Cowen about her fantasy. But over Winter Break Chen began to experiment with sewing ribbon belts, which she soon discovered were simple and cheap to make. Chen shared her sewing expertise with Cowen when they returned to Bowdoin, and the duo launched a modified version of Cowen's original concept for Batada Belts (made of ribbon instead of beads).

Initially the girls only sold to friends on campus, but the following summer a small chain in Washington D.C., Mad Lax, requested to stock Batada Belts. Cowen's neighbor mentioned the high-quality belts to Mad Lax's owner, who was impressed by the samples Cowen showed him. The young women also sell the belts at farmers' markets and at the December art fair in Smith Union. Last year, they even sold their handiwork as a fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Cowen and Chen price the belts from \$12 to \$15, which translates to



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Alyssa Chen '08 makes a belt on her sewing machine in her dorm room, where she and Mattie Cowen '08 run their start-up business, Batada Belts.

a considerable profit after accounting for minimal production costs.

But these ladies are not in it just for the money.

Chen explained that she and Cowen enjoy the creative process, and she especially likes to sell at the market in her hometown.

"It's great to feel like part of the community. I love seeing my old teachers and friends," Chen said.

Cowen is studying abroad in Russia this semester, which has made maintaining the business difficult, but with healthy sales and hopes for future expansion, the founders of Batada Belts are optimistic about their company's future. Chen is

always searching for new interesting ribbons to add to the myriad of stripes, polka dots, and prints Batada Belts offers. The two recently made some belts with the University of Virginia logo and are still on the lookout for the perfect polar bear ribbon. Cowen would eventually like to start making jewelry, handbags, and, eventually, the beaded belts she originally envisioned.

Whether Cowen and Chen decide to continue Batada Belts after graduating from Bowdoin or not, these two friends will have shared a valuable experience in business and the rare satisfaction of living out a dream.

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Ask Dr. Jeff

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Dear Dr. Jeff:
Can I get a flu shot
to prevent bird flu?
E.O.



Dear E.O.: Unfortunately, you can't—at least not yet. Vaccines for the H5N1 avian flu virus are still under development. However, you can get a flu shot for "regular" seasonal flu, and there are a number of reasons why you should.

Seasonal flu is most effectively prevented by vaccination, and avoiding the illness will save you a considerable amount of suffering. Getting vaccinated will also decrease the likelihood that those around you will acquire the flu.

There are also some connections between seasonal flu shots and bird flu prevention.

Remember that at present, the bird flu virus does not easily infect people, and almost never spreads from one person to another. In order to do so, it would need to mutate genetically, and the fastest way for it to mutate would be to co-infect an animal, or a person, at the same time as another, more infectious type of flu virus. As both viruses reproduce in the host, they can somewhat readily exchange genetic material. Under these circumstances, the bird flu virus could pick up the ability to infect people easily, which, in combination with its virulence, could make it the agent of a worrisome pandemic.

One way to try to keep this from happening is simply to have less

regular flu virus around and available for this kind of genetic re-assortment. However infectious a bird flu virus might turn out to be, we will all be less susceptible to it if we avoid catching the seasonal flu in the first place.

Finally, at the Avian Influenza Summit in Augusta last month, there was some pointed discussion about the fact that vaccine manufacturers in this country primarily consider market forces, and not public health needs, when committing manufacturing capacities to one vaccine versus another. Believe it or not, apparently the best way to convince U.S. vaccine manufacturers that they need to be gearing up for bird flu vaccine production is to buy lots of seasonal flu vaccine!

And we've bought a lot! There will be no shortage of vaccine this year. We're ready to start vaccinating students first, and then staff, faculty and Bowdoin community members. We'll be offering free flu shots to all students on Wednesday, October 25, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, October 28, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Tuesday, October 31, between 10 a.m. and noon.

Come on in to the health center one of those days, no appointments are necessary. The flu shots only take a minute, and they are free to students. We'll be setting up flu shot clinics for faculty, staff, and community members in early November, and we anticipate having plenty of vaccine for all.

Because avian influenza has not yet been reported in this country, even in wild birds, there is nothing you need to do right now to protect yourself from it. However, if you are traveling to or from an affected area like Southeast Asia, read up

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on disease risks and health recommendations from the Center for Disease Control web site.

What you should do now, though, is to take good care of yourself and practice good hygiene.

•Eat well, stay active, and get enough sleep.

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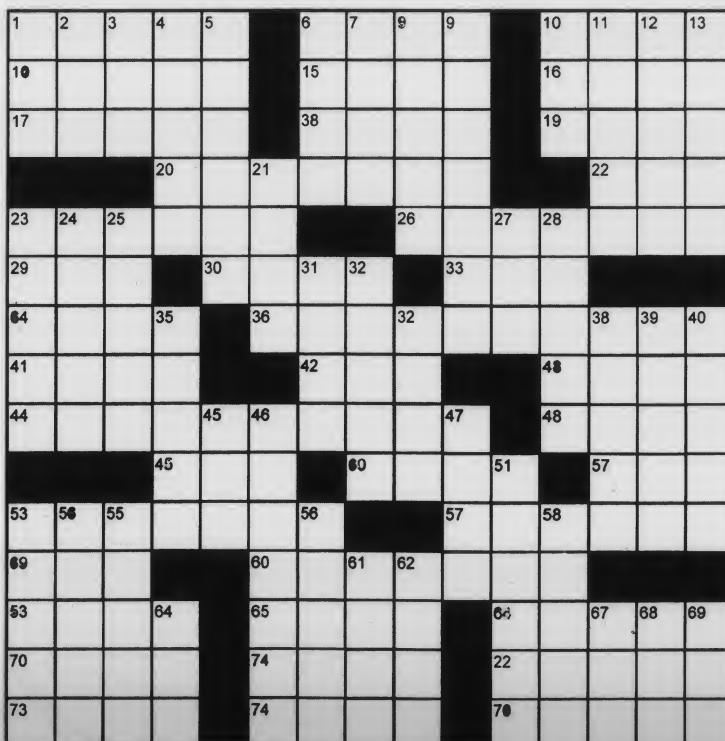
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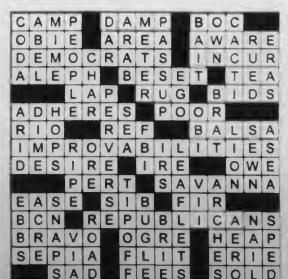
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Fishhouse poet enlightens audience



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Kazim Ali reads from his first book of poetry, "The Far Mosque," at Ladd House last night. Ali's poetry explores the mystical traditions of the world's religions. The reading was sponsored by From the Fishhouse, an online archive of new poets.

Modernist pianist performs for teatime

by Boz Karanovsky
CONTRIBUTOR

Blair McMillen Teatime Concert

When: Today, 4 p.m.

Where: Tilson Room, Gibson Hall

Admission: Free

Fans of 20th century modernist music can satisfy their musical craving at the latest edition of the Bowdoin Music Department's Teatime Concert Series. Blair McMillen, a young and accomplished modernist pianist, will perform selections from Debussy, Bartok, Ives, and other contemporary composers. The concert is today at 4 p.m. in Gibson Hall.

The person to thank for this musical opportunity is Elliott Schwartz, the Robert K. Beckwith professor of music. He met McMillen, a Juilliard graduate, 10 years ago at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, where McMillen was performing pieces composed by Schwartz himself. The two have been friends ever since.

McMillen has a wide-ranging repertoire from many musical eras and is considered to be one of the most accomplished young pianists today. He has played all around the world, including venues such as Carnegie Hall and for former president Bill Clinton.

McMillen is a resident at Bard

College. Although he is only in his 30s, McMillen has worked with some of today's most distinguished composers, including George Crumb, John Harbison, Conrad Cummings, and Lee Hyla. His latest solo album, "Soundings," was released in 2004. McMillen has been hailed for his riveting and imaginative performance of modern classical music.

"Blair is a very dynamic and versatile piano soloist, incredibly active in New York City. He promotes 20th century music, which, by the way, is the course I teach here at Bowdoin," Schwartz told the Orient. "He plays not only the giants—Claude Debussy, Bela Bartok, Charles Ives—but also pieces by slightly well-known composers like Wuorinen, for example."

The performance will include highlights from all these geniuses. Maestro McMillen has also planned a performance of a piece

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Killers lack fuss in 'Sam's Town'

by Astrid Taran
CONTRIBUTOR

The Killers know what they're capable of, and they do it well. After last year's smash hit "Mr. Brightside," the Las Vegas foursome became a household name, known for catchy singles that you just can't get out of your head. Lead singer Brandon Flowers has become a media darling, citing himself as a "savior of good music."

In the two and a half years since the release of the band's debut album, "Hot Fuss," Flowers has gained notoriety by picking fights in the press with fellow rock bands The Bravery and Fall Out Boy, blaming the former for cashing in on The Killers' success and the latter for being part of a "dangerous" wave of emo music. With all the bad-mouthing going on, Flowers had America anticipating what was next for the outspoken lead singer and his band.

However, with "Sam's Town," The Killers have failed to prove to America that they deserve the U2 and Coldplay comparisons they often receive. This record paints them as a band capable only of mediocre albums with a few hit singles thrown into the mix.

"Sam's Town," unlike "Hot Fuss," paints itself as a homage to the

College launches iTunes U for students

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

With the launch of Bowdoin's iTunes U, students can unearth episodes of the now defunct Bowdoin Cable Network (BCN) soap opera "Coles Tower," see episodes of Hari Kondabolu's '04 variety show, and watch live feeds of the football games.

Back when media was stored on the school's web site, many of these Bowdoin treasures were unavailable to students because of limited server space. Now, through iTunes U, Apple stores such media in the iTunes Music Store.

"We're not limited by storage, so students have the opportunity for new use of video and audio," said Information Technology's (IT) Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis.

The success of Bowdoin podcasts motivated IT to launch iTunes U, a section of the iTunes Music Store devoted to Bowdoin's academic, athletic, and campus organizations. The program, scheduled to be launched today, is accessible through the student gateway. iTunes U will fully launch with authentication after winter break.

"iTunes is a familiar interface for current students, and it's a centralized repository for media," said Mark Leaman, the current webmaster and former new media producer for IT. "This mixes the cultural and the public with the academic aspect."

Leaman emphasized that the only requirement to run iTunes U is to have iTunes installed on a computer. An iPod is not necessary, and the files are in mp3 format so they can be played on a



Orient Screenshots

The new Bowdoin iTunes U features spaces for academics, athletics, and campus life. IT launches the program today, variety of devices.

Also, since the server space is managed by Apple's California base, it takes up no extra space on the Bowdoin server.

"There's unlimited server space to upload and store files, it's on the other coast," Leaman said.

Apple approached Bowdoin to consider iTunes U, and after applying, Bowdoin, Bates College, and colleges within the University of Maine system became the only institutions in Maine with the program. Other schools with iTunes U are Stanford (the pilot university), University of California at

Berkeley, the University of Michigan, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

All the content on the iTunes U page must be created by Bowdoin or fall within the realm of public domain in accordance with the Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization

(TEACH) Act. Under the TEACH Act, a professor may show or perform any work related to the curriculum, regardless of medium, as long as it is a face-to-face encounter in the classroom. In order to put the media on the web, the professor must pare down the

work into clips or not post it at all due to copyright laws and fair use terms.

Thus, Bowdoin's iTunes U content follows the rules of the Act. Content may include albums produced by the music department, faculty and student concerts, songs that an a cappella group may choose to share, sporting events, and certain lectures.

Leaman stated that IT will allow faculty decide in what capacity they will use iTunes U for their courses.

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Raking up fall film briefs around New England



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Now that we bright Bowdoin students are back from fall break, we're ready to diligently jump right back into our schoolwork...or not. Either way, there are lots of worthwhile cinematic events happening right here in Brunswick.

Burlington Film Festival

Over the long weekend, I found myself in northern Vermont, staying at a friend's house on the outskirts of Burlington. Expecting a quiet, uneventful weekend, I got neither, thanks to the Vermont International Film Festival. Although I went to a couple of small festivals in Barcelona while abroad, this was my first big-league festival.

The bulk of the films presented were documentaries of social significance on a wide variety of topics. I viewed "Toxic Bust," about probable connections between the rising uses of chemicals and rates of breast cancer.

"Frankensteer" sickeningly details the various ways meat output is being maximized at the expense of consumer health, the cattle themselves, and the environment.

The best film, "Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars," chronicles a band created in Guinean refugee camps

during the civil war in Sierra Leone amidst turmoil and despair.

All of these films did what documentaries should do: give in-depth looks at real people in real situations that otherwise might not get the attention they deserve. Other sources like print and television media don't prioritize these stories and topics, so it is up to films to educate people on these topics.

Experiencing it at a film festival was surely an added bonus. It's exciting—exiting the theater to see the throngs waiting for the next film, discussing what they had seen and what they would recommend. That's what film and art are supposed to do: inspire you to think about the world in a slightly different way, alter some preconceived notions, and challenge previously held ones.

"On the Border" Series

If you haven't gotten a chance to check out the fantastic Chinese Documentary Film Series "On the Border" yet, make sure you do soon. The first film in the series, which was about bottle collectors on a road in Shanghai, was frank yet humanistic. These films showcase aspects of Chinese culture that its politicians and media rarely, if ever, allow to be seen. You will not be able to see these films anywhere else; this is a one-time opportunity, so take advantage of this chance to see senior Jordan Schiele's work.

The last three films of the "On the Border" series will screen at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall.

"The War Tapes"

Opening for a one week engagement at Eveningstar Cinema is the Iraq documentary "The War Tapes," which is surely worth your 90 minutes. The film uses footage supplied by 10 National Guardsmen to construct an image of what's actually happening on the ground in Iraq. Through this lens, the viewer is able to see a level of candor and honesty no American media cameras will ever be able to capture.

On October 20 at 6:30 p.m., Brandon Wilkins, a Brunswick resident and one of the cameramen, will be on hand to lead a Q & A about his experiences both making the film and fighting in Iraq. Tickets are now on sale at Eveningstar for this special event.

"The War Tapes" will screen daily at 1:30, 4, 6:30, and 8:30 p.m. For more information, check out www.eveningstarcinema.com.

The Frontier

Eveningstar has a new counterpart in town now, thanks to the opening of the Frontier Café, Cinema and Gallery. I haven't checked it out yet, but it seems ideally suited for undergrads with a coffee addiction, who are looking for something to do other



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Senior Jordan Schiele's Chinese film series is one of Brunswick's many film events.

than schoolwork.

This weekend, the Frontier will show "Who is Bozo Texino?" will be shown. The film chronicles a lengthy search for the source of the moniker "Bozo Texino," who was seen on railcars for nearly a century.

Director Bill Daniel will be on hand to lead a Q & A discussion after the film. "Who is Bozo Texino?" will be showing at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on October 21.

The Frontier Café is located in Fort Andross, in the part of the building on Maine Street right before you cross the Androscoggin. Check out www.explorefrontier.com for more information.

Bowdoin Annual Film Festival

Finally, amidst all the film news, I will make the first announcement for Bowdoin's 3rd Annual Film Festival. It won't happen until the spring, but it's not too early to think about making a contribution.

This is the true grassroots level of cinema and the best way we can continue to pressure the administration to reintroduce film production classes to this campus. I am head of the festival this year, so send any questions or comments to mnugent@bowdoin.edu. This is a tradition that we will work to continually strengthen at Bowdoin; it can happen only with your support.

WBOR 91.1 FM DJs OF THE WEEK



Francis Kanter '07 & Dan Yingst '07

What's the best album ever made?

FK: Kanye and I would both agree that his "College Dropout" is the best album of all time.

DY: "Dr. Octagonocology" by Dr. Octagon, and any album that features a Halfsharkalligatorhalfman is a-OK with me. Oh, and "Nevermind" by Nirvana.

Who is the greatest living musician?

FK: I think I have to step out of the hip hop realm for this one and give it to Paul McCartney. It's really got to be either him or Juicy J from Three 6.

DY: Tom Waits, greatest in the sense of being unspeakably cool.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

FK: The Who, this summer, in Switzerland, front row. Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey performed like the legends they are.

DY: The Roots concert at Colby freshmen year. I almost got the set list and drumsticks from 'uestlove but some stupid tall guy jumped in front of me. So, I jumped him in the parking lot. Well, I thought about it, but he was REALLY tall.

What is the first album you ever bought?

FK: "Spice" by the Spice Girls, and I regret nothing.

DY: "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" by the Smashing Pumpkins.

What's your music guilty pleasure?

FK: Who can honestly tell me that deep down inside they really dislike Justin Timberlake? Who?

DY: Hey! It's not a crime if you just listen...

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

FK: Definitely "Get By" by Talib Kweli.

DY: "The Imperial March" by John Williams. I wouldn't be the fun sort of dictator.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

FK: I don't know what I would say, but I know I would stutter when saying it.

DY: There are two types of people in this world—those that begin sentences with that phrase, and those that listen and then get shot mercilessly when they try to leave the arena.

Kanter and Yingst's show, "Free Nude Girls...No Credit Card Required," airs on Wednesdays from 10:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

GRITTY McDUFF'S HALLOWEEN ALE—\$8.99 for a six-pack at Hannaford

By now, it is safe to say that fall is in the air. With peak foliage already past and the amount of popped collars increasing daily (we'll chalk those up to the wind), I can't help but think of days gone by, when visions of inventive costumes and candy-stuffed pillowcases danced greedily through my head.

I recall fondly when my best friend and I dressed as rollerblading ninjas for four consecutive years, each armed with an alter native mask so our oblivious contributors would have to pony up twice. Though this year's costume is brewing in my head (it's a toss-up between Uncle Tom or Patrick Swaney circa "Dirty Dancing"), I can't help but reminisce about the piles of sugar stashed under my bed until well after the first snowfall. So now, as a sophisticated and allegedly more mature college senior, how am I to quell this longing? I think, by now, we all know the answer. Why, hurl eggs at little kids and steal their hard-earned loot, of course!

But, because conscience might kick in at some point before or during the beatings, I thought it safe to devise a contingency plan, which, as in many cases—job interviews, class, AA meetings—comes in the form of devious consumption. In lieu of the prospect of a candy-less Halloween, this week's beer is a real doozy: Gritty's Halloween Ale.

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Brewed exclusively in Portland, Maine, Halloween Ale is introduced this year for the first time ever. Introduced in mid-August, it is available only while supplies last.

When I was growing up, my favorite Halloween candies were Skittles and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. After searching far and wide, I have found a beer that blends perfectly the distinct tastes of both of my favorite treats: the playful fruitiness of Skittles infused with the serious sophistication of peanut butter and chocolate. It's like a mullet in a bottle business on the tongue, party in the stomach.

OK, seriously, for those of you who are jubilantly praising this newfound discovery, go grab some trail mix and stop reading my column. For those of you who have thrown your paper away in disgust, shame on you as well; you should know me better by now. Gritty's Halloween Ale has nothing to do with candy, though it is quite a treat. I see it as the modern-day adult's equivalent of trick-or-treating: delicious at your fingertips, but only for a limited time.

How, you may ask, could a seasonal ale ever compare to a classic Halloween favorite? Grow up, kids! Halloween Ale is the holiday treat your taste buds have been missing, and coming in at six percent Alcohol By Volume (ABV) its effect is far more pleasant than a sugar high. From the bottle, Halloween Ale pours a light copper with a healthy two-finger head that bubbles slowly down to a refreshing yet not overwhelming carbonation. The aroma is unique, boasting a light malty tinge underscored with a doughy and fruity hint around the edges. The taste, of course, is the clincher.

Hinging on a full malty backbone, the doughiness remains, and is accompanied by hints of brown sugar, toffee, and caramel (all of which also serve as ingredients to numerous candies. I might add) Unlike some beers of the past, Halloween Ale is refreshingly full, yet it finishes more smoothly than a Rob Thomas and Santana duet.

So as you busy yourself racking your brain for the perfect Halloween costume, just remember that the upcoming holiday has not completely turned its back on those past the sixth grade (all right fine, I trick-or-treated when I was 15). On the contrary, Gritty's Halloween Ale represents a treat that is as rounded and satisfying as we all hope our semester grades will turn out. Though our tricking and treating days may be behind us, take solace in the fact that there is an adult beverage made especially for you and the neighborhood witch.

So let the kids enjoy their holiday. Hell, they can eat Skittles until they're sitting in a pot of gold for all I care. In my sagacious early adulthood, I have found a treat that tastes better than the rainbow and doesn't leave the inside of my mouth looking like an Elton John outfit. Though I wouldn't recommend leaving a case out on the steps for the neighborhood kids, I would urge you all to taste a sip of the Halloween spirit, bottled for your convenience. For though it may not satisfy your sweet tooth, it is so delicious, it's scary.

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SPORTS

Women's XC third in state

by Laura Onderko
STAFF WRITER

The women's cross-country team had its only home meet of the season Saturday, playing host to the Maine State Meet. The Polar Bears finished third behind Colby and Bates.

Colby's Karen Prisby was first overall, while junior Laura Onderko crossed the finish line first for Bowdoin and fourth overall. Working together through the 5k race, Courtney Eustace '08 and Lindsay Hodge '10 finished just six seconds apart, with 10th and 11th, respectively.

"Everyone has been working incredibly hard this season, and in the past two weeks it has started to show. Lindsay Hodge and Courtney Eustace had especially spectacular races, improving on their personal best times and moving up in position during the race. Things are starting to come together nicely, especially with their help," said senior co-captain Jamie Knight.

Rounding out Bowdoin's top five were Kristen Brownell '07 and Courtney Martin '09, coming in 16th and 19th, respectively. Junior Sarah Podmaniczky finished only three seconds behind Martin, grabbing 21st, while Jamie Knight sprinted in three seconds later taking 24th.

Senior captain Alex Knapp led the next pack of Bears, taking 29th, while

Volleyball beats Endicott in 5

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Skye Lawrence '10 goes up for a spike in Wednesday's win over Endicott.

The volleyball team continues to have one of its best seasons in school history, winning its last home game and senior night against a formidable opponent, Endicott College on Wednesday.

The team got off to a slow start, however, losing the first two sets 25-30, 25-30.

"The team started out a bit flat, but we were able to rekindle our fire and take the third game," said Coach Karen Cory.

The Polar Bears did fight back to take the third game by a commanding score of 30-19. They carried the momentum on to the fourth game, winning 30-25, then finished in the fifth set with a score of 15-3.

Bowdoin improved its record to 17-5, while Endicott fell to 17-10. The win was a special victory for the players, as it was the last home game, senior night, and a hard-fought victory.

"It was so great to win on senior night. I think that was one of the key things that carried us through the match, especially after losing the first two games," said Margo Linton '08. "We knew it was our last home match with them, and we were determined to win even if it took all night."

Corey was also pleased with the match.

"It was a thrilling victory for us that was right down to the wire... Endicott was a team quite comparable in talent and experience, I was

glad that we fought hard for the victory," she said.

The statistical leaders for the game were senior Erin Prifogle (17 kills and 7 blocks), first-year Jenna Diggs (34 assists and 27 digs), and first-year Gillian Page (20 kills and 12 digs).

The volleyball team was also successful in last weekend's tournament, the Midcoast Classic, where the squad finished with a record of 3-1. The team defeated both the University of New England and Rivier College in straight sets on Saturday at Bates. On Sunday, the Polar Bears returned to Bowdoin and suffered their only defeat of the weekend to Cal State East Bay. They then faced the University of Dallas, and won 3-1.

The team also faced two NESCAC opponents last week. On October 11, the team faced Bates. The Polar Bears dropped the first set, but managed to rally back the next three sets for the win, defeating Bates 22-30, 30-25, 30-25, 30-28. Statistical leaders for the match were Diggs with 26 assists and 23 digs, and Erin Prifogle, who notched 11 kills and 4 blocks. On Saturday the team competed against Amherst, and, despite a valiant effort, lost in straight sets (30-20, 30-19, 30-25).

This weekend the volleyball team will be competing in the Hall of Fame Tournament in Springfield, where it will compete against Brandeis, MIT, and Mount Holyoke. The Polar Bears also will face NESCAC opponents Tufts in Massachusetts on Wednesday.

Hamilton squad shuts out Polar Bear football

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

A bevy of turnovers led the Polar Bears to a 12-0 loss to an 0-3 Hamilton squad last Saturday in New York.

Nine fumbles, three of which were lost, and two interceptions stalled Bowdoin's offensive opportunities while the defense limited the Continentals to only two scores. However, Hamilton's early scoring efforts led to Bowdoin's fourth loss in a young and, thus far, winless season.

Before its game against Bowdoin, Hamilton had not scored a single point during the 2006 season.

Midway through the first quarter, Hamilton received the ball on the 50-yard line after Bowdoin unsuccessfully ran the ball on fourth down. The Continentals then ran the ball on eight out of nine plays, resulting in a two-yard touchdown rush by John Lawrence. Senior Dave Donahue blocked the ensuing extra point attempt, limiting Hamilton to six points in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Bowdoin produced a drive that penetrated deep into Hamilton territory on the back of a strong rushing effort by running back Jeff Smith '08. However, the effort was thwarted when J. Koch intercepted a pass from quarterback Tom Duffy '07 on Hamilton's 16-yard line. The Polar Bears ended Hamilton's subsequent 80-yard drive with a fantastic defensive stand on Bowdoin's five-yard line.

The Bears followed up with another

long drive, this time getting inside the red zone. But Hamilton defensive back Matt Pitarresi forced wide receiver Doug Johnson '07 to fumble after a reception, only one play after Duffy and Johnson connected on a 63-yard pass. Brandon Clair recovered the fumble and returned it 43 yards. Two completed passes later, Hamilton found itself with another touchdown, this time with Damon Hall-Jones '09 blocking the point after.

Duffy, Johnson, and Smith were each responsible for two fumbles, with all three of them losing one. Combined with two interceptions, Bowdoin turned the ball over four times in Hamilton territory, killing potential scoring drives.

"Turnovers were a huge part of the loss," said senior offensive lineman Russell Stevens. "We had our best offensive and best defensive game of the season, but the turnovers were costly. This week will be big with the game against Trinity, especially since it's Homecoming. We'll need to keep up our offensive and defensive performance and keep the ball in our hands. We need to force Trinity into some turnovers."

However, the team's offensive production was in many ways at its best in the game. The Polar Bears amassed a season-high 364 yards of offense, along with a season-high 20 first downs.

Bowdoin's defense also did well, stopping the Continentals on several key possessions while recovering two interceptions of their own. Captain Brendan Murphy '07 returned to the



Courtesy of Alison Curtin, The Bowdoin Bugle

Tight end Mike Karrat '08 catches the Bears' only touchdown in Bowdoin's 16-0 loss to Tufts two weeks ago.

team after missing a game with a hamstring injury and intercepted a pass to halt a fourth-quarter Hamilton drive. Senior linebacker John Regan also nabbed an INT in the first quarter. Michael Vitousek '07 led the team in tackles with eleven (eight solo), while

first-year Tyler Tennant contributed seven solo tackles of his own and assisted on three. Joseph Cruise '07 had the team's lone sack, which pushed Hamilton back three yards.

Twelve points is the lowest total a team has scored against Bowdoin

since a 35-10 win over Wesleyan last October.

In their previous game (on Parent's Weekend), the Polar Bears fell to Tufts 16-6 in Brunswick.

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Field hockey wins against Rhodes

by Emileigh Mercer
CONTRIBUTOR

The field hockey team dominated on its home turf this week, handily beating Rhodes College 4-0. The Lynx, who traveled from Tennessee for Tuesday's game, were no match for Bowdoin's team effort, with goals coming from four different players.

Senior Sarah Horn netted her first goal of the season in the matchup, with sophomore Lindsay McNamara and seniors Gail Winning and Burgess LePage also tallying goals for the Polar Bears.

In a touching gesture, the Rhodes Field Hockey Team presented Bowdoin with a generous donation to the Taryn King Memorial Fund prior to the game.

"Coming from a team that plays hundreds of miles away and that we'd never met, Rhodes's donation was one of the most unexpected and gracious commemorations to her memory. To know that Taryn's passing touched a team that she had never encountered and to know that they cared enough to reach out and make such a significant donation is truly awe inspiring," said Horn.

On Saturday, the Polar Bears traveled to Connecticut College and beat the Camels 3-1. The Camels (1-5 NESCAC) had quick forwards, but senior captain LePage said the key to shutting them down was "that our attackers were relentless in the circle, keeping pressure on Conn's defense and goalie."

The game stayed even at 0-0, but an offensive charge by the Polar Bears produced three goals in nine minutes. LePage scored the first goal, and for-

wards McNamara and Maddie McQueney '09 tallied the second and third goals, respectively, soon after.

"Despite being tied at the half we were dominating offensively and backing up our play with strong defense. Once we scored, we fell into our groove," said sophomore defender Leah Ferenc.

The Camels challenged the three-goal lead in the final minutes of the game. The strong Polar Bear defense and diving saves by senior netminder Kate Leonard kept the Camels to one goal and preserved the win for Bowdoin.

Before fall break, the Polar Bears beat both Tufts and Bates by scores of 2-1 in important league games. Against Tufts (3-3 NESCAC) key goals were scored by McNamara and Winning. Sophomore midfielder Julia King had two assists in the win. Bates dropped to 1-4 in the league when the Polar Bears came from behind last Wednesday. McNamara scored off of a penalty stroke to tie the game, and also slid the ball to junior Hillary Hoffman who buried the game winner before halftime.

Looking to the rest of the season, McNamara remarked that "the last three games are big for us because we are currently tied with Williams and Middlebury for first place. Winning these games will be key to gaining home advantage in the NESCAC tournament."

Bowdoin will play Trinity (1-5 NESCAC) on Saturday before playing the University of Southern Maine away on Tuesday.



Courtesy of Paul Rula

Seniors Kelly Rula and Simon Bolmgren sail their No. 12 boat to victory at the Casco Bay Open two weeks ago.

Sailing gets votes for top 20

by Kelly Rula
CONTRIBUTOR

Over the past month, Bowdoin sailing has been cleaning up on the competition.

Over Parents Weekend at the Casco Bay Open, Bowdoin sailors Simon Bolmgren '07, Kelly Rula '07, Matt Karlan '08, and Erin Taylor '09 took first place with a 40-

point differential over their competition.

That same weekend at the Hobart Intersectional in New York, juniors Mark Dinneen, Kelly Pitts, Rob Parrish, and Katie Auth tied for fourth place overall. Last weekend, the junior squad made another strong showing at the Wood Intersectional held by Dartmouth College, bolstering Bowdoin's reputation.

These accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by the greater sailing community. For the week of October 3, Bowdoin College received votes for the National Top 20 rankings in Sailing World magazine. This weekend, the team travels to Brown University to compete in the Atlantic Coast Championship qualifier, the Hoyt Trophy as well as the Oberg Trophy hosted by MIT.

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The rundown

by Chris Adams-Wall
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Why didn't anybody see this coming? For the second straight year an expected contender from the American League Central will face off against an unexpected contender from the National League Central in the 2006 World Series. So if we continue with this trend, I guess it's safe to say that the 2007 World Series will be the Cleveland Indians against the Milwaukee Brewers. Well, we'll see.

Last year, the Chicago White Sox dominated the Houston Astros with pitching and timely hitting, sweeping them in Game 4 with a 1-0 victory. This year's Fall Classic, which begins tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. ET, on FOX, has given us every reason to believe in similar results when the Detroit Tigers will welcome the St. Louis Cardinals to Comerica Park in Motown. But will it in fact be similar to last year?

This is arguably one of the most inconceivable matchups in World Series history, for both teams limped pathetically into the playoffs and were written off immediately.

The Tigers (95-67) held first place in the AL Central for most of the season over the White Sox and Twins, and were in control of their own destiny entering the season's final series at home against MLB's version of Napoleon Dynamite, the last-place Kansas City Royals. Apparently though, the Royals had been practicing some dance moves, and somehow managed to complete the three-game sweep of Detroit, crowning the Twins as division champions on the final day. The Tigers settled for the wild card, and after a couple of A-Rod whiffs and Magglio Ordonez bombs, they now find themselves entering their first World Series since 1984 with an unbelievable pitching staff with a stunning postseason ERA of 2.32, a potent offense, and a loveable, yet all-business manager in Jim Leyland.

The Cardinals conclusion to the regular season is nearly comparable to the fable of the tortoise and the hare, for they held an 8.5 game lead over second-place Houston who cut that lead to half a game

within the last two weeks of the season. Thanks to a fortuitous wake-up call for St. Louis, however, the hare ultimately woke up from his relaxing nap and finished the race before the tortoise, clinching the division for the Cardinals with a terrible 83-78 record. Nevertheless, this underdog club rose to the occasion by eliminating an overrated San Diego Padres team, and squeaking by the heavily favored Mets last night on the road at Shea Stadium in the seventh and deciding game. The Cards edged out the 3-1 win thanks to another superb outing by NLCS MVP Jeff Suppan and a two-run (dare say Aaron Boone-like) homer by catcher Yadier Molina. For whatever reason, it is in the Cards.

But we are now faced with the most perplexing question of them all: Who wins it all? Most of us wouldn't think twice about choosing the Tigers, who have dropped just one game this post-season, and declare them champions immediately. The story is just too perfect. The team, the manager, the fans, and the city deserve it more than anybody, and it's difficult not to root for them either if you happened to catch their celebration over the Yankees in Game 4, consisting of numerous remarkable moments like running up and down the foul lines high-fiving fans, and Kenny Rogers pouring champagne all over a security guard. But let us not forget the Cardinals, who are coming off one of the most emotional series ever witnessed. They know they are underdogs, but they have been since late September and they only seem to thrive on that.

Their pitching has also been significantly solidified in this last series with terrific starts by Suppan, Jeff Weaver, and Chris Carpenter, and let's not forget the offense, led by NL MVP hopeful Albert Pujols. Yet with intriguing matchups across the board including Weaver facing his former team, as well as Tigers' second baseman Placido Polanco, combined with expert managing on both sides on what appears to be a balanced playing field, it remains impossible to call.

So again, who will win it all? It's anyone's guess.

Tigers in 7.

Women run to third in state

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Livy Lewis '07, Lindsey Schickner '09, and Kira Frenzen '10 took 41st, 49th, and 57th, respectively. First-years Taylor McCormack, Claudia Hartley, and Kristina Dahmann all finished within 25 seconds of each other, taking 73rd, 77th, and 82nd, while fellow first-years Leah Stecher, 97th, and Claire Williams, 118th, completed Bowdoin's charge to the finish.

The weekend before the state meet, the Bowdoin women traveled down to Boston to race in the Open New England Championships held at Franklin Park. Attended by the some of the best Division III teams in New England and even attracting Division I and II teams, the meet boasted a very competitive field, with 314 runners competing in the varsity race. The Polar Bears rose to the challenge, taking 27th out of 46 teams.

Schickner, Elizabeth Onderko '08, and McCormack represented Bowdoin in the sub-varsity race, taking 128th, 181st, and 192nd. In the varsity race, Laura Onderko was Bowdoin's first finisher in 77th place. Brownell came through the finishing chute next in 142nd, with Eustace following only two seconds and five places later. Hodge sprinted to the finish three seconds behind Eustace, taking 153rd, and was

pursued closely by Knapp, Knight and Podnarniczky, in 165th, 179th, and 191st, respectively. Only a minute separated the Polar Bears' first and seventh runners.

"I was particularly impressed with the effort in both races by Sarah Podnarniczky," said Slovenski. "She has made tremendous improvement, and gives us good depth around the No. 5 position."

In both meets, many of the women ran personal bests, and exceeded Slovenski's expectations.

"Our goal was to have five women under 20:00 for the 5k in the New England's and the Maine State Meet," said Slovenski. "The team ran very well and we had six runners go under 20:00."

With no meet this weekend, the Polar Bears will start preparing for the final races of the season.

"There are three teams from our conference just ahead of us in the rankings," observed Coach Slovenski. "We're running well, but we have to find some more speed and heart to catch the three teams just in front of us. I think we have the talent, and we'll rest up a little more for the next races."

The Bowdoin women's next meet will be the NESCAC Championships at Connecticut College on Saturday, October 28.

FOOTBALL

School	NESCAC		Overall
	W	L	
Williams	4	0	4-0
Amherst	3	1	3-1
Middlebury	3	1	3-1
Trinity	3	1	3-1
Tufts	3	1	3-1
Wesleyan	2	2	2-2
Colby	1	3	1-3
Hamilton	1	3	1-3
Bates	0	4	0-4
BOWDOIN	0	4	0-4

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/7 v. Tufts W 16-6
Sa 10/14 at Hamilton L 12-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/21 v. Trinity 1:00 P.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

School	NESCAC		Overall
	W	L	
BOWDOIN	6	1	10-1
Middlebury	6	1	10-1
Williams	8	1	10-1
Trinity	5	2	8-3
Tufts	4	3	7-4
Wesleyan	3	4	6-6
Amherst	1	5	5-6
Conn. College	1	5	5-6
Bates	1	8	5-6
Colby	1	6	3-8

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/7 v. Tufts W 2-1
W 10/11 v. Bates W 2-1
Sa 10/14 at Conn. College W 3-1
Tu 10/17 v. Rhodes W 4-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/21 v. Trinity 11:30 A.M.
Tu 10/24 at Southern Maine 3:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/7 at Open N.E.S. 27th of 46
(Boston, Mass.)
Sa 10/14 State Championship 3rd of 9
(at Bowdoin).

- Compiled by Adam Kommel Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

School	NESCAC		Overall
	W	L	
Williams	8	0	19-4
Amherst	5	2	19-2
Tufts	5	2	18-5
BOWDOIN	4	2	17-5
Conn. College	4	3	13-8
Wesleyan	4	3	13-7
Trinity	2	4	9-6
Bates	2	5	11-13
Colby	2	5	11-13
Middlebury	2	5	11-9
Hamilton	0	7	8-14

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/7 v. UNE (at Bates Midcoast Classic) W 3-0

Sa 10/7 v. Rivier (at Bates MC) W 3-0

Su 10/8 v. Cal State-Easy Bay L 3-0

(at Bowdoin MC)

Su 10/8 v. U. Dallas (at Bowdoin MC) W 3-1

W 10/11 at Bates W 3-1

Sa 10/14 v. Amherst (at Tufts) L 3-0

W 10/18 v. Endicott W 3-2

SCHEDULE

F 10/20 at Hall of Fame TBA

Sa 10/21 Tournament (Springfield)

W 10/25 at Tufts 7:00 P.M.

MEN'S GOLF

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/7 at CBB Classic 1st of 3

Su 10/8 at Huxton Invitational 4th

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/7 at Open N.E.S. 10th of 45

(Boston, Mass.)

Sa 10/14 State Championship 1st of 10

(at Bowdoin)

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/7 v. Bates W 37-12

Sa 10/14 at Maine-Orono W 5-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/21 v. Colby 1:00 P.M.

Women's soccer defeats Conn. College after shutting out UNE

by Bridget Keating
CONTRIBUTOR

After falling in its last five contests, the Bowdoin Women's Soccer Team answered back this past week, posting two victories in four days.

The streak started last Tuesday with an emphatic 6-0 win over regional rival, University of New England.

The Bears hit the ground running in the first 20 minutes thanks to a pair of goals from Ann Zeigler '08, scored only a minute apart.

The Nor'easters were given little chance to respond, when only 10 minutes later forward Claire Cutting '08, who currently leads the conference in points earned per game, notched her first of three goals. The Bears ended the day outshooting UNE 32-8, a dominating offensive performance.

Using momentum from Tuesday's shutout, the Polar Bears notched another victory in New London, beating Connecticut College 6-2. On Saturday, the Bowdoin offense provided more fireworks.

Grace Moore '08 emerged out of Bowdoin's defensive zone to lead the

charge by scoring the first goal of the day at 11:34 off of a Kat Whitley '08 assist. Before halftime, the Bears received an insurance goal from an unassisted Emily Swaim '09, giving them a cushioned 2-0 lead.

Soon after the second half commenced, the Camels notched their first goal of the day, cutting the lead to one. Despite this attempt, the Bears remained composed and responded with a string of four uninterrupted goals in 10 minutes.

"I think one of the important things we learned... was that we can still hold strong mentally even if we get scored on," said captain Ivy Blackmore '07. "I think mental toughness has been one of our major weak points this season, but we were able stay strong, hold it together, and come out with a crucial 'W'."

Bowdoin received goals from four different players in the 6-2 win, three of which came from Ann Zeigler '08. Zeigler rounded out the week with a total of five goals on offense, which earned her NESCAC Player of the Week honors.

Prior to this week's back-to-back wins, the Polar Bears posted a frus-

trating 2-1 loss to Tufts University on Parents Weekend. The Bears started the match off strong, thanks to a Blackmore goal that put Bowdoin ahead after only five minutes of play. The squad maintained the lead at intermission, but two unanswered Tufts goals left the Bears facing a one-goal deficit for the remainder of the match.

The Polar Bears will spend this week preparing for Saturday's 11 a.m. conference match against the Trinity Bantams. With the season winding down, the Bears are looking to maintain their winning streak and achieve team goals, one of which is making the NESCAC tournament.

Moore hopes to "keep new momentum going... taking the rest of the season one game at a time and punishing each team we play."

"Tournament time is a new season," said Moore. "Even though we had a rough regular season we learned a lot and are a much stronger team because of it heading into the last two weeks. It is tough to beat a good team twice, and if we make the tournament, I think other teams will be scared to play us again."

Football falls to 0-4, will welcome Trinity

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The Jumbos dominated the game with 246 yards of offense on the ground. Bowdoin played a clean game with only one penalty and no turnovers, but the offense was held in check with only 240 yards, 143 of

which came on its final two possessions.

Tufts came out with a touchdown on its first possession and never looked back, controlling the clock for over 35 minutes. Bowdoin's lone touchdown came on a one-yard connection between Duffy and tight end

Mike Karrat '08.

The Polar Bears' next game is at home this Saturday against Trinity at 1 p.m. Bowdoin looks to avert history, as the team's last win against Trinity came in 1998. Bowdoin has not opened a season 0-4 since its 2003 winless season.

Men's soccer beats Wheaton and Conn.

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

Reality set in very quickly for the men's soccer team after its two astonishing wins over Amherst and Middlebury a couple of weeks ago.

Those two wins gave the team a sense of invincibility, but Tufts did its best to bring the men back down to earth with a 5-0 trouncing at Farley Fields. The perennial NESCAC cellar-dwellers did their best impersonation of a powerhouse for the day as the Jumbos dominated the Polar Bears in every aspect of the game right from the opening whistle.

Captain Brendan Egan '08 described the aftermath.

"It was a feeling of total astonishment and embarrassment," he said. "Tufts definitely deserved to win that day. They played very well and caught us on a day that we were unfortunately very flat."

Fortunately for Bowdoin, the loss did not come in the NESCAC playoffs, which means that the team has a chance to redeem itself every time it takes the pitch from here on out. The three games since the defeat, all solid 2-0 victories, have vaulted the Polar Bears in the right direction.

"I think the victories were excellent team results," said Egan, "and we have done a good job of separating ourselves from the Tufts game."

The three-game win streak indicates that the only fallout from the loss has been a healthy, rigid determination to play as hard as possible for a full 90 minutes. The run started with a 2-0 thumping over Gordon College, where the Polar Bears racked up more than three times as many shots on goal as their opponents.

The team used second-half goals from Egan and Nick Figueiredo '08 to get the unsavory taste of the Tufts

match out of its mouth. Against Connecticut College, Justin Ito-Adler '08 put Bowdoin on the board in the team's 2-0 victory, and Figueiredo sealed the deal with another second-half strike.

Bowdoin's most recent victory, a tightly contested 2-0 shutout over a powerful Wheaton side, showcased the Bears' most impressive performance since prior to the Tufts debacle.

Wheaton entered the game 10th in New England, according to the National Soccer Coaches of America poll, and a gaudy 32-4 home record that dates back several seasons. But this did not intimidate Bowdoin.

The Polar Bears used an impressive burst of offense in a six-minute span to open and close the scoring against their opponents. First-year Tom Wakefield opened his collegiate goal scoring account in the 75th minute and Figueiredo continued his convincing impression of Red Sox closer Jonathon Papelbon with a goal in the 81st minute.

Bowdoin's net-minder Nathan Lovitz '08 was also a force in all three victories as he amassed 11 saves in the back-to-back-to-back shutouts to push his season total to eight.

"We've played good team defense, worked the ball around well, and scored some great goals," said Egan. "We can't just say big things like we want a NESCAC championship or we want to make a run through the NCAA's without being willing to go through the hard work that it takes to achieve those goals."

Homecoming Weekend will be crucial for the Polar Bears as they start the weekend with an important matchup with NESCAC rival Trinity at home on Saturday at noon. The team will then travel to face Babson on Sunday as the Bears continue their journey to the NESCAC playoffs.

Men's rugby extends month-old losing streak

by Jeremy Bernfeld
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Men's Rugby Team fell to 1-4 on the season on Saturday, losing at Colby in a 9-3 match. Colby scored nine unanswered points on three penalty kicks in the second half to beat the Bowdoin squad.

The Black Pack held a slim 3-0 lead thanks to a Sam Kamin '08 penalty kick at the end of the first half. The teams were well-matched, with both sides tackling well and saving tries on spectacular goal-line stands.

"We really dominated the first half," Coach Rick Scala said, "the only problem was that we failed to punch it in and get more points."

"Almost everyone on the field played really well," senior captain Dan Jaffe said. "Had it not been for a few bouts of handling errors and two unfortunate

penalties, I think we would have won."

The three-man lineup combination of juniors Alex Chittim and Ryan Devanyi, and senior captain Jody Mullis won almost every ball and played extremely well, Jaffe said.

Scala also cited the return of the oft-injured Jaffe, the intensity of John Greene '07, and the solid play of seniors Eric Robinson, Morgan Connelly, Jody Mullis, Dan Campbell, and Dan Duarte as high points.

"We're really looking forward to the spring season," Jaffe said. "We'll get a chance to play all of these teams again, and hopefully we'll be able to exact some revenge."

Over Parents Weekend, Bowdoin lost at home to a dominant University of Maine-Orono squad, 41-7.

Bowdoin finished the regular season in fourth place of four in the North division.

Anthony Regis '07: Soccer player, student, firefighter

by Emily Baird
STAFF WRITER

An academic, athletic, and civic standout, senior Anthony Regis, captain of the men's soccer team, sports many uniforms. Rarely does a Polar Bear zip from the lab to practice to a local fire rescue—all in a day's work.

On the field, Regis anchors the midfield, patrolling the back and driving the offense. With four assists already this year, Regis has asserted himself as a key component in the Polar Bear victory strategy, contributing to each of this season's nine wins. Most recently, Regis helped secure a victory over a competitive Wheaton squad after heading a ball to junior Nick Figueiredo, who scored in the 81st minute.

Having started in 55 out of his 60 Bowdoin career games, Regis maintains a respected presence on and off the field. Always a gentleman, his commitment and work ethic translate well into his Bowdoin and Brunswick life.

It takes few words to describe this athlete, who is "an awesome lad," according to Coach Fran O'Leary, who added Regis is simply, "a coach's dream. A smashing kid who gives 100 percent to every endeavor, squeezing every minute out of every day."

As a captain, Regis had an immediate impact on first-year Tom Wakefield.

"He is a player who leads by example, the one you want to play like on the field, and act like off," Wakefield said.

Co-captain Brendan Egan '08 described Regis as "a perfect example of a Bowdoin student-athlete—the most responsible guy—always holding himself accountable for every one of his actions. He is an absolute class act."

Disciplined and talented, Regis made the 2005 NESCAC All-Academic Team, and this semester is completing an honors project for his biology major, which examines how the methylation of a pathogen-



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Senior midfielder Anthony Regis is a leader for the men's soccer team.

ic yeast protein affects its cellular function. Regis is currently pursuing a major in biology with a minor in chemistry.

But perhaps Regis is most well-known for his service to the town and county. He is never seen around campus without his radio. As a Brunswick firefighter, he is always on call—ready to don his rescue gear at any hour.

In addition to his firefighting and soccer, Regis volunteers regularly at Mid Coast Hospital and this past summer lobstered in Harpswell's Quahog Bay.

Regis grew up with soccer and hopes to continue either as a coach or as a player in an amateur league after Bowdoin. Regis has plans to attend medical school after graduation.

Women's rugby defeats Orono

by Clara Cantor
CONTRIBUTOR

In the past two weekends, women's rugby has pulled in two wins over difficult teams, bringing its season to 3-1. The Bears will compete against Colby at home in their last season game this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Last weekend, Bowdoin played a tough game against the University of Maine-Orono and pulled in a tight win 5-0. The game was close all-around and intense defense by both teams kept the game at 0-0 at halftime. Fullback Daphne Leveriza '07 retaliated by gaining ground after every long kick sent her way by Orono, and scored the lone try of the game with 12 minutes to go.

Erica Camarena '10, playing in her first A-side game, declared the game "exhilarating! And very tension-filled."

"We played extremely tight clean-up defense," added Emily Skinner '08. "Although our rucking could have been better, we were

riding their try line more than a couple of times."

The Bowdoin B-side sidled in with a 27-5 win, led by forwards Carrie Miller '08 and Catherine Jager '09, who excelled in loose play. Tries by Elise Selinger '10, Camarena, Hannah Larson '10, Jager, and Skinner cemented the victory with help from a few rogue Orono ruggers. Together, the B-side was able to reconnect out of rucks and support each other all the way to the try line.

Moore commented, "It was a great game to watch. We've improved a lot as a team over the course of the season."

The previous weekend, on October 7, the ruggers trampled over their archrivals, the Bates Bobcats, 37-12. Early tries by Jeni Kennedy '08 and Helaina Roman '09 set the Bobcats into their backfield. Bates' only try of the half was quickly retaliated by a score for Bowdoin by Alivia Moore '09. In the second half, Margaret "Munny" Munford '07 scored a try

and a penalty kick, followed by a try by Betsy McDonald '08 and a second score for Moore. The game was characterized by excellent team play with forwards linking together with backs to plow over the Bates defense. In addition, Bowdoin defense kept pressure on the notoriously dangerous Bates back line. The scrummaging was powerful, with all eight forwards in top form.

"Our pack had them on their heels in every scrum. It was beautiful to watch," said flyhalf Sara Utzschneider '07. "We were ready to take control of this game."

The B-side played equally well, shutting down the Bobcats 15-0. Miriam Sopin-Vilme '07 scored her second try of the season, followed by scores by Jager and Larson.

"We really had our heads in the game," said Lizbeth Lopez '09. "Both sides played extraordinarily well."

The Bears will play their Homecoming game versus Colby this Saturday at 1 p.m.



The anatomy of cross-country success

by Ross Jacobs
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Men's Cross-Country Team claims state championship, eyes NESCAC championship, Top 10 at DIII Nationals

The black-capped chickadee is Maine's official state bird. Maine's official state berry is the wild blueberry. The Bowdoin Cross Country Team is the official Men's Division III state champion.

Unlike the chickadee or the blueberry, Bowdoin's title is not a perennial feat. The cross-country team has come from every corner of the nation, running as many as 90 miles per week to claim this title and establish itself as the frontrunner for the NESCAC Championship and put itself in contention for a top-10 finish at DIII Nationals.

At the state meet, at Bowdoin's Pickard Field on Saturday, the team placed four out of the top eight racers to claim the victory. Sophomore Archie Abrams (25:53.38, third) and senior Owen McKenna (25:55.53, fourth) led the Polar Bears, followed by first-year Thompson Ogilvie (25:55.85, fifth). Juniors John Hall and Nate Krah rounded out Bowdoin's top five for a total of 33 team points, beating Bates (56 points) and the Bobcats' Steve Monsulick, who ran the winning time of 25:33.08.

Colby placed third overall with 59 points thanks to a second-place finish by Daniel Vassallo (25:42.72).

Arguably more impressive than the state championship was Bowdoin's 10th place (out of 40) finish at Open New England's on October 7. Bowdoin stunned the NESCAC competition by taking first place among competing DIII schools, including division rivals Tufts, Williams, and Wesleyan. Among the successes of the day were sub-26-minute finishes from Abrams, McKenna, Krah, Ogilvie and 26:02 from John Hall '08.

The team's triumphs at Open New England's and the state meet revealed the efficacy of the team's training and potential. Coach Peter Slovenski said two things about the team at these meets.

"We're healthy and we've done a lot of training for the past five months," he said.

Looking ahead, Slovenski added, "We think the hard work we've done will pay off with good results in the championships."

"Leadership from everyone"

"We've always looked up to Andrew Combs '06. He was a four-time All-American, a leader, and

without him there would be a lot of disconnects on our team—he was the 'Socrates' of Bowdoin cross-country," said Ken Akiha '08, who ran a 26:31, the race of his life, on Saturday.

Nate Krah '08 echoed Akiha's sentiment about Combs and added, "Andrew is the one unifying guy between us and the 2002 NESCAC Championship team."

Combs's legacy lives on in the minds of the upperclassmen but Krah believes "the amazing thing about this year's team is that we've filled the leadership gaps left by Combs. All of us were captains of our high school XC teams so the theme of this year has been leadership from everyone."

How exactly does "leadership from everyone" translate into five Polar Bears running five consecutive miles faster than 5:10 per mile?

"Everyone has a role," said Akiha. "The guy who keeps the slow pace on easy day is just as crucial as the guy who paces the team to a 4:50 interval mile at the end of a workout."

The "leadership from everyone" concept seems to be working for Bowdoin XC as the top five runners are all clustered within a minute of each other for the five mile race. The XC members do have a choice as to how they want to spend the hours of 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. every day through college.

With such rigorous training day in and day, Akiha highlighted that the "great energy and leadership of the first-years keeps us excited to run."

Contributions from everyone create what Krah calls "a family. A band of brothers."

Summer training

Running experts say that taking one week off of running takes away about three weeks of training. That means one thing for top Bowdoin runners: somehow they must fit daily running into their summer schedule. This summer, Hall held a job where he had to leave for work at 8 a.m. and would get back at 6 p.m. Hall, a Sarah and James Bowdoin scholar, said every day he would "get back late, run, cook, and eat, and after all that I would be so tired I would head right to bed."

To incorporate running into his life he would often do errands and "run back with my hands full."

Florida native Krah faced a different set of problems: it's hard to do a 15 mile long run in 100 degree heat. Krah would often get up at 6 a.m. to get his workout in.

The Bowdoin runners' mileage peaks at the beginning of September.



Courtesy of the Jacobs family

Junior John Hall (No. 126) finished 104th of 307 in the New England Championships, in which Bowdoin finished first.

Many of the top runners run 75 or even 90 miles a week leading up to the first official team practices.

Every Sunday at the beginning of the season, runners do the legendary "Beans in the Back" run. Runners start at Bowdoin and touch the front door of L.L. Bean and run back for a total of 18 hilly miles.

Krah claimed, "Bowdoin runners have been doing the run for ever, it's the peak, the ultimate run."

Health, patience, persistence

At the Open New England's championship, Abrams came from 40th place at mile two, slowly moved up and jolted at the chute to catch two runners. Abrams claimed 15th at the meet to win the title of "All-New England" while finishing as the second DIII runner. Out most of last year with an injury, Abrams's race parallels his road to recovery.

"There was a lot of frustration, but I just had to keep believing and keep telling myself I have three more years," said Abrams, who finished first for Bowdoin at the Open New England's in a blistering 25:13. To lighten the heavy toll pavement running takes on a runner, Abrams has been diligently "aquajogging" three days a week.

Abrams's teammate Hall added, "He works so hard with the cross training. These recovery efforts are clearly paying off. It's really exciting to see Archie doing so well—it's great for him and great for the team."

Slovenski highlighted the importance of patience and persistence in Archie's road to recovery.

"Archie always had the talent to be an all-star cross-country runner, and this year he has the patience," Slovenski said. "The five-mile race is so long and the training volume is so high that you need to be patient with yourself and the workouts."

Captain Tyler Lonsdale '08 believes Abrams's training reveals the team's focus on individualized training and holds "many talented runners achieve success by realizing their individual needs, and by approaching training as an art rather than a science. Archie has found how to harness and develop his talent most effectively, which is really starting to pay off for him. It's always a great thing to watch happen."

How XC Scoring Works

First place in the meet scores one point for a team, second place receives two points, third place receives three points, etc.

The point values for the top five individual runners on each team are added up.

However, only seven runners per team can "displace," which means if team A has 10 runners finish before the runners on any other team finish, the 11th place runner on team B would be awarded eight points for the team.

By The Numbers

135: Weight of 5'10" first-year Alex Carpenter

90: Junior Nate Krah's peak miles/week

48: Sophomore Archie Abrams's streak of days with at least 70 minutes of exercise

15: Runners on Bowdoin's XC team who ran five miles in less than 30:00 this year

9: Teams Bowdoin beat to claim the state championship

1: Senior top-seven runner on this year's team

0: Number of New England DIII teams that beat Bowdoin at the Open New England's

The Cross-Country Body

HEAD: Visualizes "sitting" in the lead pack, working hard and kicking faster than anyone else

ARMS: Curls and tricep exercises, bench press, pull-ups

CHEST: Bench Press, push-ups, pull-ups

LOWER BACK: Bridges and reverse sit-ups

ABS: Seven-minute ab routine

HAMSTRING: Curls

CALVES: Calf raises with weights, hill running, road biking, barefoot running on sand

SHAVED LEGS: Increase aerodynamics, and he likes the feel

QUADS: Squats on balance ball with weights, biking uphill, plyometrics, pool running

ARCHES: Strengthening with golf balls

Graphic by Ross Jacobs
Model: Nathan Krah '08



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Four years of Bowdoin XC: Thompson Ogilvie '10, Archie Abrams '09, Nate Krah '08, and Owen McKenna '07 lead Bowdoin to a state championship.

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Respect Super Snack staff

Supposedly, as a student body, we appreciate the members of the support staff who work so hard to make Bowdoin a safe and enjoyable place to live and learn. From Bowdoin's top-notch Information Technology staff to the facilities crew to the acclaimed Dining Service, much of what we are proud of at Bowdoin stems from the people who work in these departments. Yet, judging by the behavior of some of us at late-night dining during the past few years, it sometimes appears that our actions contradict our supposed gratitude.

The director of the dining service sent an email to the student digest this week reminding students to follow the rules during Super Snack. These rules are not particularly difficult to follow: Don't try various techniques to slip in after hours and don't make nasty comments to the front-desk checker. This follows a similar message last year, co-signed by the president of Bowdoin Student Government, reminding students that they should not be belligerent to the staff. In the spring of 2005, a physical altercation occurred in Thorne Hall. These are the worst of the cases—and we can all probably recollect times when a friend (or maybe even one of us!) made an unnecessary mess or exhibited other disrespectful behavior.

We dislike using this space to "lecture" to fellow students, and that is not what we are trying to do today. Rather, we want to challenge ourselves to remember that no matter what the time of day, no matter what the place, no matter what we may have been drinking, we are still students of Bowdoin College and must live up to the responsibility that comes with this privilege. How can we be a community that is truly committed to the "Common Good" when we cannot even be committed to courteous behavior within our own community?

As students, the vast majority of us do appreciate the fantastic spread that the Super Snack staff offers us three nights a week, and the vast majority of us do know that some of the behavior that we have witnessed is out of line. Not only is such behavior selfish and embarrassing, but we fear it may cause the Dining Service to consider terminating Super Snack.

The best thing we can do when seeing friends act disrespectfully is to tell them to cut it out instead of laughing at their antics.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dictatorship, peace are incompatible

To the Editors:

North Korea's testing of nuclear weapons has sparked another round of finger-pointing from American political parties desperate to avoid blame. Democrats have already seized this opportunity to criticize the Bush administration of neglecting the actual threat in North Korea. We should keep in mind though that Kim Jong-Il has been a threat to the world since the early years of the Clinton administration.

However, I'm not writing to place blame on anyone, but rather to reveal the shortcomings of U.S. foreign policy-making in the past decade. Efforts in attempting to solve the North Korean dilemma through peaceful means have resulted in routine exploitations of aid by Kim and the extended survival of an incapable regime. As long as Kim remains the dictator, he remains a threat to U.S. interests overseas and quite possibly

the United States itself.

Kim has gone too far with his latest antics. The United States and more importantly the world cannot live with North Korea. As our esteemed alumni Christopher Hill states, North Korea "can have a future or it can have these weapons, but it cannot have them both." I strongly support the making good of this threat.

Sincerely,

Jeff Jeng '09

Jeng is an officer of the Bowdoin College Republicans.

Partisan politics has its place

To the Editors:

It seems fashionable, especially among cynical college students, to criticize political parties as obstacles to nuanced political discourse and "intellectualism," whatever may be meant by that nebulous word. In a letter to the Orient last week, a student wrote that "If we are committed to intellectualism and not partisan

squabbling, we need a greater student voice that is not dominated by aspiring politicians." At the outset, the writer even expresses concern with all "politically driven debate," seemingly placing all political opinions under the umbrella of "partisan squabbling."

Political organizations bring like-minded people together; they do not destroy intellectual independence. Attacking "partisan rhetoric" is simply an easy way to claim the intellectual high ground while expressing disagreement with a commonly held view. Indeed, the most "self-serving" rhetoric often comes from self-described independents or moderates who offer nonconformity as their primary justification for their beliefs. It is not inconsistent to arrive at one's own political beliefs through independent thought and contemplation while also identifying with a political party. People who, whether consciously or not, form their political opinions based primarily on a desire to be "nonpartisan" are in fact the least independent thinkers in our community.

Sincerely,

Nick Kasprak '08

The price of freedom: \$46,300

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Freedom.

It is a mighty concept, appealing to the most optimistic regions of the human heart. The idea of freedom has been used to justify some of the most grotesque and heart-rending wars, most spirited and complex political and philosophical debates, and most incredible individual acts in human history.

When Mel Gibson cried "FREEDOMEEEEEEEE!" in lieu of recanting his beliefs at the end of "Braveheart," audiences shivered with hope and wept in their popcorn. Honestly, what other word could he have yelled that would have made viewers say, "Wow, that was totally worth getting his intestines diddled with rusty forcses." It's the only one!

Growing up, we learned a great deal about freedom, but didn't experience a whole lot of it. To varying degrees, our "freedom" was overseen and regulated by our parents. While I considered this patently un-American, and wrote numerous petitions to the House Un-American Activities Committee (before learning that it had been dismantled decades ago because it itself was un-American), I eventually realized that it was completely lawful for my parents to besmirch my freedom to eat Reese's Peanut Butter Cups for every meal. Turns out that before age 18, Uncle Sam doesn't trust me to do what's in my best interest, that fascist.

For many young Americans of my socioeconomic class, the advent of adulthood roughly coincides with their departure from home and arrival at that fabled oasis that is college. And whether your parents were the sort that let you watch all the tel-

evision and go to all the parties that you wanted or the sort that diddled your intestines with rusty forcses when you failed to call home on the half-hour, the freedom that is built in to the college lifestyle is a welcome one.

And boy, do we know how to use it! After years of parents' tyrannical rule—characterized by distinct anti-fun prejudices—the average first-year collegian is chomping at the bit (literally or figuratively, depending on how controlling/sadistic his parents are) to take full advantage of the liberty a college environment affords.

Most Bowdoin first years repress the same outlet for their repressed lust for self-rule: "Social" House parties. Social House parties allow these newly christened adults to exercise their right to chug frothy cups of urine-flavored beer and rub up against one another without Dad activating the shock collar.

These activities are often followed by exercises in free speech—e.g. bellowing at police or initiating one of those delightful chants at Super Snack—and afterwards, an oft-forgotten constitutional freedom: the right to spend the night writhing into a toilet. It's so damn...patriotic! Why can't those godless commie pinkos in Congress love freedom this much?

The duration of the first-year freedom binge varies by case. In some instances, it lasts all four years of college, and even beyond. In other cases, the freedoms of college life are never realized, or at least not indulged.

My own experience places me betwixt these extremes. Freshman fall, I could be spotted at almost every single Social House party, consumed when necessary, drinking in, among other things, my newfound autonomy. But by the spring, I was so burned out on Social House parties that I quit drinking in anything, including many of these previously indulged liberties.

I found that an environment where navigating between rooms takes between one and four hours, where attempts at conversation are stifled by a pounding baseline so relentless that students dancing too close to the speakers risk shellshock, and where the air is so saturated with heat and sweat that you need a snorkel to breathe, became unappealing after a while.

Unfortunately, the freshman and sophomore year social life revolved around Social House parties. They were not the only option on a weekend night, of course, but they were by far the most popular. As a result, I often found myself placed in a position where I would have preferred not to attend a Social House party, and yet I felt as though I had to in order to avoid becoming a recluse. Social House parties were the new homework: another thing getting in the way of fun on weekends.

My cynicism toward Social House parties has relented somewhat since then, probably because not many of my friends attend them anymore either. The desire to exercise my freedom to go out and defy my taught notions of propriety has been replaced, if only partially, by the desire to exercise my freedom not to do so. I realized that just because you are free to do something doesn't mean that refraining from doing it is any less worthy an exercise of freedom.

Stoic Greek philosopher Epictetus said, "Freedom is not procured by a full enjoyment of what is desired, but by controlling the desire." While it is liberating to shake off the parental yoke and exercise your freedom to act irresponsibly while you still can, it is prudent to cultivate habits of responsibility and restraint within that freedom.

Freedom wielded irresponsibly is no longer an ideal world losing intestines over. So treat your freedom with respect. Mel Gibson will be proud of you. Unless you're Jewish.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

October 20-26

Friday

Common Hour with Maxine Hong Kingston

Asian-American writer of both fiction and non-fiction, including award-winning "China Men." Book signing to follow.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

Homecoming Coffeehouse

Show off your talent or come watch your friends as they take the stage.
MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
7:40 - 9 P.M.

"The Multiple Careers of Mahatma Ghandi"

Indian environmental historian Ramachandra Guhra speaks on what he calls one of "the most interesting" figures of the 20th century.
MOULTON UNION,
7:30 P.M.

"Sex and the City" Party

Join the Bowdoin Women's Association in its screening of this popular HBO series.
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER,
8:30 P.M.

Saturday

Hemingway in Cuba

The Brunswick-Trinidad Sister City Association presents Hemingway scholar Dr. Susan Beegal. She will lecture and give a visual presentation titled, "Ernest Hemingway: His Cuban Years and Cuban Home."
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY,
10 A.M.

Bonfire

Catch up with new and old friends at the annual homecoming bonfire. The featured musical guest will be The Spins.
FARLEY FIELDS,
3 P.M.

Sunday

Flag Football Tournament

Members of the Bowdoin community compete in these friendly, annual games that promote breast cancer awareness. Presented by Quinby House and Intramural Sports.
FARLEY FIELDS,
1 P.M.

Joanie Taylor '03 Business Lecture

Marketing director of a French cosmetic company, she will discuss her struggles and successes in the business world.
Open to students only.
LANCASTER LOUNGE,
MOULTON UNION,
4 - 5:30 P.M.

Monday

Lighting Walk

Join Bowdoin Safety and Security in the annual lighting walk to examine levels of lighting on and around campus. A discussion will follow. All are welcome to attend this event.
MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
7:30 - 9 P.M.

Tuesday

Be Well at Bowdoin

Kim Lynch of the Breast Health Center at Mid Coast Hospital speaks about risk factors and detection of breast cancer. Sign up is necessary as attendance is limited.
SMITH UNION,
11:45 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Wednesday

Coastal Studies Lecture

Karl Appuhn of the New York University History department gives his lecture "Public Forests, Private Wilderness: The Death of Nature in Renaissance Venice."
ROOM 107, KANBAR HALL,
7 - 9 P.M.

Peter Hayes '68

Professor of Holocaust Studies at Northwestern to deliver Golz Lecture.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7:30 P.M.

Thursday

"Paigu"

Six-week film series, "On the Border: Documentary Perspectives on Modern China."
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.



The Longfellows rock out at the October 7 Parents Weekend concert.

Bobby Guerette, The Bowdoin Orient



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Next year's first years get taste of Bowdoin



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Lynzie McGregor '09, right, walks on the Quad with two attendees of the Bowdoin Invitational. The event, which aims to expand the diversity of the student body, brings prospective students to campus.

Marine returns from Iraq service

Cornell du Houx '06 saw action in Fallujah, will resume classes in November

by Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

One trip to Iraq is enough for Alex Cornell du Houx '06.

"One deployment is plenty," said Cornell du Houx, who returned to Maine with the Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, yesterday after a seven-month deployment in Fallujah, Iraq.

Cornell du Houx and his unit of about 56 local Marine reservists arrived in Topsham where they were met by family, friends, the news media, and Gov. John Baldacci.

"It's great to be back in Bowdoin and Maine, and I am looking forward to catching up with my family and friends," Cornell du Houx, who left Bowdoin in December 2005 to train with his unit, said in an email interview from his home in Solon, Maine, with the Orient late last night.

"He looked great and happy to be back," said friend Clark Gascoigne '08, who was at the Marines reserve center in Topsham to greet the unit with Frank Chi '07 and Cornell du Houx's parents.

Cornell du Houx's journey home started with the unit being helicoptered to Kuwait, followed by a flight to Germany, he said. The Alpha Company from there flew to Bangor and then to Camp Pendleton in California for about a week of debriefing, which included taking classes and



Courtesy of Alex Cornell du Houx
Alex Cornell du Houx '06 in Iraq.

"liberty"—described by Cornell du Houx as "basically a day out on the town."

The final leg of the journey began on Tuesday with a flight to Worcester, Massachusetts, and then a bus ride, complete with a police escort, back to Maine yesterday morning.

"You miss anything from your family and friends to Bowdoin and anything as small as the fall leaves," he said, adding that after stopping by Bowdoin, the first thing he did when he got home to Solon was have dinner with his family.

Cornell du Houx said he will be on campus visiting friends over the next few days and would start classes again in about two weeks. His course load will include two independent studies and a class taken credit/D-fail, which

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Football to police Super Snack

Team members to begin providing service starting November 16

by Adam Kommel
ORIENT STAFF

The Bowdoin College Dining Service thinks that you might agree to swipe your card at Super Snack if a burly football player tells you to do so.

The football team will assist the checker with security at the entrance of Thorne Dining Hall during every Super Snack, beginning on

Thursday, November 16. The date marks the first weekend after the team's last game.

The arrangement is a response to the recent security issues at Super Snack. Several students have snuck past the checker's station without paying for their meals, and Super Snack employees have complained of a general disrespect for the staff.

"Just the size of the guys at the door—I think that students will listen to them if they remind students that they have to show their ID or that we're closed," Director of Dining Services and Bookstore Operations Mary Lou Kennedy said.

It is unclear where the idea for the service originated.

Kennedy said that the idea for the service came from David Burgess, Thorne Hall's service/data coordinator.

The football team co-captain Brendan Murphy '07 said that a player suggested the idea to the team at a team meeting.

"The football team was looking for a volunteer opportunity to help improve campus life and we contacted Dean [of Student Affairs Margaret] Hazlett and Dining

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Permit troubles douse Homecoming bonfire

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

Around 9 p.m. on Saturday, Ian Yaffe '09 received a call from the Sagadahoc County Communications Center (SCCC), an emergency response center used primarily by fire and police departments. The dispatcher told him that Randy Nichols, director of Bowdoin safety and security, was on the line, though according to Yaffe, the dispatcher was skeptical.

"They didn't believe it was actually the director of security from Bowdoin," Yaffe said.

Yaffe believed it was a prank call at first, but upon realizing that Nichols actually was trying to reach

him, became concerned that there was a serious problem.

It turned out that Nichols was after Yaffe, a firefighter in Topsham, because the burn permit for the Homecoming bonfire had been rescinded due to high winds, and only the presence of a firefighter and a fire truck would allow the fire to go on. Nichols wanted to know if Yaffe could borrow a Topsham fire truck and supervise the bonfire.

According to Yaffe, the SCCC dispatcher was skeptical.

"Obviously, they are not familiar with the legend that is Randy Nichols," Yaffe said.

Earlier in the evening, Nichols and

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Students adjust to tight dorm rooms

Residential Life says that dorm capacities should return to normal next year

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

With forced five-person quints in Stowe Hall, triples in Brunswick Apartments, and triples in East and West halls, students are adjusting to tighter accommodations while the College seeks solutions for next year.

"In general, I haven't heard as many complaints from students as I might have expected," Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli wrote in an email.

"I have heard that the new triple Brunswick Apartments can feel a bit cramped for some students and that there isn't sufficient storage space for students' belongings," Pacelli wrote. "Also, some of the rooms in East and West have drawn some complaints."

Pacelli explained that this year's demand for increased capacity rooms resulted from the combination of first-year dorm renovations, a shift in housing preferences, and more upperclassmen choosing to go abroad for the spring semester than the fall.

"The renovations of the first-year residence halls, undoubtedly present [many] of the challenges," she wrote



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Former quads in Stowe Hall have been converted into quints, forcing some students to sleep three-to-a-bedroom.

"Though we've gained back Appleton and Hyde this year, they house fewer students than before because they now have elevators and more generous common areas," Pacelli explained. "Also, we're seeing overall a greater interest by upper-class students to want to live in college housing rather than move off campus," she wrote.

Vince Karakashian '09 and Jason Spector '09 said that their Stowe Hall quint has worked out well so far. They said that while sophomores generally

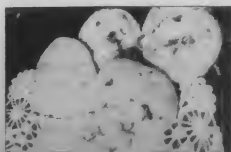
receive the short end of the stick for housing, their room, even with five people, offers more space than expected.

While there were options to live in more spacious rooms off campus, Karakashian said that the location "really makes up for whatever minor inconvenience the space is."

"We had the option of living in Stowe Inn, as well. It's really nice being in the middle of campus, and

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The Orient goes behind the scenes at the Bowdoin Bake Shop.

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As the sun gets lower on the horizon during the winter, the lack of light can cause students to have symptoms of seasonal affective disorder. Daylightsaving time ends Sunday, and the shortest day of the year is December 21.

Students can get SAD in winter

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

No Bowdoin student needs to be reminded that New England's winters are notoriously long, dark and cold. The winter months in Maine, though occasionally exciting, are no exception to the rule. As the days become shorter, some students may find that they have a case of the winter blues, and sometimes, seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

Seasonal affective disorder is a type of depression that is related to a lack of light. As the days grow shorter and people are exposed to significantly less daylight (generally starting in November), those with SAD begin to experience the symptoms, which can include sleeping and eating more, a reduction in productivity, and feeling more sadness.

People affected by the disorder can find it hard to get out of bed and sometimes experience dread at the thought of facing the day, and also may have difficulty accomplishing their work.

"It's typically not a disabling type of depression, but it can make it more challenging to complete tasks," said Director of the Counseling Service Bernie Hershberger.

SAD may affect about five percent of American adults, or close to 14 million people, according to Columbia's Health Internet Service. A map by Dr. Norman E. Rosenthal, the man who first defined the disorder, shows that the percentage of people with both winter blues (a milder form of SAD) and SAD grows with increasing latitude.

There are a number of treatments and tricks that those who

"A certain amount of hibernation this time of year is actually okay."

Bernie Hershberger
Director of the Counseling Service

experience SAD can use to alleviate their symptoms. For example, Columbia recommends that people use bright colors in their rooms, keep their shades and curtains open, and do their work by a window.

Many people also find that skiing, through a combination of lots of sun and exercise, helps them to feel significantly better. A week-long trip to a sunny climate is an even more appealing alternative, and is often effective.

"A week in another place getting bathed in light is often enough to offset what's going on in the brain," said Hershberger.

Along the same lines, light therapy has also proved to be an effective treatment for SAD, and possibly other types of depression as well. This treatment simply requires that the person be exposed to special lighting for about 30 minutes per day.

Students interested in purchasing a light for light therapy can try it out first. The Counseling Center has a light available that people can borrow for five to seven days. If it is clear it is helping to alleviate symptoms, students will be encouraged to purchase their own lights.

Sometimes people feel that they are experiencing some of the symptoms of SAD, especially sleeping or

eating more, even if they do not have the disorder. In reality, humans, like many other animals, do undergo a natural hibernation cycle in fall and winter. Often, however, people try to circumvent this natural rhythm.

"A certain amount of hibernation this time of year is actually okay," reassured Hershberger, and said that in the case of SAD, sleeping late would become a more sustained pattern.

Also, Hershberger noted that slight weight gain is not unusual, especially because people tend to crave carbohydrates to gather more energy for the winter.

Several first years expressed being more worried about the cold than the darkness, and some were surprised to hear how early it gets dark. Students who have already lived through a Bowdoin winter agreed that the winter is long, but that it is not all bad.

"I love waking up on a snowy day, mostly because I never got to experience snow at home," said Sarah Landrum, a sophomore from New Orleans. "And there are many things you can do to avoid getting winter depression, like going outside in the snow when it is sunny, or making the most of a snowy day by cuddling up with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate."

While it may feel that we have a long winter ahead of us, the good news is that SAD usually subsides before the winter season ends. Sometimes it can last through March, but often people start to feel better just knowing the days are getting longer again.

"In Maine, it tends to clear up by the winter solstice," Hershberger said.

"People usually respond pretty quickly when the light is back."

Maine College Dems persist with complaint

by Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

Even though the staff of the Maine Ethics Commission has found that there does not appear to be an ethics violation by the Maine College Republicans, the Maine College Democrats are bringing their complaint to the full commission on Tuesday.

Last week, Maine College Democrats Co-President Oliver Radwan, a Bowdoin junior, alleged that Maine College Republicans Chairman Nathaniel Walton violated campaign finance laws by improperly working for state Sen. Chandler Woodcock's gubernatorial campaign while also leading the Republicans' political action committee (PAC). Walton is Woodcock's field director.

The commission's seven-person professional staff investigated the allegations and found that the College Republicans' PAC did not appear to have made a contribution to the Woodcock campaign, according to Jonathan Wayne, the commission's executive director. The commission's staff was told that the Democrats planned to go no further with the complaint, Wayne said.

However, by Thursday afternoon, the Democrats informed the staff that they wanted to bring the allegations to the full commission. The commission is comprised of five volunteer members appointed

by the governor and legislative leaders.

Martha Demeritt, a registrar with the commission, confirmed that the complaint is on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting. The meeting will take place at 9 a.m. in Augusta.

"We are continuing with it because we believe an ethics violation did occur," Radwan told the Orient. "The questions that have been investigated so far need to be looked at further."

In a written statement to the Orient, Walton took aim at the College Democrats.

"While the Maine College Democrats generate frivolous complaints that waste the time of those tasked with ensuring the integrity of the electoral process, Maine College Republicans are strengthening their statewide organization by recruiting record amounts of new members, who are playing the pivotal grassroots role towards finally charting the course of Maine's future in the right direction on November 7," he wrote.

The Orient also learned shortly before press time early this morning that the College Republicans will file their own complaint against the College Democrats today. In a letter to the commission provided to the Orient, Walton alleges that the Democrats failed to file required financial disclosures related to comedian Al Franken's visits to Bowdoin and Bates colleges last year.

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Runners and walkers leave Whittier Field during the inaugural "Phlail."

Race celebrates Soule

by Emily Baird
STAFF WRITER

More than 150 runners and walkers celebrated the legacy of Phil Soule in the inaugural 5k "Phlail," a race held at Whittier Field on Sunday in honor of the late football coach who died in January.

The race was won by Paul Johnson of Windham, in a time of 16:12, followed closely by Quentin Reeve '07. Alex Knapp '07 led the women with a time of 19:27.

The race was only part of the celebration, which also included the dedication of a boulder at Whittier Field to commemorate Soule's life and the contributions he made to the College. "Boulder" is the nickname of Soule given to him by his players.

"Phil personified the concept of 'lost in generous enthusiasms' more than anyone I've ever met," said Director of Athletics Jeffrey Ward, making reference to former Bowdoin President William Dewitt Hyde's "Offer of the College."

"It was a great event. We had about 150 runners spanning 50 years of age and over 200 people at the dedication," Ward said.

Soule's wife Mo also participated in

"It was a wonderful opportunity for our family—to remember Phil in a happy way."

Mo Soule
Wife of the late Phil Soule

the events.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for our family—to remember Phil in a happy way," Mo Soule said, and also described how one runner came up to her after the race and explained how even though he had never met Phil, he was still an inspiration for his love of life, hard work and dedication.

"It touched me, helping to keep Phil's memory alive," she said. "Bowdoin is such a warm and wonderful community—it was a great first event and we are looking forward to next year."

Proceeds from the event will benefit a fund in Phil Soule's name to support the professional development of Bowdoin's own young coaches.

Group enters executive session to discuss last week's Judd visit

by Travis Dagenais
ORIENT STAFF

Secrets were at stake on Wednesday night, as Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) deliberated over students' confidentiality and went into executive session during a discussion about Dean of Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd's visit last week.

Earlier this year, the Bowdoin Queer Straight Alliance declined to submit a member roster to Student Organizations Oversight Committee (SOOC) out of confidentiality concerns. The SOOC typically requires clubs to submit rosters in order to provide valid measures of group involvement.

Stephanie Witkin '07, vice president for Student Organizations and Chair of SOOC, proposed that clubs could opt to submit their rosters to the SOOC chair and/or the Director of Student Life Allen DeLong rather than the entire SOOC body if confidentiality were an issue.

Witkin maintained that SOOC needed rosters from all clubs in order to "provide names behind the numbers" and to "provide clarification and proof that actual people are in the clubs."

BSG representatives generally agreed with Witkin, adding that the idea was not radical and that it would benefit BSG to establish such a policy, which was subsequently approved by a vote of 19-1-1.

BSG also discussed its commitment to academic programming, reflecting on Judd's presentation at last week's meeting. After Alex Lamb '07 and Mike Dooley '10 raised concerns about the productivity of that meeting, BSG voted overwhelmingly in favor of an executive session barring all non-BSG members from this discussion.

When the executive session ended, the discussion of academic issues continued and many representatives said that they felt these issues merited a campus-wide forum on topics including the advisor system and the College's credit/D/fail policy.

Carolyn Chu '07, vice president for Student Affairs, first suggested open forums in order to address these issues, citing the need to advance and develop the discussion.

BSG also brainstormed how it could bring professors and students into more personal contact. Witkin raised the idea of having certain departments sponsor meals for their majors and professors, while Class of 2009 Representative Ben Freedman added that seeing professors at dinner enhanced Bowdoin's sense of community.

"It's great seeing professors in the dining halls because it shows their connectedness with Bowdoin," Freedman wrote in an email to the Orient after the meeting.

"To eat at Moulton or Thorne reveals a professor's commitment to Bowdoin and a desire to engage in the College's social fabric," he said.

BSG also addressed a funding request from the Student Affairs Committee regarding Polar Bear Nation (PBN).

Traditionally, PBN distributes T-shirts at sporting events, and over the past few years, BSG has helped fund this project. In support of the proposal, Rob Reider '07 noted that supporting PBN would be "an opportunity to do something really cool, because there's never been any organized, 'superfan' involvement" in athletics.

BSG Treasurer Rebecca Ginsberg '07 indicated, however, that sometimes PBN shirts are given to people other than Bowdoin students, which is against BSG policy, and that many students already own plenty of Bowdoin apparel and might not appreciate more.

Other students suggested that

Representatives said they felt these issues merited a general, campus wide forum on topics including the advisor system and the College's credit/D/fail policy.

PBN pursue additional sources of funding outside of BSG, and some were concerned that PBN had previously not taken an active enough role in securing BSG funds.

Upon final vote, the motion to support PBN passed (13-7-1). Torri Parker '07 abstained from both the motion to vote and the final vote, citing her belief that discussion on the issue had not been exhausted.

Finally, Vice President of Facilities William Donahoe '08 initiated a discussion of upperclass housing and its current flaws. Donahoe explained that Bowdoin's student body keeps growing, yet upperclass housing has not expanded recently, citing last spring's housing crunch as evidence of the issue.

"I want to investigate this issue early in the year so that we're not just reacting to a problem, but have a thoughtful response before it becomes critical again at a time like the Housing Lottery," Donahoe wrote in an email to the Orient. "It's my responsibility as a student representative to pursue that concern."

Last year, BSG approved a proposal that asked the administration to consider new residential options for juniors and seniors. The vote was 21-3-1, but because the proposal was presented just before the housing lottery, its impact was limited.

This discussion ended without a vote, but many representatives agreed that it was worthwhile to place the issue at the center of discussion again.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 10/21 TO 10/25

Saturday, October 21

•A staff member reported that a college vehicle parked in the Farley lot had been entered and the contents disturbed. Nothing was reported missing.

•Smith Union was vandalized during the early morning hours. Two first floor windows were smashed and screens were damaged on two other windows. The building was not entered and nothing was reported stolen.

•A student reported his blue and gray Roadmaster bicycle stolen from the Druckenmiller bike rack. The bike had been left unlocked for three days. The same bike was stolen three weeks ago and recovered.

•A Safe Ride van driver reported a domestic dispute in the Coffin Street parking lot. A 23-year-old Portland man was trying to end his relationship with a female student when an argument ensued.

•An intoxicated Maine Hall student passed out and fell face-first into the turf at an outdoor event at Farley. The student suffered a

facial cut with heavy bleeding. Brunswick Rescue transported the student to Parkview Hospital for evaluation and treatment. The matter has been referred to the dean of student affairs.

•A student was cited for hosting an unregistered event in his fourth floor East Hall dorm room.

•A half-full bottle of whiskey was taken from a fifth floor East Hall dorm room. The dean of student affairs is following up with the room residents. Hard liquor is prohibited on campus.

Sunday, October 22

•An intoxicated Stowe Inn student walking on South Campus Drive was stopped by security officers. Officers assessed his condition and then transported him to his residence. Officers checked the student twice more during the night and determined that he was stable and improving. The matter has been referred to the dean of student affairs and the athletics director.

•A security officer observed an intoxicated Hyde Hall student attempting to take a locked bike from

the Coles Tower bike rack. Becoming frustrated, the student kicked a row of bikes, knocking them over. The student's conduct was reported to the dean of student affairs.

•Brunswick P.D. arrested a local man for disorderly conduct during a traffic stop in the Dudley Coe parking lot.

•A visiting 2005 alumnus reported a dispute over a fare with a taxi driver.

•A false intrusion alarm was received at Bannister Hall.

Monday, October 23

•An ill student was transported from Kanbar Hall to the Dudley Coe Health Center.

Tuesday, October 24

•A sign in the McLellan parking lot was vandalized with graffiti. A work order was placed to have the graffiti removed.

•Six empty kegs were stolen from the driveway of Crack House on Harpswell Street. A male driving a maroon Ford Explorer redeemed the kegs at Uncle Tom's Market and collected the deposit. The plate number

on the Explorer was turned over to Brunswick Police and the theft is being investigated.

•A fire alarm that was activated on the third floor of Burnett House was apparently caused by excessive steam from a shower.

Wednesday, October 25

•A student field hockey player reported the theft of a silver Motorola Razor cell phone from the turf field at Farley.

•A faculty member reported a suspicious male riding a bike and carrying two large trash bags near the craft center. A security officer checked the area and located a yellow and black Mongoose bike and several trash bags containing bottles. The bike was placed in storage. The suspicious person was not located.

•A security officer cited a Stowe Inn student for driving around North Campus Circle several times at a high rate of speed and steering toward a group of students. A report was filed with the dean of student affairs.

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Crunch to be alleviated after renovations

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space hasn't been all that much of a problem," Spector added.

Based on the number of people who entered the housing lottery with Stowe Hall as a top choice, Christian Adams '09 said he was lucky to receive a room and has made do.

"We weren't thrilled with the idea of having three people to a bedroom again," he said.

"It's not much bigger than a freshman dorm, but we got to pick who to room with and we get along well. It'd be great to have more space, but I think it's the people who make the difference," Adams said.

As for the Brunswick Apartments, Jackie Li '09 wrote in an email that while she was initially concerned about the space, she understood that the squeeze was necessary "to accommodate Bowdoin's growing student population."

Li explained that she does not feel the need for a larger living space now. Her main objection to living in Brunswick Apartments was how unkempt the room was when she moved in.

Overall, however, she said that the complaints she's heard about housing are minimal and to be expected.

"It's easy for everyone to say, 'Well, the cost of attending Bowdoin isn't exactly low, so I should be living in the most comfortable living space as possible,'" she wrote. "But if everyone is thinking that...then who is going to live in the less comfortable spaces? Although Bowdoin is an extremely small college, pleasing every single one of its students with lavish housing isn't exactly

"It'd be great to have more space, but I think it's the people who make the difference."

Christian Adams '09

practical," Li wrote.

Pacelli said that housing should be more comfortable next year when the College completes the first-year dorm renovations. While Pacelli explained that plans are only in the preliminary stages, rooms in East and West halls are slated to become doubles, and the other dorms should return to normal capacity.

Pacelli added that Residential Life welcomes any feedback about housing.

"Though we will have first-year students living in all eight brick residence halls, I expect that we will have two floors, perhaps one each from East and West, available in the housing lottery for upperclass students to select," Pacelli wrote.

"We'll continue to look at the enrollment projections, as well, to determine if and where we'll need to continue using the increased capacity," she added.

Adams said that he hopes that next year's lottery, as an upperclassman, will be better.

"I came from New York City and I thought that living in Maine would be more spacious," he said.

"I definitely didn't think I'd be cramped in the middle of Maine, but I guess that's what's happened."

Cornell du Houx served as assaultman, promoted to corporal



Courtesy of Alex Cornell du Houx

Alex Cornell du Houx '06 signs autographs in Topsham following his return from Iraq.

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he thinks will make the transition back to campus easier since he'll "be able to pick up where I left off."

"Right now it's most important for him to take some time to relax and decompress," said Gascoigne. "He's had a busy seven months."

Cornell du Houx, who was made a corporal while in Iraq, is a 0351 assaultman and deals with explosives. He said that "there is no typical day in Iraq," and that his unit undertook tasks such as "convoy security, guard duty, patrolling the roads, hitting houses, ambushes, manning observation posts, [and] other sustained operations."

"As far as keeping the peace and stability of Iraq in general, one of the pressing issues we have as Marines is

the fact that we are traditionally trained and have the mentality to accomplish the mission and destroy the enemy," Cornell du Houx said. "However, in this war we are forced to act as police. It's a hard line to play since you have to assume everyone around you is a potential threat, yet you have to act respectful and pretend that that's not what you are thinking."

He added, "This is different from being a police officer where your major task is to view the population as if you are protecting them, which makes our job inherently harder, if not close to impossible at times."

Cornell du Houx, who has been in the Marine Force Reserves since coming to Bowdoin, said that his experiences in Iraq have given him a broader perspective.

"I have learned a great deal during this deployment and it is great to be able to experience being in a more liberal setting such as Bowdoin as well as a more conservative environment such as the Marines," he said. "However, this deployment has not affected my political ideology."

Cornell du Houx, who before leaving for Iraq was president of the Maine College Democrats and director of development for the College Democrats of America, garnered national attention with his deployment in March.

Cornell du Houx now has some time off from the military, which will allow him to get back into Bowdoin life.

"Unless Congress says otherwise, I'm not required to go back to Iraq for two years," he said.

Yaffe wants to be part of bonfire process

BONFIRE, from page 1

Peter Wagner, associate director of alumni relations, had called the Brunswick fire department requesting a truck, but learned that the Brunswick Fireman's Ball was being held that evening and that therefore no firefighters were available to supervise the bonfire. Aware that Yaffe was a firefighter in Topsham, they called him next.

Yaffe called his deputy chief and asked for permission to borrow a brush truck, a small fire engine not normally used by the fire department. Yaffe said that the request was unusual because Topsham does not normally supervise bonfires in Brunswick. The deputy chief rejected the request, leaving Bowdoin's security and alumni affairs offices to inform disappointed Bowdoin fire-goers that the event was cancelled.

Yaffe, Wagner, and Nichols all agreed that the bonfire fiasco was a result of a communication breakdown between the Brunswick fire department and relevant officials at Bowdoin.

"If we collectively had gotten the word earlier in the day, we

"I was definitely hoping to come in with a big red fire truck and save the bonfire."

Ian Yaffe '09

would've had the time to hunt down Ian Yaffe," Wagner said.

Trying to secure a fire permit is, "not something that you want to scramble to," said Yaffe.

To avoid a bonfire debacle next year, Yaffe would like to see the College involve him and the four other members of the Bowdoin community who are firefighters in the bonfire process.

Yaffe said he was disappointed that he did not get to attend or supervise the fire this year.

"I was definitely hoping to come in with a big red fire truck and save the bonfire," he said.

Nichols agreed, and was disappointed that Yaffe was denied an opportunity for greatness.

"He could've been a hero."

Hazlett commends peer management

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Services about this idea and they said that behavior at Super Snack was becoming an issue, so we thought it was a perfect opportunity to try and help make Super Snack a more secure and enjoyable environment [for] the students and the staff," Murphy said.

Hazlett and Kennedy both said that one football player helped out at Super Snack last year. They did not identify him, but noted that his success made them very receptive to the team's idea.

"To have peers managing other peers—I just think that's great," said Hazlett.

Murphy described the volunteers' roles as mediators.

"Ideally it will be two people either at the door or sitting inside, and the goal is to act as an intermediary between the staff and student and tell students to calm down if things do begin to get out of hand," said Murphy.

"I think it's terrific that the football team members want to help out in this way," said Kennedy.

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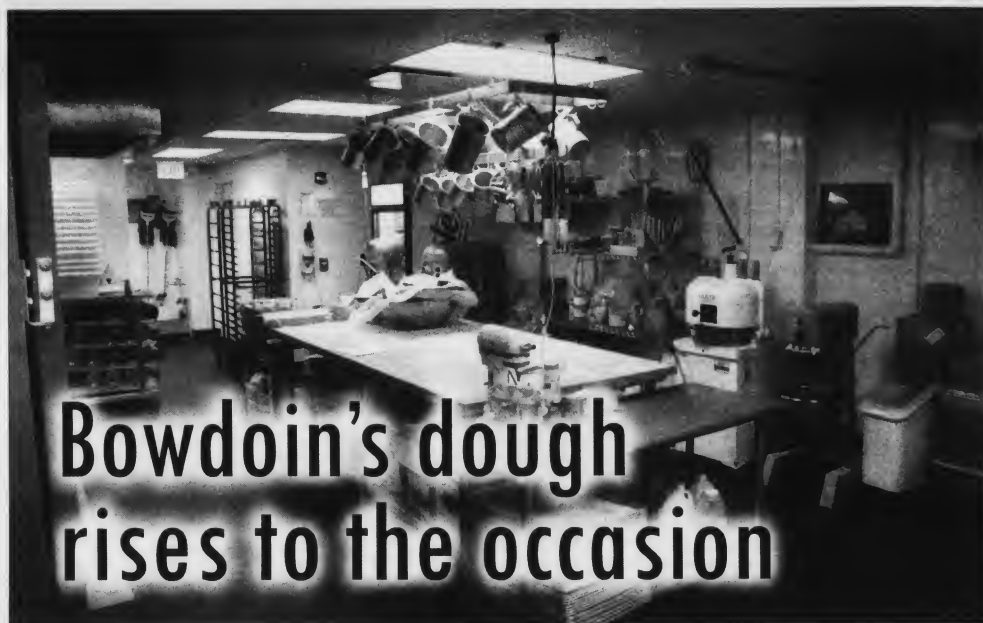
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Bowdoin's dough rises to the occasion

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The Bake Shop team mixes tasty ingredients with good times and country music.

by Cati Mitchell
ORIENT STAFF

Since January, the Bowdoin Bake Shop has used 28,080 eggs, 10,900 pounds of all-purpose flour, 7,080 pounds of granulated sugar, 4,290 pounds of margarine, 2,625 pounds of chocolate chips, and 1,740 pounds of blueberries.

"We go through a lot of stuff," said Joanne Adams, who has been working for five years as the head baker at the Bake Shop. "It's just an incredible amount of stuff."

For Homecoming Weekend, the Bake Shop, which provides baked goods for Thorne Hall, Moulton Union, the Pub, the Cafe, and the C-Store, produced over 3,500 cookies in two days.

Along with Adams, the bakery is staffed by Assistant Baker George Alexander and Baker Dan Williams, who have been there for five and 15 years, respectively. When Williams arrived at the age of 21, he was the youngest employee of Dining Service.

"When I was a kid, I used to spend a lot of time at my grandmother's. We were always baking things there, from cookies, bars, to family favorite Italian holiday items. When I was older and able to bake by myself, I would always have a cookbook out making something," said Williams.

All of the bakers studied culinary arts at Southern Maine Technical College before coming to work at Bowdoin.

The Bake Shop also employs six students. Typically, student employees get to help with all aspects of baking, from mixing to frosting to scooping cookies.

"We try to keep it to they're doing something different each time," said Adams.

Student employees sign up for a position in the Bake Shop at the beginning of each year after they

have been hired by the Dining Service.

An average day for the bakers begins at 5 a.m., when they make the breakfast items: muffins, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cakes. Eventually, Williams moves on to the breads: focaccia, French bread, and Kaiser rolls. Alexander starts making cookies and Adams begins the dinner desserts.

"It was really hard to wake up in the morning, but it was tons of fun to work with Joanne, Dan, and George," said Hilary Imai '09, who worked in the Bake Shop last year.

There are often two or three people working on a single project at one time, which makes the work more fun for both the students and their mentors.

"We're constantly talking to each other," said Adams. "We like to have fun with the students."

Pictures of student employees hang from the bulletin board, and country western plays on the radio.

"We have sing-alongs," said Adams, adding that the students' favorite song to sing is the "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk."

"They love singing that song...they only listen to country music, it's on 24 hours a day," said Imai. "Joanne sings really loud."

The student employees have few other complaints.

"It's hard to stand for three hours, but I learned new recipes and techniques," said Imai. "Sometimes you'll scoop cookies for a long time...it makes me want to eat the cookie dough."

The kitchen is centered around a large wooden island. The huge industrial rack oven holds 20 sheet pans at a time. Each sheet pan holds 15 cookies; each batch of cookies takes 13 minutes to bake. In under an hour, the bakers can produce 1,200 cookies.

The Bake Shop also owns six elec-



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Along with other baked goods, the biscotti at the Cafe is made in the Bowdoin Bake Shop.

tric mixers, ranging in size from five quarts (the standard home-kitchen size) to 60 quarts (big enough to hold a person).

Adams noted that while they are "pretty open to student ideas and comment cards," a recipe has to be practical when it is being reproduced thousands of times.

During the summer, when there are fewer students to feed, Adams said, "We find it difficult to bake in these small quantities!"

"I don't think all the students realize that they make almost everything from scratch," said Imai.

The bakers plan for every week in advance. Each kitchen provides a menu and the Bake Shop picks desserts to make according to what entrees are being served.

"Generally, there's a lot of flexibility," said Adams.

Nutrition is a concern for the bak-

ers. This school year, they have incorporated 25 percent white whole wheat flour into every recipe. Produce from the Bowdoin Organic Garden is used when possible; they often incorporate it into the zucchini bread or carrot cake.

"We try to buy as much stuff local as we can," Adams said.

The bakers say they appreciate Bowdoin students as much as Bowdoin students appreciate their desserts.

"We have had students working in the Bake Shop for the past four and a half years, which we never had before during my time at Bowdoin," Williams said. "This has been so much fun getting to know them and work with them. What a great group we have had."

"They really put a lot of love and care into the recipes," said Imai. "They really love the students."

Senior takes a closer look at Facebook

by Sam Waxman
CONTRIBUTOR

While many college students regularly pore over Facebook just for fun, Karina van Schaardenburg '07 is doing her senior honors project on it.

Van Schaardenburg, an anthropology major, first became interested in the different uses of the internet and how it changes communities when she was in high school. During that time, she completed an independent study on censorship and its relationship to the internet.

Now, as a senior in college, van Schaardenburg is pursuing her interest in internet communities through an honors project, which will examine how Facebook shapes the community at Bowdoin. She is particularly interested in how Facebook influences the way people view their communities and social networks.

Van Schaardenburg will also investigate whether Facebook constitutes a public or a private space, since people have daily real-life interactions with the people they have met on Facebook.

Finally, van Schaardenburg will look into how accurately users' profiles portray the actual communities that they are part of. She will also investigate the effects of these descriptions, because she said that different people have "different conceptions of what [Facebook] is, what it should be used for."

She will investigate her topic by conducting interviews with Bowdoin students from different

HONORS PROJECTS: ORIGINAL RESEARCH

EDITOR'S NOTE

Some seniors are finishing their Bowdoin educations by creating original honors projects that help us see the world in new and interesting ways. This is the first installment in a continuing series that highlights these projects.

class years, sexes, and other groups. She expects that the uses of Facebook will differ among groups of students, depending upon their view of how Facebook should be used.

As a Facebook user herself, van Schaardenburg recognizes that she must be, in a sense, a subject in her study, because her own experiences with the social networking site may influence her results.

Van Schaardenburg said she chose this particular topic because it is "culturally pervasive." It is relevant because Facebook, a relatively new web site, has grown exponentially to the point that most college students use it. She finds it a more interesting web site to study than other internet social networks like MySpace or Craig's List, because unlike those networks, Facebook is not anonymous and its setup encourages the dissemination of personal information. Because of these characteristics, it is more relevant to investigate from an anthropological perspective.

Van Schaardenburg pointed out

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Karina van Schaardenburg '07 not only uses Facebook for her own profile page, seen here, but also as the subject for an honors project.

that the lack of anonymity and the fact that people can see very personal details about people they know are precisely the reasons why Facebook is so popular. However, there is sometimes tension between wanting to know about everyone else's lives

while not wanting to divulge one's own personal information.

The fact that there are no previous studies about Facebook invigorates van Schaardenburg. Unlike many honors projects, which involve choosing a premise and applying it

to old information, her project allows her to gather completely new information and synthesize it.

"I hope that it makes people think about the communities they live in and how they construct them," van Schaardenburg said.

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Dear Dr. Jeff: This may sound a little dumb, but with all the talk about hand washing and preventing the flu and other illnesses, is there some particular way you're supposed to be washing your hands? T.W.F.

Dear T.W.F.: Very timely question—and not dumb at all!

Hand washing is indeed considered to be the single most effective way to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

This was not always so clear. In the mid 1800s, for instance, Oliver Wendell Holmes advocated hand washing to prevent the spread of childhood fever among newly delivered mothers. His suggestion was widely greeted with disdain by other physicians.

Meanwhile, in a Viennese maternity ward, Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis ordered his medical students and residents to wash their hands with a chlorinated solution after working on cadavers in anatomy class—after dissection, and before they began their rounds on the maternity floors. The idea was considered quaint at best, but the result was a dramatic five-fold decrease in the death rate of women who delivered on Dr. Semmelweis' floor. His colleagues at the university, however, greeted his reports of these findings with hostility, and Dr. Semmelweis was ultimately forced to resign.

It was another 50 years or so, after the pioneering work of Pasteur and Koch, that the field of medicine finally accepted the "germ theory" of infectious disease and embraced hand washing as a central bulwark against its spread.

But I digress: enough history! Qn

to technique!

To be effective, hand washing must include these three components.

- Friction—to remove gross contamination, dead skin, and other particles which might harbor potentially harmful organisms.
- Soap—to break down skin oils that hold these particles and clumps together.
- Warm running water—to remove debris and soap.

Here we go!

1. Turn on the warm water and wet your hands thoroughly.
2. Apply some soap (helpful if bactericidal, but certainly doesn't have to be).

3. Rub your hands together vigorously, palm to palm, then right palm over back and side of left hand, and then left palm over the back and side of right hand.

4. Make sure you clean in between your fingers, over the backs of your fingers and knuckles, and along both sides of your thumbs.

5. Steps 3 and 4 should last no less than 30 seconds.

6. Rinse your hands thoroughly in warm, running water.

7. Dry your hands with clean paper towel or a fresh cloth towel.
8. Close off the water with the paper towel.

You're done! Wash your hands before meals, before preparing food, after using the bathroom, after touching animals or animal waste, when your hands are dirty (of course), and when you're sick (coughing and sneezing) or around someone else who's sick.

If you're going to use an alcohol-based cleanser (like "Purell"), you obviously only need to follow steps 3 and 4. Having a bottle along with you during the day might prove practical and convenient.

Wash up! Wash often! And stay well!

Jeff Benson, MD

Dudley Coe Health Center

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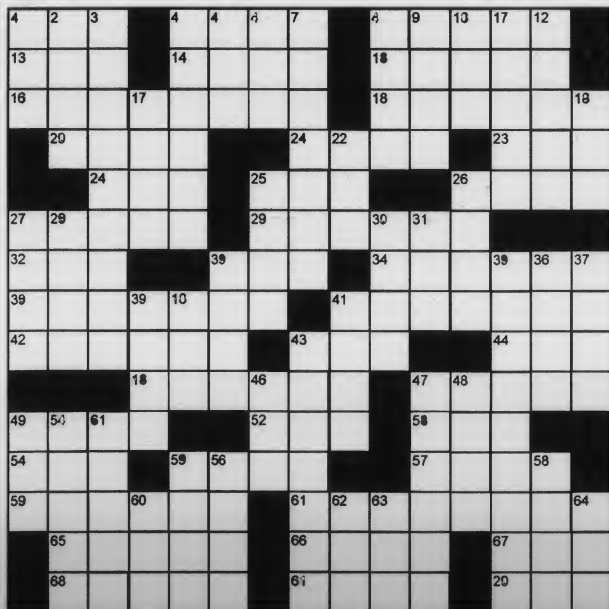
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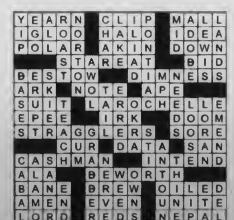
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Briefel confronts scary movie moments for Bravo



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

by Joey Cresta
CONTRIBUTOR

Bowdoin College students have numerous reasons to be proud of their school. It has the best food in the country, a high level of academic discourse, and excellent professors who are renowned in their fields.

Beginning October 27, Associate Professor of English Aviva Briefel will be recognized for her expertise in the area of horror films. She will appear on Bravo in the miniseries "Even Scariest Movie Moments," where she will offer her insight on various horrifying moments in the genre.

Briefel's experience with horror films began with an interest in fear. As a child, she says that she was scared of "everything." The horror film became a test of her will. She remembers seeing "The Omen" and not being able to sleep at night afterward.

Not allowing horror films to have such control over her, she turned the watching of films into tests—how much could she handle?

Apparently, she found that she could handle as much as horror could dish out. She began to read criticisms of the horror genre, which further piqued her interest. In graduate school at Harvard

University, she wrote a paper on the film "Candyman" that was later published.

Briefel has some difficulty in choosing a favorite horror film. She is partial to George A. Romero's work and the film "Carrie," while she said that the scariest film is the original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

She likened the style of "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" to "Night of the Living Dead," in that there is no safe studio space, with the low budget contributing to the feeling of unstructured madness. Despite numerous re-viewings of the film (recently just watched in her Horror Film in Context course), she says it is still unpredictable, repulsive, and representative of what a horror film should be—uncontrolled.

The show, set to appear on Bravo, is a continuation of a miniseries that appeared in 2004, which counted down the scariest horror film moments. Briefel also had a hand in the making of the original miniseries. The director of the series contacted her precisely because of her knowledge in the field of horror.

She spoke for four hours on the subject, drawing freely from whichever films she felt contributed the starkest scary scenes. Her influence in the creation of the

"Even Scariest Movie Moments"

Bravo, Ch. 48 on campus
Friday, October 27: 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 28: 9 p.m.
Sunday, October 29: 4 a.m.
Monday, October 30: 1 p.m.
Tuesday, October 31: 3 a.m., 11 a.m.
Wednesday, November 1: 1 a.m.

first series has led to her inclusion on this second round of discussion of frightful scenes.

There is some criticism about the series; specifically, that it spoils what are deemed to be the films' shining moments. However, the first series was immensely popular and earned numerous re-airings, which speaks to the desire of viewers to engage in public discussion in a way that creates some distance from the horror.

The "Scary Movie Moments" miniseries provides that separation, while also providing intelligent discussion with some of the prominent members of the horror community, such as Wes Craven, Clive Barker, and, yes, Aviva Briefel.

"Even Scariest Movie Moments" will appear on Bravo—channel 48 for Bowdoin students—beginning October 27 at 7 p.m. The show is set to re-air numerous times and new episodes run until November 1.

Emerson Drive brings country to campus

by Sara Tennyson
STAFF WRITER

Eleven years after they toured Canada in a school bus as 12 Gauge, Emerson Drive will roll into Morrill Gym today at 8 p.m.

The band, renowned for its energetic pop-country mix, is composed of members hailing from different locations around Canada, including Alberta, Quebec, and British Columbia. Brad Mates, Dale Wallace, Danick Dupelle, David Pichette, Mike Melancon, and Patrick Bouque have created a big name for themselves with their dynamic concerts, their youthful sound, and their catchy harmonies.

As the first large country act to grace the Bowdoin campus, the band has created a huge buzz among students.

"People who know country are excited because this band is very well known in the world of country," said Katherine Finnegan '09, co-chair of the Campus Activities Board Lively Arts Committee.

Megan MacLennan '07, Campus Activities Board co-chair, added, "The Campus Activities Board is dedicated to providing new and different programming for students each year. We do bring back successful genres such as hip-hop, rock, and singer-songwriters on a year-to-year basis, but we are also committed to bringing acts that are unique and generate new excitement on campus."

After years of rigorous touring, the band was discovered in Nashville in 2001 by Dreamworks Records. It released its first, self-titled album that year. Featuring Billboard and CMT hit singles "I Should Be Sleeping" and "Fall into Me," Emerson Drive earned

Emerson Drive

When: Today, 8 p.m.

Where: Morrill Gym

Admission: Free. Tickets are available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

the titles of Billboard's No. 1 Top Country Artist of the Year in 2002 and the Academy of Country Music's award for top new vocal group/duo.

The band released the album "What If?" in 2004. After a brief hiatus, Emerson Drive joined forces with independent label Midas Records this year and released its newest album, "Countrified," in August. This energetic new album showcases the band's talents and songwriting abilities, pointing it in a new direction. Co-produced by Teddy Gentry of legendary Alabama fame, "Countrified" takes on a more classic, more country sound.

"Countrified," described by the band members themselves as "rockin'," is driven by powerful singles such as "Testify" and "Countrified Soul," which evokes the band's onstage energy. Citing The Charlie Daniels band as a major influence in the making of the album, Emerson Drive also covers "The Devil Went Down To Georgia."

After more than a decade of touring, including season openings for Alabama and Shania Twain as the band developed its name in the U.S., Emerson Drive has perfected its rowdy concert routine and never fails to please its audience.

The Campus Activities Board has high hopes for tonight's performance, which promises to be extremely entertaining.

"It should be a great event," said MacLennan, "and I am thrilled to see how the campus receives country."

Merenda '98 returns to musical roots, hits target with 'Quiver'

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

When Michael Merenda '98 gets married tomorrow, the Bowdoin late '90s musical scene will be there in full force.

José Ayerle '96, frontman of Bowdoin-born indie-rock band Spouse, is one of Merenda's groomsmen and will sing his original "Siempre Capaz" as the first song for Merenda and bride Ruth Ungar. Other alumni in attendance will be Dan Pollard '98, another Spouse member, Kent Lanigan '98, and Carter Little '98, a music producer in Nashville.

Merenda will be surrounded by even more Bowdoin students when he returns to campus Thursday, November 2, for a concert with Ungar at MacMillan House. A former member of Spouse and traditional music group The Mammals, Merenda will perform to publicize his new album, "Quiver."

Merenda describes his new songs as having a "sparse acoustic sound with beautiful harmonies" and more focus on Merenda's songwriting.

"It's a return to my roots," Merenda said. "I couldn't have made the record without touring, but I'm interested in writing new songs rather than rehashing the past."

Merenda credits The Mammals with developing his musical abilities and introducing him to the life of an artist. Still, touring the world can take its toll.

Michael Merenda & Ruth Ungar

When: Thursday, 8:30 p.m.

Where: MacMillan House

Admission: Free



Michael Merenda '98

Michael Merenda and wife Ruth Ungar return to campus for an acoustic duo concert.

"The Mammals are well loved, and people aren't used to bands straying from the formula. But, we had enough momentum that we could take a break," Merenda said. "With being on the circuit, my musical chops have enhanced and I have an arsenal under my belt, but I really wanted to focus on songwriting."

The group decided to take September to February completely off from touring, and Merenda saw the perfect opportunity to write songs and hit the road with Ungar as an acoustic duo.

While The Mammals are classified as traditional with an evolving country-

rock sound, Merenda's new acoustic sound and breathy voice are closer to groups like Iron and Wine. The duo of Merenda and Ungar has also been compared to the more famous duo of Simon and Garfunkel.

"I've learned how to relate to different audiences, and now I meet myself halfway in writing music that's challenging and touchy and making people feel safe. When I voiced ideas not in the mainstream, I used to approach an audience with more shock and was the black sheep

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Merenda makes trip back to musical roots, alma mater at Bowdoin

MERENDA, from page 8

intentionally," Merenda said.

"But folk is about folks and inclusion," he continued. "The folk music background is so welcoming, creating a storybook atmosphere and family values. Now, I don't feel like I'm compromising my artistic integrity and I'm not alienating people. I'm smarter about approaching the audience."

Merenda's acoustic tour is a family affair. Not only does he sing with his wife, but his brother and members of Ungar's family also contribute to his music.

"People tell us that they can see the effortless bond of our relationship communicated through music," Merenda said of playing with Ungar. "Touring presents challenges since you're always on the road and you don't see family, but we have the exact opposite problem. Ruthie and I have a day apart only once or twice a year, and that presents its own challenges."

Merenda and Ungar met before The Mammals formed, and they played together in the band for six years. Since Ungar grew up listening to traditional music, Merenda credits her with exposing him to the "trad is rad" world of The Mammals. The couple now lives in New York in the house where Ungar grew up.

As far as returning to Bowdoin, it will be the second time in four years that Merenda has performed on campus. The Mammals opened for Dilated Peoples during Ives Weekend in 2004. This time around, Merenda sees his performance a little differently.

"The Mammals toured the world, and leaving all that behind I have to wonder, 'Why am I leaving that?'" said Merenda. "I missed my original vision, and Bowdoin was a big part of it. I grew so much as a person there and figured out I wanted to be an artist."

'Departed' balances police, Mafia rats



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Martin Scorsese sure knows how to have a kick-ass time.

After a few years of unsuccessfully trying to win Oscars, Scorsese returned to his roots: violent men inhabiting mean streets. It seems to work for him. With "The Departed," he has made a more confident, self-assured film than his previous epic, award-begging vehicles "Gangs of New York" or "The Aviator." Ironically, this film is now a prize contender.

A remake of the Hong Kong film "Infernal Affairs," "The Departed" faces the same challenges that face all adaptations: finding a balance between keeping a similar plot line and an original take on the story.

Much of this balance is accomplished through the film's setting. This time, South Boston's Irish working-class communities are the backdrop. Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon) and Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) are graduates of the police academy. Sullivan is invited into the upper echelon of the force while secretly informing Frank Costello's (Jack Nicholson) Irish mafia. Costigan does the reverse, informing the police while working within Costello's mob.

Nobody likes a rat in their circle. Police Chief Queenan (Martin Sheen) and Costello (Nicholson) each realize they have one, but flounder trying to find who it is.

Scorsese slowly lowers us into this brilliant set-up, allowing it to increasingly envelop the viewer as he raises the stakes. Loyalties are constantly shifting, and there is no easy moralizing of any character's plight or superiority.

The idea of the informant is nothing



Courtesy of movieweb.com

Leonardo DiCaprio infiltrates Jack Nicholson's mafia circle in "The Departed," Scorsese's violent and gripping new film.

new. During a house call, a clip of John Ford's exemplary "The Informer" plays in the background. In the Irish cultural tradition of both films, informing is the most despicable thing a man could do, punishable by an execution carried out by former friends. The sides of the battle have to remain clear if either side is to succeed.

In this world, there is no guarantee of safety, regardless of which side you are on. At the beginning of the film, the Rolling Stones' hit "Gimme Shelter" blasting, Costello tells a young Sullivan that it doesn't matter whether you're in the police or the mafia when there's a gun in your face. In that moment, we all become the departed.

Sides may not matter, but morals and honor do. The double lives that Sullivan and Costigan live rips them apart and affects all aspects of their lives. DiCaprio's performance is more exterior and more successful, as viewers watch him quickly transformed from clean-cut cop to dirty, drug-dealing gangster. Damon may have the girl-

friend (up-and-comer Vera Farmiga) and the cash, but he is no more at peace than DiCaprio. The world of the informer is never enjoyable; he always looks over his shoulder for someone out to get him.

Scorsese was one of the directors propagating the realism movement to the multiplexes during the Hollywood renaissance of the early- to mid-1970s. He works within this genre better than most, and films of his, such as "Taxi Driver," stand the test of time as indelible character sketches set against fascinating modern situations. In a particularly heated moment, Nicholson screams at one of his thugs, "This ain't reality TV!" But, in style and essence, it is—"The Departed" subscribes to the 21st century's incarnation of the cult of realism.

Realism does not assure success, however. As entertaining as these double-crossings are, "The Departed" does not linger in the mind for very long. Violence begets violence, but one has a sense leaving the theater that "The

Departed" leaves the whole world blind with nothing to show for it.

In other film news, this weekend, Eveningstar Cinema opens Philip Noyce's "Catch a Fire," starring Derek Luke and Tim Robbins. The film is a biopic of Patrick Chamusso, a freedom fighter against the Boer government in South Africa in the 1980s. Highly relevant to the current political climate, it should not be missed. It will show at 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Showing one time only is "Bullshit," a documentary on Vandara Shiva, a nuclear physicist and environmental activist, as she battles proponents of globalization and a host of other related problems. The screening also features speakers: one filmmaker preparing a documentary on Shiva's farm and two people actively involved in food issues in contemporary society. "Bullshit" will screen Saturday at 10 a.m. Check out eveningstarcinema.com.

And don't forget to vote!

WBOR 91.1 FM DJ OF THE WEEK



Karina van Schaardenburg '07

What's the best album ever made?
KVS: The Boy Least Likely To, "The Best Party Ever."

Who is the greatest living musician?
KVS: Tom Waits was still alive the last time I checked.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

KVS: Cocorosie in Amsterdam. It was great to hear them do everything live, without samples. They had this cool French dude beatboxing instead of using a drum machine. They also wore Indian headresses because they're crazy.

What is the first album you ever bought?

KVS: Gloria Estefan, I think?

Or maybe it was an Aruban carnival compilation.

What's your music guilty pleasure?
KVS: Depeche Mode!

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

KVS: Camera Obscura, "Let's Get Out of This Country."

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

KVS: "Oops, I think that was the wrong door. I was just looking for business."

Van Schaardenburg's show, "The Business," airs on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

SAMUEL ADAMS WINTER LAGER—\$7.99 for a six-pack at Hannaford.

By a show of hands, how many of you faithful readers are coming off a miserable week? I'm talking a week so bad that each meal feels like a mini Christmas and Friday's "Beer Fever with Weaver" (OK, fine, or Thursday's "Grey's Anatomy") is like the light at the end of the tunnel of infinite graded assessments. Five hands just shot up in my apartment, and considering I live in a quad, I'm going to assume that this past week just wasn't that much fun for anyone. Throw into the mix that I woke up the other morning to frost on my computer screen, and I'm just plain happy that the weekend is finally here. There's just no way of getting around it: winter is on all around us, and so are midterm exams.

But, like everyone else, there's a light at the end of my tunnel every week as well. In this case, it's Sam Adams Winter Lager. This week, I've decided there will be no fancy stories or witty anecdotes; I'm just going to get straight into it. The exquisite malty nature... OK, seri-

ously, I'm not fooling anyone here. Has anyone ever seen that movie "Kazaam"? You know. The one with Shaquille O'Neal. "The world's most powerful genie has just met his match." Well, Winter Lager is nothing like that movie: it's good.

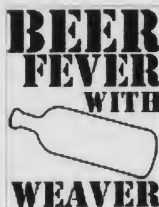
Being from Maine, I really look forward to winter—hockey games, the first snowfall, landing that perfect snowball right between Ted's eyes. But, I will be the first to admit that there are some things about winter that just aren't that pleasant. Take, for instance, coming out of back-to-back classes and being buried from a snow slide off the roof. Or you discover that your car (or bike, in my case) won't start and you find yourself using this as justification not to go to class and climb back into bed. Or, even worse, tracking that awful slushy snow into your apartment and being too cold and depressed to do anything about it.

Rest assured, Winter Lager will lift those wintertime booze... I mean, blues (alcohol does make you feel warmer, right?). Winter Lager's label introduces it as "a dark wheat lager brewed with winter spices." Ahhh, winter spices! Don't you just love a good sugarplum lager? Well, if not, you're in luck. The spices in Winter Lager are predominantly that of orange, cinna-

mon, and ginger. Though not the first things that come to mind when I think of Yule Tide Cheer, they do combine to create a full-bodied, wheaty malt taste that seems to nip at hints of caramel and citrus. It's dark red and amber color reflects the quality of its taste. And surprisingly, as a Weizenbock—the heaviest and darkest of the wheat beers—I found it to be an almost ideal balance of hoppy bitterness and smooth cinnamon finish.

Sam Adams Winter Lager is the perfect remedy for those cold winter nights when all you want is to settle in front of a warm fire and a cold, well, beer, instead of 100 pages of reading and a migraine. For, as much as you wish you could, there is just no stopping the onslaught of a Maine winter. So instead of dreading the drop in temperature or darkness closing in at 4 p.m., just think of all the good things that winter has to offer—like beer—and specifically that of Sam Adams Winter Lager.

Seeing how this week's beer tasting didn't happen, I shot one of my pals up North a text to see what he thought: "Ho Ho Holy S---! this stuff is good!" You heard right folks; even the Big Man knows a good thing when he tastes it. So be proud of the state you decided to spend four years of your life in and embrace the winter that is so characteristically Maine. For if these truly are the best four years of our lives, shouldn't we drink like it?



Comedians sow Middle East peace with standup



Courtesy of Jordan Krechmer '07
Dean Obeidallah and Scott Blakeman will perform "Standup for Peace" on Wednesday. Their show aims to bring differing cultures together through laughter.

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

Since when are international relations in the Middle East funny?

Scott Blakeman, a Jewish comedian, and Dean Obeidallah, a Palestinian-American comedian, have created "Standup for Peace: The Two Comedian Solution to Middle East Peace," in hopes that creating laughter can bring communities together. Bowdoin Hillel, the Jewish student organization, will bring these comedians to campus on Wednesday, November 1.

"We thought that 'Standup for Peace' would bring a radically different type of event to campus. Other campuses have given Scott and Dean rave reviews and we thought learning about the Middle East while laughing was a really cool thing," said Jordan Krechmer '07, head of Hillel.

Blakeman and Obeidallah produced the show to benefit "Seeds of Peace," a summer camp in Ousfield, Maine, that encourages understanding between Israeli and Palestinian teenagers. In 2005, the comedians performed at the camp's leadership summit.

Burgess LePage '07 spent two sum-

mers working at Seeds of Peace and saw what the camp can do to bring together teens with Middle East backgrounds.

"Leaving behind the heated conflict threatening their homes, these kids have such unfaltering courage to come face to face with their spoken enemy, and watching their process is humbling," she said.

"One of the most important messages relayed to the campers from the director, Tim Wilson, is a recognition that it is difficult and perhaps unnecessary to force friendships across enemy borders in such a short amount of time," LePage continued. "The aim of the camp is, instead, to work towards true efforts of understanding from both sides, a goal which demands mutual respect, active listening, and honesty."

The two comedians begin their Standup for Peace routine together, and then perform separate acts during the body of the show. At the end, they reconvene for a question-and-answer session with the audience.

"Just by standing on stage together, and bringing Arabs and Jews together in the audience, we're making more progress than they are right now in the

Standup for Peace
When: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Where: Kruse Auditorium
Admission: free

Middle East," Blakeman stated on the group's web site.

Blakeman, whom NBC-TV and the New York Times consider a top-notch political comedian with a liberal Jewish perspective, has performed on "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn" and "Late Show with David Letterman."

Obeidallah draws on his interesting background for his comedy, with a Palestinian father and a Sicilian mother. Michael Moore features him on the bonus material of Moore's documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11," and Obeidallah has also performed on "Saturday Night Live," "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

"We're hoping 'Standup for Peace' gets people to think about conflict in the Middle East in a different way than they're used to," Krechmer said. "There are plenty of lectures and academic events that touch on the subject, so why shouldn't there be entertainment?"

'Blink' validates instinct, intuition

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

Malcolm Gladwell, author of "The Tipping Point" and a frequent contributor to "The New Yorker," published "Blink" last year. The book discusses the validity of our

gut feelings, lending some weight to the idea of love at first sight and the oft-scorning women's intuition. This book backs up claims my mom has been making for years.

"Blink" is a compilation of people's research discoveries of the veracity of our initial snap judgments. Gladwell outlines his arguments and the supporting case studies very lucidly. In a way, he makes the validity of intuition accessible to everyone, a commendable act — though almost redundant, since we are all born with this instinct.

There are experts who can predict with scary accuracy whether or not you and your significant other will still be in a relationship 15 years from now merely by watching an innocent 15-minute conversation between the two of you. This kind of analysis might be beneficial in the early stages of a college romance, though frankly, who wants to know the future?

Scientists Silvan Tomkins and Paul Ekman are responsible for cataloguing the range of emotional facial expressions in humans. People's faces go through the motions of a series of expressions so rapidly that one does not necessarily recognize the importance of each eyebrow twitch and nostril flare. Gladwell's point is that subconscious recognition of each new arrangement of

muscles might subconsciously make us aware of what the person is really feeling. I had a lot of fun watching my friends talk after reading this chapter; sadly, I had no idea what an eye roll, followed by a creased forehead and finished with a smirk, said about our friendship or about her feelings toward her boyfriend.

Both examples involve an intense and thorough study of people's behaviors, with focused breakdowns of things most of us don't have the time or discipline to learn. It is interesting to know that such research is being done and that the results have bearing on our behavioral tendencies. Much of Gladwell's book is bringing research of this kind into the limelight. This is important because it would seem that the general public is increasingly disconnected with the validity of the gut.

A rather somber revelation that this book presents is the negative unconscious values that are ingrained in our psyches. For instance, tall men have a much better chance of rising to the status of C.E.O., men are still more likely to get prominent positions in their professional fields than women, and hardly anyone is capable of racial neutrality. These associations are not correct, but they are inherent to our society and difficult to unlearn.

Gladwell explains why brilliant musicians are unknown to the public and puts a cap on the argument about which is better, Pepsi or Coke. "Blink" reminds us to give more weight to what we feel, that in professional, intellectual, and emotional fields intuition can take one from being good to great.

Dunst's 'Marie Antoinette' sees royal court as wild party

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

In her "OK!" interview, Kristen Dunst warned filmmakers "not to expect an educational biopic of Marie Antoinette." The film corroborates this comment, creating a

visual masterpiece that focuses upon the young queen's personal extravaganzas and idiosyncrasies while largely failing to acknowledge the greater political issues and events of the period.

To say that the film is both myopic in scope and historically inaccurate in its depiction of the French Revolution is correct, but these statements fail to understand the film's premise.

Instead of providing an account of the events leading up to the French Revolution, director Sophia Coppola wanted to depict Marie's attempts to find her identity and her transformation into an adult. "I was thinking of this story from a teenage point of view," she explained in an interview with "Entertainment Weekly."

"I wanted the movie to have a playful nature, because it's really a kid's world, and I wanted it to have a kid's spirit," Coppola said. Marie's attempts integrate herself into the rigid world of Versailles and bond with her shy, lock-obsessed husband Louis XVI (played

These scenes of youthful rebellion have caused many critics to categorize "Marie Antoinette" as a teen film. In the words of "People," it's "Mean Girls Go to V."

by Coppola's cousin Jason Schwartzman) provide an intimate and sympathetic portrayal of the young Marie.

However, as Marie becomes more successful both at court and in her marriage to Louis, the film deteriorates into almost random montages of Marie's machinations at court, wild partying, and frolicking in her infamous miniature farmhouse.

These scenes of youthful rebellion have caused many critics to categorize "Marie Antoinette" as a teen film. In the words of "People," it's "Mean Girls Go to V." However, it seems as though we know more about the inner character and thoughts of Lindsay Lohan's charac-

ter in "Mean Girls" than we do about Kristen Dunst's Marie.

The costumes and sets of "Marie Antoinette" are excellent, but viewers leave with a better idea of Marie's fashion sense than her actual feelings. With such an excellent cast and tumultuous era to work with, it is both surprising and disappointing that Coppola did not choose to further develop the relationships and personal growth of the young queen. "Marie Antoinette" is a fun film and viewers will enjoy the film's rock-filled soundtrack, which includes songs by Gang of Four and The Cure.

The visual treat of Marie's outrageous hairstyles and costumes also helps to provide stimulation in lieu of the sparse and often limp script. However, as a window into Marie Antoinette's character, the film is far less successful.

Manolo Blunkik, who designed the shoes for a delightful visual montage set to Bow Wow Wow's "I Want Candy," said that he found the queen "so inspiring." But, with only her partying and fashion sense to judge by, it seems difficult to formulate either a positive or negative opinion of the monarch. Much like the royal court of Versailles, the film loses itself under the empty weight of its insular and extravagant world.

Have strong opinions about movies or music?



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SPORTS

Bowdoin field hockey improves to 12-1

by Emileigh Mercer
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Field Hockey Team traveled to Gorham and beat the University of Southern Maine (9-9 overall) on Tuesday afternoon.

Despite being faced with the challenge of playing on grass instead of turf, the Polar Bears recorded a shutout and scored four goals. With 12 wins and just one loss this season, Bowdoin is ranked sixth in the STX/NFHA Division III national poll this week.

Junior Hillary Hoffman proved an offensive threat against USM as she scored two goals, with assists coming from sophomores Lindsay McNamara and Julia King. McNamara also tallied the first goal of the game. Sophomore forward Tamlyn Frederick slid the fourth and final goal in with a few minutes left to play.

"Despite playing on grass we were still able to play our own game," Frederick said. "The goals and assists tallied in this game came from several different players, showing that we have many reliable resources on this team. No matter what surface we play on and no matter what obstacles we face, we have proved we can pull together to come up with a team win."



Kate Gormley '09 (left) and Madeline McQueeney '09 (right) try to stop a Bantam in the Bears' 2-0 victory over Trinity.

Saturday, in its last regular season home game, Bowdoin scored twice to beat Trinity (5-3 NESCAC) by a score of 2-0.

Senior captain Burgess LePage opened up the scoring early on after sophomore Kate Gormley slipped her the ball. Following her lead, McNamara scored off a pass

from Hillary Hoffman a minute later.

"We played hard and we played well. Two quick goals scored back to back was just enough to knock

them back on their heels so that we could maintain control of the game," said King.

Before the game, five seniors were honored for their four-year dedication to the team, and the most impressive record in program history. The seniors have been crucial to Bowdoin's success, said first-year Emily McKinnon.

"They are all incredible athletes, leaders, and students, and have been role models for all of us on the team," she said. "They really set the tone for the entire season, and I look up to them and have so much respect for all five of them because of dedication and passion they bring to the team."

Looking ahead to a road trip to Connecticut on Saturday, Bowdoin knows it needs to prepare for Wesleyan (3-5 NESCAC).

"Despite their record they are a strong team who is looking to damage our record, and also will probably hold a little grudge from our win against them last year in the NESCAC tournament," said senior Kate Leonard. "To win we need to come out on fire."

And if the Polar Bears can find that fire, a win would give them a first-round bye and home-field advantage in the NESCAC tournament for the second year in a row.

NESCAC looms for Bowdoin XC

by Ross Jacobs
CONTRIBUTOR

After running 4.75 miles at less than 5:15 per mile, the men of NESCAC cross-country teams will be less than a quarter-mile from the finish line of the 8k (4.97 miles) race. The runners will dig deep down and whoever finds the energy to kick the hardest will be this year's NESCAC champion. Every spot matters.

As Thompson Ogilvie '10 put it, "A strong kick is intricate to the race because you never know if anyone is coming up on you. Since every point matters, we cannot let anyone by us. So in the final meters of the race, we need to put the hammer down big time."

Connecticut College plays host to this year's NESCAC cross-country championship, which promises to be a thriller.

If past performances are any indicator, the Parents Weekend New England Open Championships revealed that Bowdoin and Williams' top five runners should have nearly identical point totals.

Over the past six semesters, Owen McKenna '07 has witnessed three Tufts XC NESCAC championships and three Williams track NESCAC championships. McKenna sees Williams as a formidable opponent and believes this year's race transcends cross-country.

"Williams is the powerhouse of the NESCAC," he said. "Its sports teams have claimed NESCAC championship crowns countless

times over the years. They could be likened to a tyrannical government whose challengers to the crown are quickly and quietly trampled into the cross country course. While they will be a fearsome opponent at the race on Saturday, I believe that Bowdoin's finishing kick has the chance to be our coup d'etat. Every prevailing stride will signify the falling of the absolutist and the coming of a new king of the hills and dales, Bowdoin College."

Despite McKenna's excitement, the Bears enter as slight underdogs. Nationally, Bowdoin is ranked is 17th, while the Ephs hold a 16th place ranking. The showdown is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday.

This year, Bowdoin's women's team hopes to unleash hidden talent at the NESCAC championship. Although past performances indicate Bowdoin will finish around 8th place, Courtney Eustace '08 believes the 6k race, as opposed to the traditional 5k they run during the regular season, will enable Bowdoin to exceed expectations.

Williams, Amherst, and Colby enter as favorites for the women's crown, but the field is wide open and largely unpredictable.

"Our co-captain Alex Knapp ['07] is a fantastic runner and has been gearing up for this race, and co-captain Jamie Knight ['07] will be especially good at this 6k distance as opposed to our normal 5k," she said. "Overall, we have worked together and ran very closely throughout the season, so if we can push each other to move up as a pack, we will surprise a lot of teams."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Wide receiver Nick Tomaino '08 attempts an ultimately incomplete touchdown catch near the end of the first half.

Trinity stuffs Polar Bears

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

Trinity continued its recent dominance over Bowdoin football team this past week, as the Bantams shut out the Bears 34-0. Trinity has not lost to Bowdoin since the 1998 season.

It was a one-sided affair, with Trinity amassing 520 yards and producing five touchdowns. The Polar Bears generated only 111 total yards, a mere 38 of which were through the air.

Trinity opened the scoring with a

long passing play on their second possession. Bantam quarterback Eric McGrath found wide receiver Chris Olenoski, who dodged Bowdoin tackles for a 49-yard touchdown. The Polar Bears earned two first downs during their first possession, but only totaled 27 yards and were forced to punt the ball away, for the first of eight times during the game.

McGrath connected for another touchdown in the second quarter, this time for a 14-yard completion to Joe Clark. The score capped a 64-yard

drive that ate up more than three and a half minutes on the clock.

Bowdoin gained only 16 yards during its first two possessions of the second quarter, but the team finally penetrated into Trinity territory at the finale of the half. Two personal foul penalties on the Bantams helped propel the Polar Bears all the way to the Trinity 24-yard line, totaling 58 yards. First-year Oliver Kell replaced senior Tom Duffy at quarterback midway through the attack.

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Women's soccer takes two to rise above .500

by Bridget Keating
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Soccer Team has had every reason to feel confident recently. As they enter their final weekend of regular season play, the Polar Bears are coming off a week of back-to-back victories against Trinity and University of Southern Maine (USM), advancing their winning streak to four games.

Bowdoin has also improved its overall record to 6-5-2 and is positioned for a potential spot in playoffs. To top it all off, the Bears boast conference leaders in nearly every individual statistic, including points/game, goals/game, assists/game, and saves/game.

Bowdoin's latest victory came on Wednesday to regional rival USM in a decisive 4-0 victory. The ambush was led by Ann Zeigler '08, who slid a shot past USM's keeper at 37:15, for her 11th goal of the season. The Bears continued to press hard offensively for the rest of the first half and would eventually reap the fruits of their effort shortly after intermission.

Ali Chase '09 anchored the Bowdoin offense for the second half of play. Rushing the goal on a Zeigler corner kick, Chase buried the ball off a header in the 57th minute, only to score again in the final minutes of play. Co-captain Ivy Blackmore '07 also added a tally towards the victory.

Co-captain Holly Maloney '07 has noticed a marked difference in the Bowdoin offense in recent games.

"I know that we have had such capabilities all season with the amount of talent we have on this team," said Maloney, "but I think it is all about confidence. Once we realized at UNE that we can score a lot of goals, and how fun it is to score so many goals, we gained the necessary confidence to produce this



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Goalkeeper Kat Popoff '08 takes a goalkick in the Polar Bears' 5-2 victory over Trinity on Saturday in Brunswick.

offense in NESCAC games."

The Bears were able to test their confidence against NESCAC opponents on Saturday during a Homecoming Weekend battle against Trinity College. The Polar Bears emerged victorious with a 5-2 win to close out their home game schedule for the 2006 season. The

two teams fought for the opening minutes of action, until Zeigler was taken down in the penalty box at 19:40, resulting in a successful penalty kick and Zeigler's first of two goals in the game.

The Polar Bears continued to dominate Trinity for the remainder of the half, relentlessly pressuring

the Bantam defense. In the final five minutes of the half, the Bowdoin attack caught a break from a beautifully placed shot from Kat Whitley '08 off a Dana Riker '10 feed. Less than two minutes later, fellow junior Claire Cutting extended the lead to three before the two teams broke for intermission.

The Bantams returned from the half revived, scoring the first two goals of the second period. The Bears, however, remained composed and with 15 minutes remaining in the match, Grace Moore '08 cushioned Bowdoin's lead by heading a Zeigler corner kick into the back of the net. Minutes later Zeigler would add another off a breakaway feed from goaltender Kat Popoff '08.

Aside from the game's significance in playoff positioning, Saturday also marked the final time Coach John Cullen would stand behind the bench at Pickard fields. Those who know "Coach" know him not only for his plentiful successes at the helm of the women's soccer program for the past 21 years, but also know him for his supportive behavior both on and off the field.

"I think his encouragement for all that we do at Bowdoin will be greatly missed," said Maloney. "Not only does he motivate us on the field, but he is always so curious to know how we are doing outside soccer. He truly cares about his players."

Co-captain Kate Donoghue '07 also commented on the effect Cullen has had on the development of the program over the years as "the backbone of Bowdoin soccer."

"Despite the changing teams every year, his coaching style, desire to win, and love for his players was always apparent [and] having had the privilege of playing for such a great coach has truly been an honor," she said. "The Bowdoin women's soccer program will never be the same without him. He will be greatly missed."

Cullen will lead the Polar Bears (3-4-1 NESCAC) to Wesleyan University (3-5-0 NESCAC) this Saturday in their final regular season game. The winner of the contest will earn a playoff berth in the NESCAC tournament. In the event of a tie, Bowdoin will advance.

Women's rugby destroys Colby

by Clara Cantor
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Rugby Team defeated Colby 66-0 this past Saturday in its last division game of the year.

The forward pack, led by Margaret Griffith '07 and Vanessa Vidal '08, consistently stole lineouts and scrums, retaining ball possession for most of the game. The first try of the game went to Emily Skinner '08, who went on to score again at the end of the first half. Alivia Moore '09 and Vidal also scored during the first half of play.

Bowdoin kept the momentum going into the second half, finding hands again and again to bring in three tries by Margaret "Munny"

Munford '07, three by winger Krystal Barker '08, and two more scores for Vidal. Munford converted three tries. Colby's lone offensive break was smashed by a stunning tackle by full-back Daphne Leveriza '07, with several support players right on her tail.

"It was beautiful rugby," said Amy Shopkorn '02 of the Homecoming Weekend game. "It's great to see how far the team has come since I was here playing."

The Bowdoin B-side was equally successful, finishing its season undefeated. They shut down Colby 45-0. The first try of the game was by Emily Randall '10, followed by tries by Kalya Bickerman '07, Erica Camerena '10, and Catherine Jager '09. Bickerman, Alanna Beroiza '09,

and Jager led the forward pack in loose play, linking with backs throughout the game. Good handling helped the back line, led by Hannah Larson '10 and Jess Weaver '10, to sweep the Colby defense. In the second half, fullback Larson caught a kick in the backfield and had a long run all the way to a try. An additional try by Carrie Miller '08 and three by Sasha David '10 brought the final score to 45-0.

The team finished its regular season winning the Down East Conference. The Bears advance to the playoffs as the No. 3 seed out of eight teams. This Saturday at noon, the Bears begin the New England Playoff match at home facing second-ranked University of Vermont.

Volleyball loses to Jumbos in Medford

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

The volleyball team ended another week ahead, going 3-2 and putting up a very strong performance at the Hall of Fame Invitational to end the week at 20-7.

The Polar Bears traveled to Medford, Massachusetts to face NESCAC opponent Tufts on Tuesday, where Bowdoin suffered its second loss of the week. Despite a valiant effort the Polar Bears lost in straight sets (30-21, 30-18, 30-25).

Statistical leaders for the match were Jenna Diggs '10, who tallied 18 assists and 14 digs, Gillian Page '10, who notched nine digs and eight kills, Skye Lawrence '10 with five kills and seven digs, and Erin Prifolge '07 with three blocks and four kills.

Earlier in the week, the Polar Bears won the bronze bracket of the Hall of Fame Invitational at Mt. Holyoke.

On the first day of tournament play on Friday, Bowdoin lost its first game to Brandeis, 30-22, 30-26, 30-16.

Despite the loss, the Polar Bears regrouped in their next game, defeating Mt. Holyoke in straight sets. The team won the first set 30-20, then continued its lead to crush Mt.

Holyoke in the second set, winning 30-8. In the third set, the Polar Bears finished with a score of 30-26 to complete the sweep. Page led the team with 14 kills and 11 digs.

Bowdoin faced NESCAC rival Colby in Saturday's opening match, beating the Mules to advance to the bronze bracket final. The team dropped the first game to the Mules 27-30, but fought back in the second to take the set 30-27. Colby came back to win the third set 30-27, but the Polar Bears answered in the fourth, winning 30-25 and forcing a fifth game. In a close contest, the Polar Bears defeated Colby 15-12.

Statistical leaders for the game were Diggs, with 32 assists and 16 digs, Prifolge with 16 kills and four digs, and Page with 16 kills and 12 digs.

The Bears then faced Smith in the bronze bracket final. Bowdoin lost the first set by a narrow margin of two points (28-30) but managed to regroup and win the next three sets (30-15, 30-21, 30-26) to win the bronze bracket.

The Polar Bears will face NESCAC opponent Wesleyan in a round robin this weekend, also at Wesleyan, where they will compete against NESCAC opponents Trinity and Connecticut College.

Football to travel to Wesleyan Saturday

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combining with running back Jeff Smith '08 for 28 rushing yards. However, two incomplete passes to wide receiver Nick Tomaino '08 halted the drive without a Bowdoin score and ended the half.

To open the second half, Trinity running back Gennaro Leo tore up the field for 40 yards on eight rushes, wrapping up the effort in a one-yard rush for a touchdown. The Bantams drove deep into Bowdoin territory again in the third quarter, this time fumbling on the nine-

yard line. On the following drive, Trinity put together a formidable attack, producing yards in the air and on land. Leo grinded for 27 yards on the ground while McGrath found Clark for 20- and 10-yard gains, the latter of which resulted in a touchdown.

After a futile fourth-quarter drive during which the Polar Bears lost nine yards, Trinity began a possession with great field position and ran 26 yards over six plays for another score.

McGrath was named the NESCAC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance, as he completed 19 of 31 pass-

es for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

"We had a chance to make some plays on both sides of the ball and we just didn't make those plays," co-captain Brendan Murphy '07 said. "We need to get back to basics. We need to work hard during the week and get ready for Wesleyan."

The Bears head to Middletown, Connecticut, this week to face off against the Cardinals on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Last year, Bowdoin defeated Wesleyan 35-10 in Brunswick. It was the first time Bowdoin had beaten the Cards since October 26, 1996.

FOX for all

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST

I always seem to appreciate FOX (yes, the same network that has brought us "24," "Arrested Development," and "Family Guy"...twice) more than the person next to me with regards to baseball, but up until now I had never truly thought about why this was so. Obviously it had something to do with Joe Buck, the network's epicenter, the Ron Burgundy of his day, with an upbeat personality, a witty sense of humor, good looks, the quintessential color man in Tim McCarver, and a voice that could make both a lion and Zack from the Holiday Inn ads purr.

But there was so much more I was missing. How could I explain the sheer disappointment of discovering that Game 2 of the ALDS between my scathed, A-Rod-infested Yankees and underdog Tigers would air on ESPN...in the afternoon? Don't get me wrong here. ESPN is a fantastic station—number one; the Worldwide Leader in Sports—but to fully understand their differences, we must compare them to water and Gatorade, respectively. ESPN is the best, but during the postseason, FOX does simply just has stuff that ESPN doesn't have.

For starters there are the broadcasters: FOX has Buck and McCarver; ESPN John Miller and Joe Morgan. Like an old married couple, Miller and Morgan feed off of each other well, are undoubtedly two veritable authorities on baseball, and appear to be the friendliest of men. Unfortunately, their delivery in the playoffs is slow and dull, severely lacking fervor with Miller's inability to keep up with the speed of the game, and Morgan's constant restating of the obvious, regrettably yet accurately earning him comparisons to NBC Sunday Night Football's John Madden. But we cannot place all the blame on Miller and Morgan here, because they are fine in the regular season on ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball, and there are surely countless other factors at play here.

ESPN lacks passion and creativity even in something as small as returning from commercial breaks, when they normally show a banal aerial shot of the current stadium from the Goodyear blimp while Miller struggles in reading off the sponsors. Buck, on the other hand, is enthused when reading sponsors: "...Like a good neighbor State Farm is there!" with the classic MLB on FOX theme song blaring, set against the background of some aesthetic location usually outside the city, like a waterfall or Siberian tiger at a nearby zoo. FOX also ingeniously introduced the super-slow-motion replay just a few years ago, which is always fun to watch, whether it is a home run or comedic happening like Mets hurler Oliver Perez leaping over the first base line

on his way back to the dugout.

And never underestimate the power of the score box. ESPN's appears in the upper left-hand corner of the television, with your basic score, innings, and outs posted plainly on the screen. FOX wins this battle, too for redefining the score box; it isn't even a box. It's a horizontal bar across the top of the monitor, with the background of the team's abbreviation meticulously color-coordinated to match that team's colors, making it much easier to identify. But it doesn't end there! Don't forget about the robotic noise we hear each time a run crosses the plate, or the speed section of the bar which ignites a flame and fiery sound for all pitches over 96 MPH, guaranteeing non-stop heat past the seventh inning when Detroit's bullpen enters the game...oh, sorry Todd.

The most underrated part about playoff games on FOX, however, is the visual aspect: what they do with the camera. Regardless of whether or not you have an HD television, the angles that are put forth in front of us are spectacular. Before every pitch, the FOX cam zooms in to produce a whole facial shot of the pitcher, which is especially great for the late innings, blatantly revealing the anxiety and apprehension of pitchers at full keel. It then flashes to the batter for an instant, either a head shot or a side view, until finally returning to the standard view from behind the pitcher in the outfield just in time for the next play. Sometimes, when there is a crucial pitch on a 3-2 count with the bases loaded for example, the cameras will quickly show spectators' angst, often capturing fans eagerly awaiting the upcoming pitch with crossed fingers or clapping hands. All of this combined integrates those watching at home into the game, making us feel like we're actually there. But what makes all of this complete is Joe Buck's silence for the five or six seconds leading up to the pitch. He lets the players, fans, and the game take over until immediately after the bat is swung. Then he's all over it with one of his signature calls.

It is true that ESPN's pre-game show is better with familiar faces like Karl Ravech, John Kruk, and Tim Kurkjian; I mean, who doesn't love "Baseball Tonight"? But Jeanne Zelasko and Kevin Kennedy are right behind them. ESPN also has the edge in on-field reporting, for no matter how professional/intelligent FOX's Ken Rosenthal is, I prefer looking at Erin Andrews or former CBS heroine Bonnie Bernstein while they give me the inside scoop. And again, it is also true that ESPN is the better network...by far. But when playoff baseball arrives each October the choice is obvious. You can believe what you want to believe, and you can watch what you want to watch. But ultimately, FOX has created a broadcasting utopia; a perfect atmosphere thanks to the seemingly infinite factors functioning in unison that all surround the nucleus that is Joe Buck. Slamma-lamma-ding-dong!

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

School	NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Williams	9	0	22	6
Tufts	6	2	22	8
Amherst	5	3	22	4
BOWDOIN	4	3	20	7
Conn. College	4	3	16	8
Wesleyan	4	3	15	8
Trinity	3	4	13	6
Bates	2	5	12	16
Colby	2	5	13	16
Middlebury	2	6	12	13
Hamilton	0	7	9	18

SCOREBOARD

F 10/20 v. Brandeis (Hall of Fame Tournament at Mt. Holyoke)	L	3-0
F 10/20 v. Mt. Holyoke (HOF)	W	3-0
Sa 10/21 v. Colby (HOF)	W	3-2
Sa 10/21 v. Smith (HOF)	W	3-1
W 10/25 at Tufts	L	3-0

SCHEDULE

F 10/27 at Wesleyan	6:00 P.M.
Sa 10/28 v. Trinity (at Wes.)	11:00 A.M.
Sa 10/28 v. Conn. College (at Wes.)	1:30 P.M.

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCHEDULE	
Sa 10/28 NESCAC Championship (at Connecticut College)	11:00 A.M.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCHEDULE	
Sa 10/28 NESCAC Championship (at Connecticut College)	11:00 A.M.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD	
Sa 10/21 v. Colby	W 66-0
SCHEDULE	
Sa 10/28 v. U. Vermont	12:00 P.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

School	NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
BOWDOIN	7	1	12	1
Middlebury	7	1	11	2
Williams	6	2	11	2
Trinity	5	3	9	4
Tufts	5	3	9	4
Amherst	3	5	7	6
Wesleyan	3	5	6	7
Conn. College	2	6	6	7
Bates	1	7	5	8
Colby	1	7	4	9

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/21 v. Trinity	W 2-0
Tu 10/24 at Southern Maine	W 4-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan	11:00 A.M.
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	7	0	1	10	1	1
Tufts	5	1	2	8	3	2
Middlebury	5	2	1	9	2	1
Williams	4	2	2	8	2	3
Colby	3	2	3	8	2	3
Bates	4	4	0	9	4	0
BOWDOIN	3	4	1	6	5	2
Wesleyan	3	5	0	5	7	1
Conn. Coll.	0	7	1	3	9	1
Trinity	0	7	1	2	9	2

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/21 v. Trinity	W 5-2
Tu 10/24 at Southern Maine	W 4-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan	11:00 A.M.
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FOOTBALL

School	NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Williams	5	0	5	0
Amherst	4	1	4	1
Middlebury	4	1	4	1
Trinity	4	1	4	1
Tufts	3	2	3	2
Hamilton	2	3	2	3
Wesleyan	2	3	2	3
Colby	1	4	1	4
Bates	0	5	0	5
BOWDOIN	0	5	0	5

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/21 v. Trinity	L 34-0
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SCHEDULE

Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan	12:30 P.M.
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MEN'S SOCCER

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	7	1	0	12	1	0
Amherst	6	1	1	11	1	1
BOWDOIN	6	2	0	10	2	1
Wesleyan	5	1	2	9	1	3
Middlebury	4	4	0	8	5	0
Bates	3	4	1	7	5	1
Colby	2	5	1	6	5	2
Tufts	2	5	1	6	6	1
Conn. Coll.	1	7	0	4	7	2
Trinity	1	7	0	2	9	1

SCOREBOARD

Sa 10/21 v. Trinity	W 2-0
Su 10/22 at Babson	T 1-1

SCHEDULE

Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan	11:00 A.M.
Su 10/29 NESCAC First-Round	12:00 P.M.

- Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

First-year Carl Woock handles the ball in front of a Trinity defender in Saturday's 2-0 shutout of the Bantams.

Seniors lead men's soccer

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

"The Few and the Brave"

That title might be appropriate to recognize the efforts of all four seniors on the Bowdoin Men's Soccer Team. The combination of Anthony Regis, John Hollis, Simon Parsons, and Kevin Mullins may only comprise of 17 percent of the roster, but contributed to 100 percent of the goals over Homecoming Weekend.

Parsons opened up the '07 account by providing the NESCAC's second-highest scorer, Nick Figueiredo '08, with an excellent service to put the Polar Bears on the board on the 20th minute against a Trinity team that made them work. Later, the seniors heated up their barrage when Mullins and Regis assisted on a scorching Hollis goal on the 60th minute to help Bowdoin secure a 2-0 shutout win against the Bantams.

Bowdoin completed the weekend doubleheader with its grittiest performance of the year in a 1-1 double over-

time draw with Babson. The Polar Bears went down midway through the first half but "The Few and the Brave" took the team on their shoulders. Four minutes into the second half, Mullins lobbed a magnificent cross that landed squarely on Regis's head and into the back of the net. The brilliant sequence by the classmates fuelled the rest of the team throughout the rest of regulation as they dominated, albeit without any offensive success.

The play in overtime was a different story, however, as Nate Lovitz '08 was forced to make three crucial saves in the closing minutes to secure the tie.

The two determined performances ensured home field advantage for the Polar Bears in the NESCAC tournament. This may end up being vital as every team in the conference, one through seven, has the ability to shine on any given day.

"I feel like we got what we wanted out of the doubleheader, and that was guaranteeing a home field game first round of NESCACs, and keeping an NCAA at-large bid alive,"

Figueiredo said.

The team will have to feed off the maturity and intensity of its seniors in its two enormous conference battles this weekend. Otherwise the season will come to a premature close.

The weekend starts with a showdown against Wesleyan, a rematch of last year's first-round NESCAC playoff game in which Bowdoin was upset 4-1 at home. This defeat still lingers in the minds of veterans and they are hungry to exact revenge.

The following day will showcase the first day of playoff action but this does not mean the guys are any less focused on the streaking Wesleyan side: a team that put together a string of 12 unbeaten games before falling to Williams, the No. 1 team in the conference, in overtime last weekend.

"We're going into the game to win, not rest guys or play for a tie," said Figueiredo.

Either way the men will be playing at home on Sunday, so now it is simply a matter of "closing it out," as Figueiredo put it.

OPINION

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Silver linings

It is easy to become gloomy during this time of the year. Not only are the days becoming shorter, and not only is the air becoming cooler, but we're also at the height of an election season. We are constantly reminded of war—the war in Iraq, the war on terror. Politicians are mud-slinging. The College Democrats and College Republicans are squabbling. Allegations of scandals abound.

During this time of the year, news that provides us with hope is more than welcome. Luckily, we are receiving a substantial dose of it this week.

At Whittier Field on Sunday, more than 150 people walked and ran in memory of Phil Soule. Soule coached football and many other sports during a tenure of nearly 40 years at Bowdoin. When he died in January and a host of former and current athletes honored his memory by sharing theirs, it became clear that his legacy would not be soon forgotten. This was realized at Sunday's "Philad," which, by all accounts, was an overwhelming success. Proceeds from the event benefited the development of Bowdoin's coaches, along with the Nordic ski team. "It touched me, helping to keep Phil's memory alive," Phil's wife, Mo, told the Orient. "Bowdoin is such a warm and wonderful community—it was a great first event and we are looking forward to next year."

Heartwarming news came later in the week, too, as Alex Cornell du Houx '06 returned home from a tour of duty with the U.S. Marines in Iraq. With a steady flow of bad news coming out of Iraq—and the fact that Cornell du Houx was involved in real combat operations—many on campus let out an audible sigh of relief when his unit, Alpha Company, returned home to Fopsham yesterday. Cornell du Houx briefly spent time on campus saying hello to friends, and then returned to his home in Solon, Maine, for a night of R&R. He is expected back on campus today.

As daylight-saving time comes to a close and winter creeps nearer, perhaps it is best to remember a few lines from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, class of 1825:

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining.

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Raise your degree of success

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

When I was about eight years old, I asked my dad how expensive college is. He told me it cost \$20 each year to go. Because this was more money than I could ever imagine being in one place at one time, I panicked and began saving every nickel I could excavate from beneath the sofa cushions and every dime I could extract from between the car seats.

After an entire day of hunting for college savings, I was still worth a pittance. I was still worth a paltry \$1.65. Distracted, I ran to my Dad and asked him if he could please, please, please pay for me to go to college. He told me if I got him an ice cream sandwich from the freezer, he'd think about it.

When I got a little older, I discovered that college costs substantially more than \$20. I learned this when my best friend Jack, whose sisters were preparing to enroll, told me about how his dad had been complaining about the high cost of tuition.

"It's not that big a deal," I said. "College only costs \$20."

Jack, who because of his older sisters always knew more than me about everything, laughed and said, "Are you stupid? College costs thousands of dollars!" and punched me in the stomach.

Though I look forward to having kids so I too can exploit their naiveté for my convenience, I do not look forward to paying for their college education. If Jack's dad was complaining about how much tuition cost 10 years ago, I imagine that at this point he must be breathing fire.

For the past 11 years, the yearly tuition cost at four-year colleges has increased at a steeper rate than inflation. This year, average tuition at a four-year private college is \$30,367. A Bowdoin education (as you may or may not have inferred from the title of last week's column) costs \$46,300 per annum.

According to the calculator on my computer, this means that in order to send your kids to college long enough

to earn a degree, you'll have to pony up, on average, \$121,468 (not accounting for future tuition increases). If you want them to have a shiny Bowdoin College degree like yours, you're looking at a whistle-worthy \$185,200 price tag. It is my understanding that for an extra \$5,000, they'll make it glow in the dark.

My dad likes to let me know me every time he sends my tuition check. I usually remind him about how I got punched in the stomach because of his sadistic sense of humor. I guess he probably wins that duel.

So if college is so cripplingly expensive, why go? Why not invest that money someplace, watch it grow into a nest egg, and live on it?

Some people might say that education is the most valuable investment of all—that the intellectual curiosity that college nurtures in students allows our species to continue its march toward enlightenment.

Other people might say it's worth it for the free booze and birth control.

But for people who can't bring themselves to justify college in such idealistic or cynical terms, perhaps a new report by the U.S. Census Bureau can offer some insight into how we can quantify the value of an undergraduate degree.

According to the bureau's data, the average American college graduate makes \$51,554 per year, compared to the \$28,645 for adults with only a high school diploma. That values a college degree at just about \$23,000 a year.

Wow! So maybe college is worth the astronomical expense after all. If you're making an extra 23 grand per year, then your Bowdoin education will pay for itself in a quick eight years! If I can pay back my parents for four years at Bowdoin, I can finally start making my Dad feel guilty of making me look like a jackass when I was eight.

But wait a second. It seems that to fully rebate your tuition bills, we're looking at more than eight years. I mean, you'll probably hold an entry-level job for a few years before they start paying you a substantial wage—and that's assuming you choose to remain in the same profession. And what if you want to take some time off and travel after college?

Because some of you might be impatient like me and want to start seeing this 23 grand right now without

waiting for it to appear over the long term, I'll let you in on my master plan: a plan that ensures that your degree will start working for you just as soon as you're done working for it.

I call it "Degree-for-Hire"™. Once you've gotten your mitts on that magic, \$185,200 shred of paper, laminate it, frame it, stick a theft-prevention tracker on it, and start leasing it out. Get your hands on a copy of the Census Bureau report that corroborates that it is worth \$23,000 to ally skeptical lessees, and set the one-year lease price at around \$20,000 a year (**A \$23,000 DOLLAR VALUE, YOURS FOR THE LOW, LOW PRICE OF \$600 A MONTH!!!!**). You can have holiday specials, limited-time offers, all manner of "blowout"...the possibilities are endless (**JUST LIKE YOUR SAVINGS!!!!**).

The yearly profit from this scheme will provide you with a modest living wage, but that's not to say you can't live like a king (by "king," I mean person who makes an entry-level wage + \$23,000). You can use your degree to secure a job for yourself, and then lease it out to job-seekers. This way, your college education will pay for itself in eight years, you won't half to worry about long-term increases in student loan interest rates, and you can afford not to move back home after college. Plus you might even have a shot at financing your kids' college education. You win, the customer wins, your unborn children win—everybody wins!

It is only fair that at this point I mention that any philosophy majors who are getting excited about his plan should know that their degrees will be worth too little to sell at "Degree-for-Hire"—except maybe as a "free bonus" during special promotional periods.

Some of you might ask, "Won't it be a problem that my name is on the certificate and not the lessee's?" Well, excuse me if I've been too busy thinking up ideas that will make you rich to work out all the fine details. You're off the team, Naysayer.

Me, I'm already selling advance leases on my B.A. I have a Halloween special this weekend: Enter into a one-year lease agreement and receive the lyrics to the Bowdoin Alma Mater, absolutely free! It's a limited-time offer, so act NOW, NOW, NOW!!!

Remember Shingo Matsumoto

by Randy Nichols
CONTRIBUTOR

Shingo Matsumoto was a 21-year-old Bowdoin senior who was struck and killed by a truck while he was crossing Maine Street in front of Helmholtz House in December of 1995. The impact of that tragic day is still felt by many in the Bowdoin community. Other Bowdoin community members have been seriously injured in similar pedestrian crashes. Needless and avoidable tragedies like these leave a lasting impact, and we should take the opportunity to learn from them and work to prevent another injury or death.

Daylight-savings time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, as we turn our clocks back one hour. With less daylight and reduced visibility, now is a good time to think about the increased risks Bowdoin students, faculty, staff, and visitors face when using the nearly 30 crosswalks surrounding campus.

In Maine, people from age 15 to 24 account for nearly a quarter of all pedestrian crash victims. Friday is the most dangerous day of the week for pedestrians. Most crashes involving pedestrians occur between 4 and 6 p.m. Drivers usually claim that they did not see the pedestrians in time to avoid striking them. At night, use a flashlight or wear reflective clothing to afford drivers the opportunity to see you in time. Bowdoin reflective snap bands (available at the security office while they last) also help you be seen.

Although pedestrians in crosswalks legally have the right-of-way, it is important to remember that drivers cannot yield unless they see you. Make eye contact with the driver before crossing. The law states, "A pedestrian may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the operator to yield."

Near misses occur nearly every day around the Bowdoin campus. Never assume that drivers can or will stop. A driver could be intoxicated, distracted, or plain reckless. As drivers, it is our responsibility to be cautious, alert, and prepared to react. As pedestrians, it is our responsibility to ensure that it is safe to cross. Always cross in marked crosswalks, and use the flashing yellow warning lights that are embedded in the pavement at certain crosswalks—these lights have proven highly effective at stopping traffic and reducing crashes.

The Department of Safety and Security asks you to take a moment to remember Shingo and think about how we would all feel to lose another valued member of the Bowdoin community who was simply crossing the street.

Nichols is the director of safety and security at Bowdoin.

Democrats tout Baldacci, Priest Committee vital to common good

by Tom Rodrigues
and Charlie Ticotsky
CONTRIBUTORS

Two thousand and six is not a presidential election year, but there are important elections taking place all around the country and in Maine. Here in the "The Way Life Should Be" state, there are significant races you ought to know about as a Maine resident and potential voter.

Gov. John Baldacci, a Democrat, is up for his second term. During his first term, he balanced Maine's budget and erased a \$1.2 billion dollar deficit, while successfully creating a rainy-day fund of over \$100 million. He created the community college system in Maine, making higher education accessible in an unprecedented way for thousands of people. The Governor's environmental record is strong too. Baldacci has conserved over 900,000 acres of land during his first term, more acreage than in the previous 50 years combined. As a congressman in 2002, John Baldacci opposed the war in the Iraq.

The Republican candidate, state Sen. Chandler Woodcock, is a Bush Republican. The Portland Press Herald quoted Woodcock earlier this year as having said, "When it's the president, you always say yes." He

has stated that he supports limiting women's reproductive rights and is a proponent of teaching creationism in Maine's public schools. According to Project Vote Smart, his extreme views have earned him the following interest group ratings: 0 percent from the AFL-CIO in 2006, 0 percent from the Family Planning Association in 2004, 27 percent from the Maine League of Conservation Voters in 2005-2006, and 38 percent in 2005 and 0 percent in 2004 from the Maine Women's Lobby.

Democrats also hope to maintain an edge in the state legislature's two bodies. Currently they control each body by a narrow margin. Most Bowdoin students reside in District 63 and will be represented by a new state representative come January. Charlie Priest, a former state representative, is running on the Democratic ticket. His platform includes progressive views on environmental protection, equality, health care, and a prosperous Brunswick. Priest lives a block from the school and, if elected, would be a strong ally for Bowdoin and its students.

Perhaps the most critical issue on this year's ballot is the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), an Orwellian-named initiative. Also

known as Question 1, TABOR is being pushed in several states by out-of-state, far right-wing interests. TABOR gives voters more control over tax policy as the bait for people to vote for it, but it also becomes a destructive straitjacket on government decision-making. It passed in Colorado several years ago and the results were disastrous. Shortly after its passing, teacher's salaries in Colorado dropped from 30th to 50th in the nation.

The bill follows a conservative "starve the beast" political strategy: if you cut funding and lower taxes so much that programs cannot be maintained, they will disappear forever. In Colorado, the casualties included Medicaid funding, education allocations, and family planning services. TABOR also created a long-term budget crisis.

Lastly, we want to remind the Bowdoin community that it is never too late to vote in Maine. If you forgot to request an absentee ballot from home, you can register to vote on Election Day. We hope that students will embrace these races and make a point to learn more about them.

Rodrigues '06 and Ticotsky '07 are co-presidents of the College Democrats.

by Sam Minot
CONTRIBUTOR

Reading last week's Orient, we are reminded once again why President Barry Mills refused to create a permanent committee on crimes against humanity: not enough student activism.

In case you aren't familiar with the issue, such a committee would investigate whether Bowdoin or its endowment is involved in inadvertently supporting crimes against humanity, such as the current genocide in Darfur. A standing committee would eliminate the need to create an entirely new committee each and every time the world is faced with the enormity of something like the apartheid in South Africa or the genocide in Rwanda. By responding sooner, we would be that much more effective in serving the common good and would potentially save that many more lives.

Why is President Mills against this? He says it is because there has not been enough student protest over the issue since it has come up. How could that be? Isn't everyone against genocide? Well, that's the problem. In order to meaningfully protest, you need some-

one to protest against. We cannot convince the Janjaweed in Sudan to stop killing by marching across the Quad, and there's no one else to protest against. There's never been a strong pro-genocide movement on campus or anyone who objects to guarding against Bowdoin's current or future involvement in crimes against humanity.

To me, this unanimity indicates that action is to be swift and sure, while to others this seems to indicate the opposite. The fact that we haven't seen a large student mobilization for the creation of a standing committee is because there has yet to be any vocal presence that opposes it. The committee would be the perfect embodiment of Bowdoin's continuing commitment to the common good in how we protect ourselves into the world. It would enable us to respond quickly to crimes against humanity and not risk inadvertently worsening already dangerous situations.

Another thing that has been said is that if students care so much about crimes against humanity, they should create their own committees rather than asking the school to do so for them. This really took me aback when I first heard it, since last time I checked, I didn't have the authority to even look at the information on how Bowdoin invests our \$600 million endowment, let alone propose changes.

Bowdoin has already demonstrated that it is vital to uphold the common good in how we invest our endowment and our conscience. To create a standing committee would only decrease the time it takes to pull ourselves out of future situations as they develop, and not take three years, like we did with Darfur. The eminent practicability and necessity of this committee is perfectly obvious, and no one has given any reason why this proposal should not be adopted wholeheartedly. I find it rather perplexing to attribute a lack of action by the administration to the unanimity of the student body. A permanent committee represents the depth of our commitment to the common good and is something we can all support.

Minot '07 is a co-chair of the Democratic Left.



STUDENT SPEAK

What would your parents be doing if you visited them in college?



Dan No '09

"I'm going to be Count Pimpula."



Mac Evans '09

"Captain Hook minus the hook."



Theo Salter '07

"I'll still be dressed like a bum."



Samantha Bilbao '07

"I want to be an authentic Maine paperweight."



Chris Carlin '09 and James Yoo '09

"George Bush and Kim Jung Il."



Rhysly Martinez '09

"A ninja!"

Compiled by Nick Crawford '09 and Morgan MacLeod '09

WEEKLYCALENDAR

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Friday

"The Nature of Climate Change and its Impact in the Sri Lankan Economy"

Dr. Carmen Wickramagamage connects global warming to economic changes.
COMMON ROOM, ADAMS HALL,
12:30 P.M.

"Music as Odyssey"

Piano trio Triple Helix to charm the community with works from Shostakovich.
TILLOTSON ROOM, GIBSON HALL,
4-5 P.M.

"The Tenant"

Roman Polanski's 1976 thriller. Presented by the Bowdoin Film Society.
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

Sunday

Men's Varsity Soccer

Support the boys in the first round of NESCAC tournament play.
Opponent to be announced.
PICKARD FIELD,
12 P.M.

Monday

Jeff Zimman Lecture

CEO of Posit Science Corporation, marketers of brain health programs.
CLEVELAND 151, DRUCKENMILLER HALL,
4-5:30 P.M.

Tuesday

Siyaj

West Indies group to give a poetical and musical performance titled "Andidan Lawonn-La." Free for students.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

Wednesday

"Jewish Quotas in Clinical Psychology? The Journal of Clinical Psychology and Scandal of 1945"

Lecture by Ben Harris, president of the Society of the History of Psychology and fellow of the American Psychological Association.
ROOM 107, KANBAR HALL,
4 P.M.

Ladd Haunted House

Open to all who dare enter.
LADD HOUSE,
8-10 P.M.

Emerson Drive Concert

Come rock out to Billboard's top country artist of the year. Tickets available in the union. Free admission for students.
MORRELL GYM,
8 P.M.

Nicaragua Benefit Concert

Student bands perform to support the Alternative Spring Break trip to Nicaragua. \$5 suggested donation.
JACK MAGEE'S PUB,
10 P.M.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient
Sophomore Adam Kaplan is dressed to impress and ready to decorate Ladd for this weekend's haunted house.

Stand Up For Peace

Stand-up comedy duo to perform about conflicts in the Middle East.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

"Palestinian Politics, Peace, and Hamas"

Lecture by Dr. Khalil Shikaki in a series sponsored by the government department.
BEAM CLASSROOM, VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

Saturday

Swashbuckle Metal Concert

Don't miss this pirate-themed heavy metal concert.
MACMILLAN HOUSE,
7-9 P.M.

Chicago Classical Oriental Ensemble

The ensemble will give a classical Arabic concert titled "The Songs of Sheikh Sayyed Darweesh."
TILLOTSON ROOM, GIBSON HALL,
7:30 P.M.

Ladd Haunted House

LADD HOUSE,
8-10 P.M.

Howell House Rap and R&B Concert

Dance the night away to mixes by DJ Daryl. Campus-wide.
HOWELL HOUSE,
9 P.M.

Thursday

"It Doesn't Take a Genius"

Tommie Lindsey, an author and former "Genius Grant" recipient, gives the Brodie Family Lecture in education.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

SANE

Jennifer Pierce-Weeks, of the New Hampshire Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, speaks about sexual violence on college campuses.
ROOM 315,
SEARLES SCIENCE BUILDING,
7-8:30 P.M.

"Better to Live than Die"

Six-week film series, "On the Border: Documentary Perspectives on Modern China."
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7:30-9:30 P.M.

"The Skin of Our Teeth"

Thornton Wilder's comedy is presented by the Bowdoin theater and dance department.
MEMORIAL HALL, PICKARD THEATER,
8 P.M.

Mammals Lead Singers

Ruth Unger and Michael Merenda '98 to perform their newest releases.
MACMILLAN HOUSE,
8:30 P.M.



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BOWDOIN VOTES 2006



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With taxing and spending limitations under consideration and a proposal on the table that would consolidate town K-5 facilities, schools like Longfellow, above, may face changes in the near future.

Schools at stake?

TABOR would affect taxes, town services

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

Student groups are gearing up for what could be a close vote on the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), a referendum issue on the November 7 ballot.

If approved, the referendum would set strict limits on tax and spending increases at the municipal level that could only be waived with a two-thirds city or town council majority, and then by a simple majority of the public. The language of TABOR also indicates that the state would be bound by these limits, though an analysis by the attorney general has determined that it does not apply at this level.

Proponents of the referendum say that if passed, it would curb rampant taxation in a state

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School board to face elementary questions

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

While the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) is getting the majority of the attention on the Bowdoin campus, a race for at-large school board representative between incumbent Malcolm Andrews and challenger Kathy Thorson highlights an issue that could have a similarly significant effect on local public schools.

Last November, Brunswick Superintendent of Schools James Ashe proposed a plan that would close Longfellow School and Hawthorne School, both local K-5 (kindergarten through fifth grade) elementary schools, and eliminate K-5 schools from the Brunswick system altogether.

Under Ashe's proposal, Brunswick kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students

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Misconduct policy in final stages

by Mary Helen Miller
and Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin is taking measures to adopt a new sexual assault and misconduct policy for students. The policy creates a refined definition of consent, designates procedures for a non-college third-party to investigate allegations, and differentiates between sexual assault and misconduct allegations.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Mary Pat McMahon said the proposed policy is more comprehensive than current rules and "anticipates the questions people might have."

The 14-page policy, which was adapted from the policy used by the University of Virginia, is currently

open to the public for review.

"We're in the phase where we're asking for feedback from people," McMahon said.

Under the policy, allegations may be considered a case of sexual assault or sexual misconduct. With the misconduct standard, the alleged assailant would fail to gain "effective consent" but would have not intended to harm the victim.

The policy holds that consent consists of "words or actions that show a voluntary agreement to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity."

"The definition of consent, to my mind, is vital," McMahon said. McMahon led the creation of the policy for the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

The policy does not detail specific words or actions that would indicate consent. If a student opts for a formal hearing with the Sexual Assault and Misconduct Board, the board will determine whether consent was given.

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Cultural groups may be moved

Some students irked by potential relocation from Boody-Johnson House

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

There is a plaque in Boody-Johnson House recognizing the Abromson family's provision of "funds for the promotion of ethnic, cultural and religious understanding in this house." However, the 2007-08 academic year may find this plaque, along with the College's cultural student groups, inhabiting 30 College St. instead.

Currently, 18 multicultural student groups on campus have access to Johnson House for meetings, club events, and gatherings. Three students live in the building as club representatives, and Hillel, Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Asian Students Association (ASA), and Korean Students Association (KASA) maintain in-house offices.

Bowdoin officials and student members of the affected multicultural organizations attended a meeting about a potential move on Friday, October 27. Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Multicultural Student Programs Wil Smith, and Director of First Year Student Programs Stacey Jones explained the proposed change of location and sought student input.

Currently it is unclear how the multicultural groups would share 30 College St., whether any students would live there, or if it would be office or programming space.

BOODY SHAKE-UP

Currently, Johnson House is a space for different cultural student groups.

- Last Friday, Bowdoin officials held a meeting to discuss the future of Johnson House, announcing a plan to move these groups to 30 College St.
- According to Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, moving these student groups from Johnson House would free up space that could be used for academic departments and programs.
- Some students open to a move, and others disheartened by lack of input in the decision-making process.

"I think relocating all these functions closer to the center of campus in a multicultural/multifaith house would give us the opportunity to create a more dynamic living and meeting area in a space that could more naturally connect students, faculty and staff," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster in an email.

"This move would also open up Johnson-Boody for academic program use. What that use would be is not clear but there are all kinds of space challenges for academic departments that could potentially be addressed," he said.

Foster said the goal of the meeting was to explain the College's commitment to its students and dedication to make the switch next year.

"There are still a number of important issues to work through, but if we are able to move ahead, we have resources we can use to make some simple renovations to 30 College St. These might include

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Power outage puts prospectives in dark

by Chris Marotta
STAFF WRITER

Prospective students in town for the Bowdoin Invitational last weekend got a sense of what a Maine winters looks like, as a power outage left the campus dark early in the afternoon.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, campus security officer Amy Boyd noticed that Security had ceased receiving communications from the Smith House fire and emergency systems.

Several minutes later, the south

side of campus lost power, touching off an almost campus-wide power outage that left students and tens of thousands of other Brunswick residents in the dark.

Bowdoin responded promptly to the outage. With more than 15 buildings equipped with generators, much of Bowdoin life was able to continue as normal.

Running on generator power, dinner at Thorne Hall continued as usual. In addition to dinner, Thorne also was able to serve Super Snack

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Cultural groups could be moved to 30 College St.; group members cite need for specialized space

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establishing a small kosher/halal cooking area for Jewish and Muslim students, prayer and meeting spaces, residential spaces for several students to live there, et cetera," he said.

However, students who attended the meeting expressed concern that they were not contacted beforehand for any discussion. Co-President of LASO Doris Ramirez '07 said that Friday's meeting was the first she had heard of the situation.

"I figured the meeting was about renovations to Johnson House, because I had heard rumors about the upstairs kitchen being fixed up. They broke the news that Johnson House would be used for academic program next year... It was pretty much given to us as 'this is what's going to happen' and we weren't involved with the actual decision process," she said.

Hillel Religious Chair Liz Leiwant '08 said that the whole process "didn't go through the usual channels we would want it to go through." She said groups have taken steps to set up Johnson House "with the understanding that we'd be there for a while."

Students of the groups familiar with Johnson House said that they'll miss using the space for potluck dinners, backyard candle lightings, and other gatherings.

ASA Johnson House Representative Chris Lew '09 said that switching from the house is "disheartening" because of his memories of the cultural events in the space. Ramirez said that as an LASO member since freshman year, Johnson House has sentimental value to her.

"We've really grown into the space and it has grown into us... We all feel

at home in there, as opposed to the unfamiliar feeling from a dorm. We can walk into the kitchen and cook something that's familiar, or go up into the office and feel comfortable. It's just a really friendly space," said Ramirez.

Foster commented that while the building is a "beautiful space," it is "very underutilized by student groups." In addition, because of the "age, structure and condition" of Johnson house, it cannot undergo any dramatic renovations.

"I know that some of the functions that have taken place there have been very nice, but I don't think any of this needs to be lost. In fact, I think the opportunity exists to build on what we have," he added.

Leiwant said that she appreciates Johnson House's open spaces and facilities, and that the switch to 30 College St. will require groups to think about how to redesign the interior of the new building.

"We do have an opportunity to reevaluate our new space," she said. "We need to ask, should people live there? Which groups should have offices? Would those offices be shared? What kind of common space do we need?"

President of Hillel Michael Peiser '07 addressed the fact that other liberal arts colleges have different situations for multicultural groups and that "we'll need to look at some of the principles that Bowdoin was founded upon and how they work within the house."

Wesleyan and Tufts universities, for example, both have a large selection of multicultural houses to live in. Wesleyan's upperclassmen living arrangements, featuring small houses

"Diversity is growing at Bowdoin and a huge part of attracting students is showing that these are active groups on campus."

Liz Leiwant '08
Hillel Religious Chair

close to campus, allows for students to live in a French, German, Japanese, Chinese, Buddhist, Russian, women of color, or international house, to name a few.

More similar to Bowdoin's arrangement, Middlebury College features a PALANA Intercultural Center for students. Senior Advisor of Institutional Diversity at Middlebury College Leroy Nesbitt said that Middlebury created the multicultural space 15 years ago.

The space is larger than Bowdoin's and more comprehensive, featuring 10 residential spaces for students on the top floor, communal space with a styled kitchen on the second, various offices on the first, and classroom and faculty office space in the basement.

"It is a living and learning center to promote intercultural unity and use," Nesbitt told the Orient. "I always argue that the best part of the building is the multicultural experiences of students. They are challenged to learn about each other's culture, lifestyle, and past... I'm not a fan of individual cultural houses, I think the point is to respect multiculturalism and learn from one another."

Lew said that his ideal vision of the multicultural house would be similar to that of Middlebury's.

"In my eyes, the investment in

building a new multicultural center would be worthwhile since it could accommodate the ever-growing population of diverse students," he said.

"Such a building could house a multicultural library, various ethnic studies department offices, multicultural organization offices, and provide housing for each of the respective multicultural representatives. Such a feature could make Bowdoin an even more appealing choice in the eyes of prospective students; I know it would have been for me."

If the College confirms plans to move the multicultural groups to 30 College St., Leiwant said that she thinks that it is important to think big and on a long-term scale to make sure that the groups' needs will be met.

"Diversity is growing at Bowdoin and a huge part of attracting students is showing that these are active groups on campus," she said. "Whatever space we have facilitates us in being able to provide different events. Not all our programs were at Johnson House, but bringing them into the new space is critical, as is what that space looks like."

Peiser said he wondered if it would be possible to wait until the end of the College's capital campaign to design a new multicultural house. Such a process would demand temporary

space, however, which he said "would hurt the groups without room to grow." KASA President Jin-Sun Kim '07 said that she sees some benefits behind the switch to 30 College St. She pointed out that it is more centrally located on campus and offers plenty of bedrooms that can be converted into creative spaces.

"Ideally, a larger space would be nicer, because there are more groups now than just the number that fit in Johnson House—some are excluded," Kim said. "Merely having a larger space, 30 College St. or otherwise, is a good idea so that more groups can be represented."

Peiser said he wants the decision making process to involve all affected students and administration.

"It really does open up a chance to have a dialogue with other multicultural organizations," he said. "If we know we're being moved out and really want to enhance the multicultural side, then this gives us a chance to really look back at our time at Bowdoin and see what we're missing. There's a chance that 30 College doesn't fit that plan, but it is good that we can reflect on what has worked and not, and open a dialogue with the administration."

Foster said that any renovations would not take place until after the 2006-2007 academic year. He added that the completion of the current dorm renovations would offset the loss of the nine residential spaces for upperclassmen at 30 College St.

"Space challenges are tricky to work through and change is never easy but I think this can be a win-win for students and for the academic program. This is a wonderful opportunity to imagine possibilities," he said.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 10/26 TO 11/2

Thursday, October 26

•An ill student was transported from Thorne Hall to Dudley Coe Health Center.

•A student reported that an unlocked green Apollo MXR2000 mountain bike was stolen from Hyde Plaza near the polar bear sometime between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. The bike bears Bowdoin registration 02484.

Friday, October 27

•An intoxicated Helmreich House student who was attempting to walk across College Street was cited for an alcohol policy violation. A report was filed with the dean of student affairs.

•Two Brunswick Apartment R students were cited for holding an unregistered event and possessing hard liquor in their apartment. A report was filed with the dean's office.

•Security and Brunswick Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Cleveland Street Apartments. A student resident claimed to have activated a pull station accidentally.

•Two first-year students were cited with alcohol policy violations for holding an unregistered event in their dorm and for possessing beer and hard liquor. A report was filed with the dean's office.

•Students in East Hall activated a fire alarm when they burned food they were preparing in the common kitchen.

Saturday, October 28

•Security officers checking Stowe Inn detected a strong odor of marijuana in the building. The officers followed the wafting smoke trail to a second floor apartment and spoke with the four stu-

dent occupants. A small bag of marijuana was seized. A report was filed with the dean's office.

•At 1:39 p.m., the southern half of campus experienced a power failure during a storm with heavy winds and rain.

•At 5:15 p.m., the northern half of campus lost power.

•A student reported the theft of a teal Bianchi bicycle from Pine Street Apartments.

•A student who fainted at Morrell Lounge was transported to Midcoast Hospital for evaluation.

•An injured soccer player was transported from Farley Field to Dudley Coe Health Center and then to Parkview Hospital.

Sunday, October 29

•An intrusion alarm at Banister Hall was activated by grounds personnel working near the building.

•A second intrusion alarm at Banister Hall was activated by a stack of chairs that had fallen.

•The fire alarm at Coles Tower was activated during the campus-wide power failure. The building was evacuated and Brunswick Fire Department responded. The exact cause of the false alarm was not immediately determined.

•Students residing in a Brunswick Apartment reported that a male wearing a red shirt and tan pants threw a glass bottle through their apartment window and then fled at 1:00 a.m.

•Power to the northern half of campus was restored at 1:45 a.m.

•A fire alarm at MacMillan House was activated at 1:55 a.m. Responding security officers smelled marijuana smoke in the basement and discovered that a fire extinguisher had been discharged. Brunswick Fire department responded.

•Power to the campus was fully restored at 2:46 a.m.

Monday, October 30

•An abandoned blue 1983 Volvo bearing New York registration DJH8896 was towed from Farley parking lot to Atlantic Towing.

•The Safe Ride van backed into a student's vehicle that was parked at the Stowe Inn rear lot. The van received minor damage and the other vehicle was undamaged.

•A student's laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle that was parked at the Hannaford supermarket on Maine Street in Brunswick. The vehicle was left unlocked while the student was shopping. The computer is a silver Apple Power Book with a 12-inch screen. A report was filed with the Brunswick Police Department.

Tuesday, October 31

•There was a false fire alarm at Sargent Gymnasium.

•A false second floor fire alarm at Moulton House was caused by popcorn being cooked in a microwave oven.

Wednesday, November 1

•An intrusion alarm at Banister Hall was activated when a piece of heavy furniture was dropped.

Thursday, November 2

•A security officer recovered a missing parking sign from a student's dorm room in Howard Hall.

DID YOU KNOW that Maine law states that no person may furnish, sell, or provide alcohol to a person under 21? It is also illegal to allow a person under 21 to possess or consume alcohol in any place under one's control.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

Array of generators keeps lights burning

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despite the power loss.

"You can't kill Super Snack," said Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols.

In addition to the dinner and Super Snack, the annual Bowdoin Invitational was another part of campus life that went on despite electricity. According to Associate Dean of Admissions Erby Mitchell, "The students I spoke with found it somewhat hilarious...for some it reinforced the myth that Maine is in the middle of nowhere, while for others it served as another sign of Bowdoin's commitment to energy conservation!"

However, not everything on Bowdoin campus ran smoothly. Despite being tested every two weeks, some campus generators failed to maintain power. Moulton Union's and Hawthorne and Longfellow Library's generators both experienced difficulties. In addition, at 4 p.m. the generator running the Security's communications center blew out.

"It is old and smaller than desirable...It burned out right in the middle of the power outage," said Director of Facilities Management Ted Stam. Facilities was in the process of installing a new generator that is now up and running.

While the majority of the campus

lost power, the college houses and Boody Street dorm all were able to maintain electricity. Baxter residents took advantage of their power and held a get-together, which was subsequently broken up by Security.

However, according to Nichols, there were few other problems throughout the night.

"It was a quiet night on campus," he said.

With the IT generator up and running, Nichols was able to send out e-mails keeping the campus informed on the status of the outage. In addition, Security went to Maine and Winthrop to pass out glow sticks that were recently purchased by the Department of Safety and Security.

"You'd see groups of students all over campus, just glowing," he said.

According to Tim Hurling of Central Maine Power (CMP), Saturday's storm was more violent than expected. On Friday, CMP spent the day preparing, expecting power lines to go out during the storm. Despite preparations, Saturday was hectic for CMP.

"You made repairs in an area and thought you were pretty much done and then the wind would pick up and take out another line," said Hurling. In all, CMP estimated that 20,000 people were left without power in the Brunswick area on Saturday night.

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Debate coach Lindsey takes Bowdoin stage

by Sam Waxman
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Tommy Lindsey Jr. doesn't let his students off the hook as soon as the bell rings.

"No matter what you do," Lindsey said at the Brodie Family Lecture on Thursday, "class is never dismissed."

While many students in disadvantaged areas fall behind their peers in school, Lindsey taps their potential, turning them into award-winning debaters and students, thus priming them for success throughout their lives.

Lindsey recently won a MacArthur Genius grant for his work at James Logan High School in Union City, California, as a debate coach.

According to Lindsey, his interest in teaching began in sixth grade, when he realized that teaching was about "being able to give."

After he graduated from college, he said that he felt a "calling back to the classroom," and began to teach in a juvenile detention center, where he learned the importance of a community among students.

Lindsey was later offered a job at Logan High School in Union City, and has been teaching there since 1988. He built the forensics team from nonexistence to one of the best in the country.

Under Lindsey's tutelage, the Logan

High School forensics team has won numerous awards. A member of the team has won the California State Championships five out of the last 11 years, and they won the School of Excellence Award from the National Forensics league all eight years of its existence.

But beyond winning trophies, the most important aspect of Lindsey's message is for his students to apply what they learn in forensics to whatever other endeavors they attempt.

Lindsey also inspires his students to give back to the community through forensics, telling his students that they should reward his efforts by becoming "a voice for the voiceless."

His efforts as a coach cause Lindsey's students to excel in other areas besides debate: For many of them, their grades improve, and 95 percent of them attend college, compared to 40 percent of the rest of the school's population.

Michael Josi, former student of Lindsey's and current sophomore at Harvard College, elaborated on Lindsey's influence, stressing the power of "what speech and debate can do for anybody."

Summarizing the mission statement of the Logan High School forensics team, Lindsey said that he and his students do not learn the art of rhetoric to win tournaments, rather, "we do forensics to win everything else."

New policy refines definition of consent

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McMahon said the same standards apply to students under the influence of drugs or alcohol. "If there's a point where you're doing something you would not do sober, you're not giving effective consent," she said.

In cases where a person is intoxicated, McMahon said a "stundering" if consent has been given should ask, "Is that person too drunk?"

"It's not an opportunity," she said. "It's cause to slow down."

The policy offers three methods of handling complaints. Under current rules, a complaint is dealt with through a formal hearing with the board or mediation. The new policy would also allow for the option of a structured meeting between the two parties. That meeting cannot be the basis for formal sanctions against the alleged assailant, but can result in protective action by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

If the accuser instead opts for a formal hearing, the case is heard by the Sexual Assault and Misconduct Board. Under the new policy, the board will hire an impartial third party to investigate basic information related to the case. McMahon said the investigator will interview the involved parties and make a written report to the board. Under current rules, the board acts as both the investigator and judge.

In an email sent to all Bowdoin employees and students this week, Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster encouraged the Bowdoin community to read the policy, which has been posted on the College's web site, and send feedback to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

McMahon said she hopes to have the policy in place by the start of next semester. The current policy will stay in place for allegations of sexual harassment or cases where a non-student is accused.

To usher in the new policy, the College has created a Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team (SARRT). The organization is co-chaired by Director of the Counseling Service Bernie Hershberger and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Joann Canning.

"Especially at college it's not always black and white," she said.

BSG rehashes dean's visit, reviews misconduct policy

Brooks presents document
in reply to administrator's
visit two weeks ago

by Travis Dagenais
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) reflected on its recent discussion with Dean of Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd and looked ahead to next week's discussion of Bowdoin's revised sexual misconduct policy during its meeting on Wednesday.

Two weeks ago, Judd met with BSG to discuss academic affairs, and many BSG members felt that the ensuing discussion was not productive. While some students voiced this concern last week and the group went into executive session, in which the Orient was barred from the room, Wednesday's meeting involved a more concrete response to Judd's presentation and laid a general framework for future engagements with administrators.

Vice President for BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 presented a document outlining the importance of meeting with administrators and suggesting ways to make these discussions more dynamic.

"This is an attempt to address what was clearly a problem," Brooks stated during the meeting. "Something went really wrong. We have to respect [administrators], but they have to respect us with legitimate answers."

While the document listed a new meeting location as an "essential" change, Rebecca Ginsberg '07 felt this point was overstated.

"Even though in this particular instance, the change of location would have made a difference in the dynamic of the meeting," Ginsberg stated in an email to the Orient, "I don't think that's necessarily true for all administrators with whom we will potentially be meeting."

The document, titled "An Approach for Interaction: Effective Engagement with Administrators," also calls for

"We have to respect [administrators], but they have to respect us with legitimate answers."

Dustin Brooks '08
Vice President for BSG Affairs

mutual respect and frankness between BSG and the administration and asks that meeting moderators clearly define the rules and purposes of each meeting before beginning discussions.

"The purpose of the document is to formally respond to questions regarding our executive session and to enable each member's voice to be adequately captured in addressing such a sensitive topic," noted BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 in an email.

"It does not state that we will only engage administrators in specific ways but highlights the importance of being sensitive to certain dynamics when so doing," he said.

Emily Hubbard '07 noted some of BSG's own faults in dealing with administrators.

"Each conversation should have someone follow up quickly and specifically after the meeting," she suggested.

Other BSG members were generally hesitant on officially accepting the document without revision. After a few moments of calm deliberation, Clark Gascoigne '08 motioned to table the issue, with 17 members supporting the tabling while Charlie Ticsotsky '07 opposed it and Carolyn Chu '07 abstained.

In preparation for next week's meeting, which will include Associate Dean of Student Affairs Mary Pat McMahon, BSG also discussed changes in Bowdoin's sexual misconduct policy (see story, page 1). Chu contrasted the recently

revised policies with the College's former set of regulations.

"The big differences are the new definition of 'effective consent' and therefore what is meant by 'sexual misconduct,'" Chu said after the meeting.

Previously, the College's policies covered only "sexual assault." The new policy also encompasses "sexual misconduct," making the policy more comprehensive.

Chu also highlighted the new, more extensive process of filing a sexual misconduct or sexual assault complaint and the more proactive role that the Office of Student Affairs will assume.

Chu added that the new policy had not been enacted by the College yet, and that there still was "a lot of gray area in something we don't want to have gray area in."

The sexual misconduct policy will be a central focus of next week's meeting.

In addition to these issues, students briefly discussed BSG's Darfur Resolution, noting that BSG needed a more solid outline of what actions BSG will take concerning the issue. Torri Parker '07 stressed the need for full community involvement, including faculty, in actions related to Darfur.

"As students, we can't always organize ourselves sufficiently," Parker stated, "which is why I stress that faculty be involved."

BSG also addressed the iTunes U feature which recently appeared on the Student Gateway section of Bowdoin's web site. The program allows faculty and students to share audio and video content, including podcasts of interviews and lectures.

McKesson felt that iTunes U was a "great idea in theory," but needed further planning in order to become a success.

Vice President of Student Organizations Stephanie Witkin '07 felt that in light of a general student unawareness of the program, campus advertising would best inform students.

BOWDOIN BRIEFS

College Dems withdraw complaint; GOP's tabled

A potential showdown between the College Republicans and College Democrats in front of the Maine Ethics Commission deflated on Tuesday as the Democrats withdrew their complaint and the commission tabled the Republicans' request.

The Democrats had alleged improper coordination between a gubernatorial campaign and the Republicans' political action committee. When the commission's staff found that there appeared no reason for the commission to hear the allegations, the Democrats withdrew their complaint. However, the organization then requested that the full Ethics Committee hear the case, but dropped it again this week.

The Republicans' own complaint against the Democrats was tabled until a later date, Martha Demeritt, the commission's registrar, said.

According to Demeritt, the commission tabled the Republicans'

complaint because Maine College Democrats President Oliver Radwan '08 said he did not receive a copy of the complaint in advance.

In a letter to the commission, Maine College Republicans Chairman Nate Walton alleged that the College Democrats did not file the spending and fundraising disclosures necessary under state campaign finance law following satirist Al Franken's visit to Bowdoin and Bates colleges last year.

Demeritt said the complaint would likely be heard by the commission later in November or in December since it is not a time-sensitive issue for this election.

-Bobby Guereite

Serwer named managing editor of Fortune magazine

Andy Serwer '81 has been named managing editor of Fortune magazine, Time Inc. announced Tuesday.

Serwer, 47, graduated from the College with honors in history. He later earned a master's in business administration from Emory University in Atlanta and a master's

in journalism from Columbia University in New York.

According to Time Inc., Fortune is the leading biweekly business magazine. Serwer currently appears on CNN's American Morning, and will continue to have a role on CNN, Time Inc. said in a press release.

Serwer joined Fortune in 1985 as an intern while studying at Columbia. He became editor-at-large in 1998. He writes the "Street Life" column for the magazine and a column with the same name for the magazine's web site.

"No matter what project Andy takes on, he handles it with intelligence, wit and energy," Time Inc. Editor-in-Chief John Huey said in a release. "It is also safe to say that no journalist knows today's business story better than Andy Serwer."

Serwer has spoken about his profession on campus in the past. In 2001, he gave a lecture during Reunion Weekend. He also has given the Tom Cassidy Lecture, which brings a distinguished journalist to the College to offer a public lecture and meet with students and faculty.

-Bobby Guereite

Having secured state funding for a new elementary school, School Board deliberates reconfiguration

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would be divided between the town's two remaining elementary schools—Coffin School and Jordan Acres School—while all students in grades 3-5 would be placed in a yet-to-be-built 750-student school.

This proposal has met with ardent criticism from some local parents and School Board members. Thorson, wife of Bowdoin Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy Mark Battle and mother of a Longfellow kindergartener, is running for at-large School Board representative on an anti-consolidation platform. In an interview with the Orient, she cited research showing that students excel more in a smaller school environment.

"Research clearly shows that replacing small schools with larger ones actually makes socioeconomic differences worse... Small K-5 schools are better because teachers and administrators know the children, parents are more involved, and older students can mentor younger ones," she said at an October 23 speech at the School Board candidates forum.

"I'm going with the research," she said Wednesday in an interview with the Orient. "Why would we opt for something of lesser value educationally for students?"

Competing research

Thorson's platform was inspired by research brought to her attention by Bowdoin Department of Education Chair Charles Dorn. In a commentary published in the Brunswick Times Record in January, Dorn wrote, "In study after study, small schools (500 or fewer students) produce higher student achievement, a decrease in behavior problems, higher attendance rates, increased extracurricular participation, improved instructional quality, and improved teacher working conditions and job satisfaction."

However, Ashe believes that most data cited by Dorn and Thorson are not directly relevant to Brunswick elementary schools.

"I know people immediately say 'research,'" he said in an interview with the Orient. "But most of the time the research they're talking about with small schools is with high schools."

Ashe also said that many educational studies that opponents of his

proposal have touted are conducted in urban communities, and that it doesn't make sense to apply their findings to Brunswick.

Dorn refuted Ashe's arguments in an interview yesterday with the Orient, saying that research of small schools has been going on for over 30 years, and includes studies at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, in both urban and suburban environments. He suggested that because recently small school research has begun to focus more heavily on high schools, Ashe might not be aware of the body of elementary school research that has been growing since the 1970s.

"Rarely do the results of so many studies generate such consistent findings," Dorn wrote in his January 2006 op-ed, which also quoted a U.S. Department of Education researcher as saying, "Research has repeatedly found small schools to be superior to large schools on most measures... This holds true for both elementary and secondary students of all ability levels in all kinds of settings."

Still, Ashe said that School Board members and Brunswick residents should be focusing on studies regarding elementary education in Maine, not the country at large. He cited a February 2006 study commissioned by the Maine Legislature's Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and conducted by Dr. David L. Silvernail, director of the Maine Education Policy Research Institute.

Silvernail's study found that in Maine elementary schools, average grade size has no negative effect on students' Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) scores. In fact, children in grades with 57 or more students scored slightly higher on average than children in smaller grades. Additionally, the study found that larger grade sizes mean each student costs less to educate.

"Just because you're small doesn't mean you're going to be a high-performance school," said Ashe.

In contrast to the data cited by Dorn and Thorson, Silvernail's study also indicated that among Maine elementary schools, principals from schools with more students per grade reported less bullying and higher levels of student motivation.

The report concludes that these analyses "provide substantial evi-

dence that some of the fairly widely held assumptions about the benefits of small schools do not hold true for Maine schools."

Building for the future

The town of Brunswick is currently home to four K-5 elementary schools: Longfellow, Hawthorne, Coffin School, and Jordan Acres.

The latter two hold a portion of their classes in outdated "portable" classroom buildings. These "trailers" have been part of the schools' landscapes for so long that their portability is all but trivial. Originally intended to provide five-year relief, the portables at Jordan Acres have been around for nearly two decades. Some of the ones at Coffin have been part of that school for even longer.

Several years ago, the School Board resolved to take action to finally get rid of the trailers and address the space concerns of the town's ailing elementary schools. According to Ashe, the board told him to find out whether it would be economically feasible to renovate the schools.

"We very quickly learned that we couldn't get the space we needed for Hawthorne," he said. "Then we looked at the other schools, and when you start doing renovations, you trigger all new costs... pretty soon it got so expensive that we went, 'Wait a minute, we can't possibly do these renovations.'"

Ashe and the board decided that the next logical move was to apply for support from the state of Maine. They submitted separate applications for each of the four elementary schools, plus the junior high school. After a number of months, the Maine Board of Education decided that Hawthorne could not adequately serve student needs and agreed to finance a new school in Brunswick.

As a condition, the Maine Board of Education told the Brunswick board that it would have to devise a "master plan"—one that could be sustainable for the next half a century—for elementary education in Brunswick before it would approve funds for a building project.

The board's original plan called for the construction of a new K-5 elementary school to replace Hawthorne. But after doing research, Ashe decided that he thought that the money pledged by the state for a new school would not cover the cost of all-

day kindergarten, special education programs, English as a Second Language programs, and other important programs and services without increasing the burden on local taxpayers.

That's when he devised the plan to house all students in grades 3-5 in the new school, divide K-2 among Coffin and Jordan Acres, and close Longfellow.

Just two sides?

Kathy Thorson, the candidate for at-large representative, has made the original plan—to keep Longfellow open and use the state money to build a new K-5 school—part of her platform.

"We don't want consolidation for 50 years," she said.

In her speech at the candidates forum, Thorson quoted from a note the Brunswick School Department sent to the state in 2004, which reads, "A wide range of options were considered and it was determined that consolidation within the school district is not practicable, and that maintaining elementary schools in the 350-500 student range best meets the needs of Brunswick."

Referring back to her research, Thorson said, "If you want to do something for the kids, keep the smaller schools."

She also claimed that Ashe is focusing too much on minimizing the taxpayers' burden and isn't prioritizing the needs of the elementary school students.

"Most of his reasons are all for adults," she said, adding that Ashe has "a business background, not an educational one."

Thorson is not the only one with concerns about Ashe's latest proposal. Bowdoin alumnus Bob Morrison '52, who holds the other at-large seat on the school board, is troubled by the prospect of elementary students needing to change schools after second grade.

"If you put kids in transitions, that creates problems of adjustment for some kids," he told the Orient on Wednesday.

Ashe disagreed, saying that real transition difficulties happen when the students from the four separate elementary schools have to move into one junior high school. The latest proposal would ameliorate that problem because all public school students would be in the same school beginning in third grade.

Current Longfellow parent Henry C. W. Laurence, who is a professor of Asian studies and government at Bowdoin, is concerned that consolidating grades 3-5 would reduce the quality of elementary education in Brunswick and would therefore make it less attractive to faculty members who want to raise a family here.

"A good public school system is vital for attracting good faculty and staff, because private school is not an option on a Bowdoin faculty salary," he wrote Wednesday in an email to the Orient.

While Thorson has taken a hard line against Ashe's new plan, incumbent at-large representative Malcolm Andrews has refused to take a stance on the Ashe plan, telling the Times Record last Friday that "it would be irresponsible for me to make up my mind while the process is still ongoing."

"To discuss this in terms of only two possibilities, regardless of the public discussions of a year ago, is an over-simplification of the planning problem at hand today," he told the Orient.

"The real hazard in this process is that if individuals approach the board with single-minded views and refuse to entertain other opinions, the synergy and problem-solving ability of the group will be diminished," he said.

Ashe agreed that the issue of reconfiguration should not be a matter of taking sides. He said that despite the fact that he was the one who proposed the latest plan, it matters little to him which plan is put into action.

"This is just one idea," he said. "When we get done working with the architect, the building committee... this idea that I threw on the table might not be the best approach."

People's choice

Andrews is the only School Board representative whose seat is being contested this election. Both his name and Thorson's will appear on the ballot in every district next Tuesday.

The School Board will research and deliberate how to reconfigure the elementary school system in light of a new facility for the next year. The board's eventual decision will be put to a referendum vote next winter. No matter which grades of students it ends up housing, the board hopes to open the new school in 2010.

Expert says that TABOR's effect on Bowdoin would be 'attenuated', though municipal services may suffer

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where tax burden as a percentage of income was the highest of any state in 2005, according to the Taxpayers Network, a nonprofit organization.

Opponents cite a similar bill's impact in Colorado, where they say it has crippled the state's higher education system and reduced other government services.

At Bowdoin, liberal student groups, spearheaded by the Bowdoin College Democrats (BCD), have formed the Anti-TABOR Coalition to help prevent the bill's passage.

"The most important thing is to inform [students] about what happened in Colorado," said Darren Fishell '09, communications director of BCD.

"There are just a few key points, and if students understand those, they can make a confident deci-

sion," he said.

According to Sam Minot '08, co-chair of the Democratic Left, another reason to oppose TABOR is its national significance. TABOR-like initiatives have been proposed in at least five other states, and a similar measure is pending in Oregon.

"This is really a national thing," Minot said. "If this were successful here, I'd really worry for public education and the environment across the country."

As far as TABOR's impact on Bowdoin, if passed, it appears that any effects would be indirect.

Steve Joyce, director of student aid, said in an email that Bowdoin's student aid sources would be unaffected.

"I don't imagine passage of TABOR will impact Bowdoin students much," he said.

"Our state grant program is funded in large part by sources out-

side the tax system, so I expect state grants to be insulated from this."

Robert Frank, a partner at the Portland law firm Harvey and Frank who has researched the issue extensively but is not affiliated with either side, also said that the direct impact of TABOR on Bowdoin would probably be minimal.

"The effect of TABOR [on Bowdoin] I think would be fairly attenuated. The effects of TABOR are really at the municipal level," he said.

However, Frank continued, "to the extent that the College depends on the town, it could have a secondary impact." Frank cited snowplowing as an example of a service that could be affected if the bill was passed.

In addition to the Anti-TABOR Coalition's work at Bowdoin, other student political groups across the

state have been working to prevent the bill's passage.

According to Alec Maybaruk, statewide field director for the liberal group the League of Pissed-Off Voters, there are campaigns against TABOR at six college and university campuses in Maine, both public and private.

"Both private and public students are coming together in what is essentially a movement to protect higher education and to protect student aid," Maybaruk said. "Because what we all know from the experience in Colorado is that one of the first things TABOR is going to take out is higher education."

Maybaruk added that students have the potential to swing the vote on TABOR.

"When we run the numbers, somewhere between 1.5 and 3 percent of the total vote on this issue is going to come from college cam-

pusers," he said.

Zachary Linhart '07, co-president of the Bowdoin College Republicans, said that his group was not focusing on TABOR, though it does support it. He said there is no coordinated statewide campaign on the issue by similar groups.

"The state of Maine hasn't been doing so well economically: The government has been spending way too much, people have been taxed too much," said Linhart.

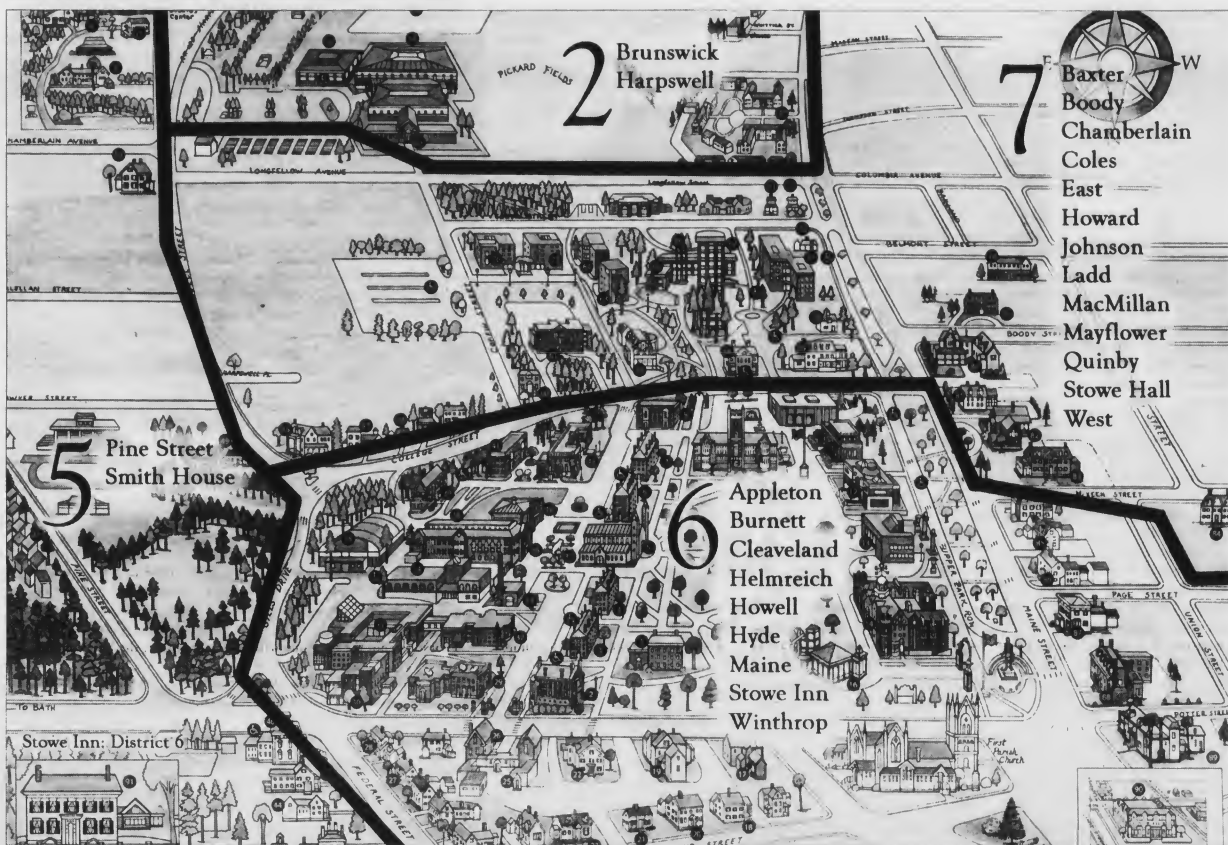
"I don't think TABOR is 100 percent perfect," he added, "and I don't think any piece of legislation is perfect, but I do think it's a step in the right direction to reducing the burden on the people of Maine."

"This is their issue," Linhart said, referring to the BCD. "We tend to not base who we vote for and what we think on a single issue. We try to do what's best for the state or country."

BOWDOIN VOTES 2006

AN ORIENT GUIDE TO TUESDAY'S ELECTION

VOTING DISTRICTS BY RESIDENCE HALL



BALLOT QUESTIONS & CANDIDATES

State Question 1: Citizen Initiative

"Do you want to limit increases in state and local government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth and to require voter approval for all tax and fee increases?"

State Question 2: Constitutional Amendment

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to state that a citizens' initiative or people's veto petition must be submitted to local or state officials by the constitutional deadline in order to be certified and, in the case of a citizens' initiative, must be filed with the Secretary of State within 18 months?"

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Brunswick Question 2: Advisory Referendum:

"Should the Town Council establish a Land for Brunswick's Future Board and secure funding not to exceed \$1,000,000 in Years 2 or 3 of the Capital Improvement Plan to be adopted in 2007?"

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Hours

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Districts

Note that moving from Winthrop Hall to Coles Tower is enough to switch your voting district. If you registered last year and now vote in a new district, go to the registrar's table at your polling place on Election Day to correct your residency information.

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- 6 Union Street School. Located at 35 Union St., at the corner of Union and Cumberland streets.
- 7 Brunswick Junior High School. Located at 265 Columbia Ave. See directions for District 2.

FEATURES

Phil Shaw and his 100-mile-a-day habit

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Before a race, junior Phil Shaw, 21, is not worried about how he will feel three hours into the competition. Nor is he focused on how he will be holding up after six, or even 10 hours of running.

Instead, Shaw says, "It matters how you feel 20 hours in."

For his last race in August, Shaw clocked in at 20 hours and 28 minutes—an impressive finish for a 100-mile run.

Since he was 17, Shaw has run in nine ultra-marathons. An ultra-marathon is any race that is longer than a marathon's 26.2 miles. Shaw runs in 50- and 100-mile races, and he has been one of the top three finishers in at least 75 percent of the competitions.

Shaw grew up in Everett, Washington, near the North Cascade Mountains. He has always loved exploring the area, and in order to cover more ground, he started running very long distances there.

"The goal was never to run," Shaw says. "It was always just to be in the mountains."

In fact, Shaw did not even know that ultra-marathons existed until well after he was running the equivalent distances. At age 15, he was already logging up to 50 miles at a time. He did not actually compete until a couple of years later.

"Racing is a guilty pleasure of mine," he says.

That does not mean it is easy, by any measure. In June, Shaw entered a 100-mile race in California in sweltering 110-degree heat. Along the course, aid stations provided ice and buckets of water for runners to stick their heads in, in addition to the usual sport bars and water.

Although he completed the race the previous year, Shaw dropped out at mile 57 this time. Because of the severe heat, only half of the original competitors were able to

finish the race. According to Shaw, a 75 percent finish rate is usually considered good for ultra-marathons.

For Shaw, a typical week of training in July consists of a 16-mile run on Monday, a 40-mile bike ride on Tuesday, a 16-mile mountain run with maximum vertical gain on Wednesday, a 40-mile bike ride on Thursday, a 12-mile run on Friday, a 30- to 35-mile mountain run on Saturday, and a 30- to 35-mile mountain run on Sunday.

When he is as at Bowdoin, Shaw will typically run along the bay down to Freeport and back to the College. For longer runs, he heads further inland. Although ice can be troublesome in the winter, Shaw will not miss a run due to weather.

Shaw does not think Maine's landscape compares to the North Cascades. He described the landscape near his home in Washington as "alive, full of energy," but thinks that Maine can be sleepy and depressing.

"Nonetheless, I operate on the principle that, no matter the circumstances, things will be better after a run. It always works," he says.

Although it is common for marathoners to enter half-marathons as part of their training, Shaw does not enter marathons to prepare for ultra-marathons. He estimates that he has run the equivalent distance or greater of a marathon on at least 80 occasions, but he does it on his own time.

"It allows me to visit places races would never go to," he says.

Shaw has never run on a cross-country or track team because he prefers to run alone, and he says he is slow. Furthermore, he believes that "ultra-running" builds stronger character than running on a team would.

"I can run very long distances, not because of some innate physical capacity, but because I believe it is the right thing for me to do,

"As soon as you sit down, you realize you can't get up without help."

Phil Shaw '08

and I'm willing to suffer for it," he says.

On race day, Shaw is excited on the starting line, but he noted that it can be very nerve racking for runners who have been struggling with injuries. Despite his rigorous training, Shaw has only suffered from minor overuse injuries. However, according to Shaw, injuries are not the most common medical issue that ultra-marathoners encounter.

"The biggest problem for runners at that distance is to keep your food down, because your stomach shuts down under that much pressure," he says.

The food that Shaw consumes during a race is not exactly typical. While many runners eat sport bars and gels, Shaw prefers watermelon and peanut butter sandwiches.

Toward the end of the race, Shaw says the way he feels is hard to describe.

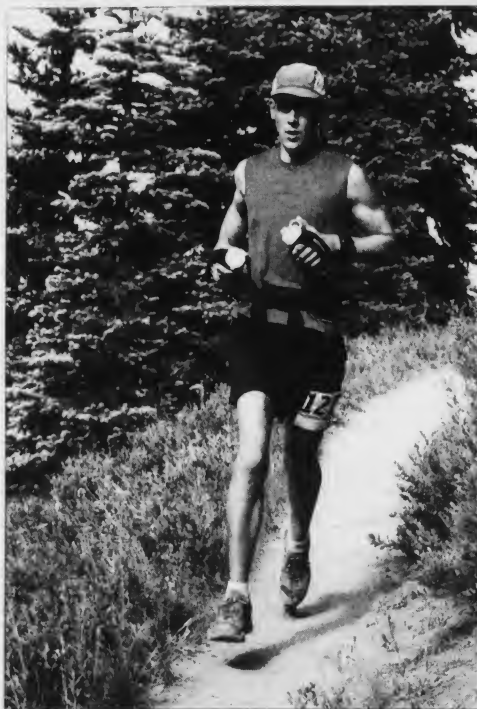
"Everything hurts—everything," he says.

But, he gets through it by fixating on the finish line. When he finally crosses it, he gets a rush.

"I feel like a god," he says.

In his last race, Shaw finished almost 12 hours before the 32-hour cut-off time. While his finish was faster than most, he says that 24 hours is generally considered a respectable finish for a 100-mile race. A runner who finishes in less than 24 hours has completed the race at an impressive speed. Shaw adds, "Plus, you get to brag, 'I ran 100 miles in a day.'"

After the race, Shaw experi-



Courtesy of Phil Shaw

Phil Shaw '08 competed in the White River 50-Mile National Trail Running Championship in July. He runs 50-mile races to as part of his preparation for 100-mile races.

ences "total exhaustion." He says, "As soon as you sit down, you realize you can't get up without help."

But he can delay the exhaustion if he needs to. For instance, his last race in August was just a couple of days before he had to leave to come back to Bowdoin for the fall semester. Shaw did not want to miss his last chance to go into the mountains, so he hiked 30

miles the day after his race.

"That was a painful day, but I don't regret it," he says.

After all, his participation in these races stemmed from his love of the mountains. The mountains are big, beautiful, and brutal, he says.

"To head out there without strength, without intensity, is almost disrespectful," he says, "so I try to honor that."

Dropping the 'L-Bomb': easier said than done

Talkin' About It

by Lauren
McGrath
COLUMNIST



I love you. The closest I've come to hearing these words from a guy was a lame attempt to get in my pants with the classic "I want to love you." He didn't want to love me; he wanted to sleep with me. Nice try.

In a romantic relationship, these three "golden" words trigger a wide range of emotions anywhere from intense anxiety and fear to complete euphoria. Some argue it can be the scariest phrase to say in the English language. "I love you" has the power to transform a relationship from casual to serious (or from casual to nonexistent) in just a few seconds. People say it when they mean it and when they don't mean it. Some ago-

nize for weeks over how and when to say it, while others say it the moment they feel it.

Saying "I love you" to your significant other for the first time is something that people take pretty seriously. A lot of people think if they say it, their relationship will change—and most likely it will. Others are afraid to say it because they fear rejection, embarrassment, or a potentially awkward moment. We're terrified that saying it will change the dynamics of the relationship, that the person who says it

first has less power than the one who hasn't. The first "I love you" makes most people feel quite vulnerable.

The worst type of "I love you" is the one you know isn't sincere. For some, "I love you" is a little too easy to say. What really matters is not saying the actual words, but backing them up with actions. Showing you love someone is often much harder than saying you love someone.

When it comes down to it, there's really only one right answer to "I love you," and that's "I love you, too." Unfortunately for our egos, it doesn't always happen this way. One friend's now ex-boyfriend responded to her profession of love with the "that's really sweet, but..." line. In a perfect world, the feeling would always be mutual—but in reality, it's not, and that's probably one of the reasons we're all so scared to say it.

I've heard some pretty funny "I love you" stories in the past week. My favorite comes from a friend whose boyfriend of a year told her he loved her one night in bed. She responded to his heartfelt proclamation by saying nothing back, rolling over, and then ignoring him for the next two days. This is an extreme case, and by no means represents how most people react to the first "I love you." Looking back on it, she says, "I was so freaked out by him saying it, I wanted to say it back to him, but I just couldn't."

Eventually, she did say "I love you" back, but it took time and patience on the part of her boyfriend.

If it's the right time, saying it can bring a couple closer together. More than anything else, hearing "I love you" from someone you really care about gives you a sense of validation not many other things in life have the ability to do. We say, "I love you" all the time to our family and friends, but it means such a different thing when we say it to our romantic interest. Most of us have heard it from our parents since we were babies, but hearing it from someone from whom we seek such a specific form of approval affects us in how we view both ourselves and our relationships.

After talking with lots of people about why they said "I love you" to their significant other, here are a few reasons not to say "I love you": you're looking for sex, you're attempting to save a hopeless relationship, you're drunk, you're caught up in the moment, or you

don't really mean it. You might also want to avoid saying it too soon in a relationship, as it will probably freak the other person out.

So, what does this mean for those of us who haven't heard those magic words yet? Are we doomed to live a life devoid of romance? Hardly. If you haven't been in a serious relationship yet, that probably explains why you haven't heard it or said it. Most people don't hear it until they are in a committed relationship after college. I guess some are just later love bloomers than others. And if your boyfriend or girlfriend hasn't said it to you yet, and you don't understand why, remember what a difficult thing it can be for people to say. Just because you haven't said it, or had it said to you, doesn't mean you haven't felt it for someone else or that another person hasn't felt it for you. Dropping the L-Bomb isn't easy. But from what I've heard, it's pretty rewarding when the feeling is mutual.

Dealing with earwax

Ask Dr. Jeff

Jeff Benson, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Jeff: I've been told not to use Q-tips to clean my ears. What should I use?
L.B.



Dear L.B.: Wax is normally produced by apocrine glands in the outermost portions of the ear canal, and it serves a number of protective functions.

Earwax traps dust and dirt particles that might otherwise collect in the ear canal, possibly blocking it. Earwax causes water to bead up and run back out of the canal. Because it is acidic, and therefore noxious to most bacteria and fungi, earwax also prevents infection. Finally, earwax coats and protects the delicate skin that lines the ear canal and eardrum.

Most of the time, our ears are self-cleaning. There is a slow and orderly migration of ear canal skin cells from the eardrum to the outer ear opening. Earwax adheres to these cells, and so is continuously transported out from the deeper parts of the ear canal. At the same time, it dries out, normally if imperceptibly flaking and falling off on its own.

Different individuals vary considerably in the amount and consistency of their earwax. The lipid (fat) content of earwax can vary from 20 percent to 50 percent. Drier wax is more common in Asian populations, while wetter wax is more common in those of African and European descent. Researchers have even identified the specific gene, on chromosome 16, that codes for the richer or leaner fat content of earwax!

Uncommonly, excessive earwax can block an ear canal, resulting in decreased hearing, discomfort, and tinnitus (ringing). But far more often,

however, blocked canals are the result of cleaning with Q-tips.

Ear, nose, and throat specialists are famous for their advice never to clean your ears with "anything smaller than your elbow." Cotton swabs just tamp down the wax, compacting it and pushing it deeper into the canal. They can also perforate the eardrum, if pushed in too far or used with too much force.

Water jet devices are more effective, but can be unpleasant. They can also cause perforations if not used with care. "Candling" is not felt to be a particularly effective method of ear wax removal.

So, if you feel like you need to clean out your earwax, what are your best options?

One method is to put a few drops of mineral oil or olive oil into your ears every few days. Let it sit in there for a few minutes, to soften and dissolve some of the wax, and then let it drip out onto a washcloth or towel.

You can do the same thing with the OTC Murine or Debrox drops, or the prescription preparation Cerumenex (which is enzyme based).

Earwax can be easily and safely flushed out in the shower, with a gentle stream of water. Pull back some on your ear to straighten the canal, and tilt your head just right so that a jet of water pours in. Make sure the water is barely warm—not too warm or too cold—so that it doesn't make you dizzy. If your wax tends to be dry and hard, try using softening drops first.

You should never attempt to clean out an ear that is painful or presumed to be infected. And you should never clean out an ear that has tubes or a perforated eardrum.

And of course, you can always come into the health center for us to take a look and lend a hand!

Be well!

Jeff Benson, M.D.

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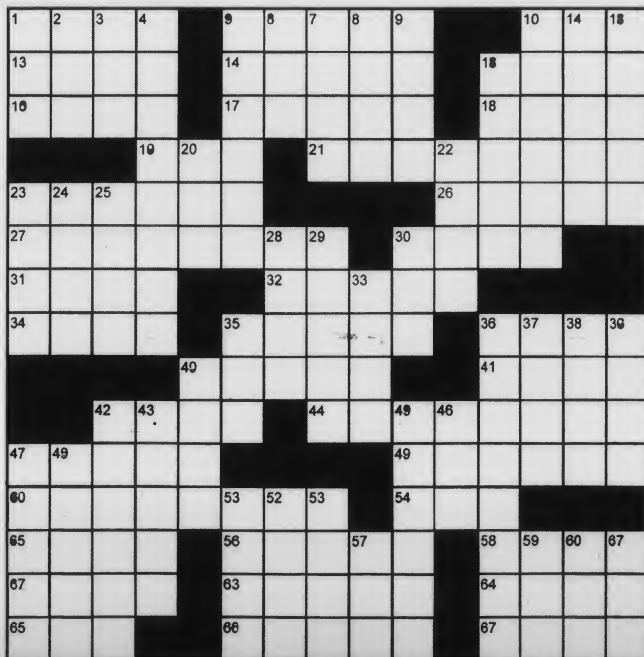
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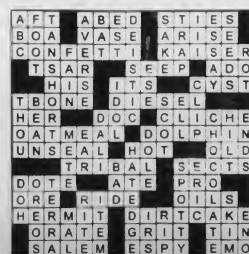
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'Skin of Our Teeth' director embraces extravagance



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sammie Francis '09, pictured in red, takes center stage in one of the dance numbers of Masque and Gown's fall production "Skin of Our Teeth." The play, written by Thornton Wilder, will be in Pickard Theater November 2 to 4.

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

"Extravaganza" is how Lecturer in Theater and Theater Department Chair Sonja Moser describes her production of playwright Thornton Wilder's "Skin of Our Teeth."

She isn't just boasting.

Extravaganza is actually a technical term for a type of American theater in the 19th century and early 20th century that used musical numbers and dancing girls to create an intensely visual performance.

"Extravaganza" is an apt term for this production, which includes the obligatory dancing girls and musical numbers, plus a cast of more than 19 actors and a two-story set. The Pulitzer Prize-winning play tells the story of the Andros family's struggle to survive through an ice age, a flood, temptations of seductive women, and much more.

An anachronistic juxtaposition of Homeric poetry, Adam and Eve, and dinosaurs and mammoths, the play shows how humans throughout history have shared the same concerns about children, relationships, and the future. Moser feels that this depiction of how humanity "has endured throughout the ages" is especially pertinent commentary on the current state of freedom and responsibility in America.

Jared Hunt '08, as the patriarchal Mr. A, gives an intense performance of the brilliant but also erratic head of the family. His performance is balanced by the equally talented per-

Skin of Our Teeth

When: November 2-4, 8 p.m.

Where: Pickard Theater

Admission: Free. Tickets are available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

formance of Christine Carletta '10 as Mrs. A, his long-suffering wife. Sammie Francis '09 stands out as Sabina, a temptuous siren who infuses the performance with humor, wit, and sexual tension. The Fortune Teller, played by Anthony DiNicola '07 in drag, adds a humorous element to the play.

The process of playing a woman was an intense one for DiNicola, who was also in drag for Bowdoin's 2005 production of *Angels in America*.

"I would look at myself in the mirror and not recognize myself," DiNicola said. "I looked and felt like a woman."

Also impressive is the sheer amount of effort and community involvement that went into the production. The cast, which includes a large number of first years and sophomores, represents the tremendous talent and dedication of the Bowdoin student body. Moser enjoyed being able to work with students that she recommended on the basis of their performances in admissions tapes to the College.

Moser reached out to the Bowdoin community to assist with other aspects of the production. This school-wide involvement includes the making of several puppets, sur-

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Kakande to feature xylophone virtuoso

by Boz Karanovsky
STAFF WRITER

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) is advertising Saturday's concert by the African musical group Kakande as a chance for Bowdoin students to do "something different this weekend."

By blending traditional African instruments with xylophonic talent, African musical group Kakande certainly offers "something different" than the everyday jam band or a cappella concert: an insightful first-hand glimpse into African identity. The group will perform in Morrell Lounge at 8 p.m. Admission is free for all students.

"We are charged not only with bringing mainstream performers to campus, but also with providing Bowdoin's community with new and different events which are culturally enriching. Kakande fits this model perfectly," Megan MacLennan '07, co-chair of CAB, said.

Based in New York, Kakande is comprised of nine members, led by xylophone virtuoso Famoro Dioubate. The band is very active in New York's world music scene, and Kakande headlined the United States' only xylophone music festival in April 2005.

Dioubate is renowned for his unique mastery of the balafon, a kind of African xylophone with gourd resonators. The instrument originates from West Africa and is usually asso-

Kakande

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.

Where: Morrell Lounge, Smith Union

Admission: Free.

ciated with the Susu and Malinke people of Guinea. In West African societies, no women were ever allowed to play it. A balafon is a very old instrument and an African trademark, with a history that can be traced back to 1285, when the Empire of Mali was founded. It is also rooted in the "djeli" tradition—that is, the African bard tradition.

Dioubate himself is called a "griot," a traditional African musician. Some of the other instruments featured in the group are African and European flutes, played by Sylvain Leroux; a warm cello, played by Raul Rothblatt; and an eclectic bass played by Peter Fand. Andy Algire keeps the beat on the drums and Brian Glashow joins in on the congos.

What makes Kakande so unique is that it combines the African tradition with other modern elements.

"Kakande are an upbeat act which combines classic African rhythms in a stage performance which is sure to entertain," said MacLennan.

The numerous instruments each provide a different texture and mood, all contributing to the multi-layered sound. On top of it all, the sound is garnered with a recognizably modern

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Merenda '98 traces musical roots through acoustic set



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Michael Merenda '98, member of traditional music group The Mammals, performs at MacMillan House last night to promote his album "Quiver."

Star Fish Grill faces closure

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

Eight years ago, Alyson Cummings left her New York law practice for a career in cooking, becoming chef and co-owner of Brunswick's Star Fish Grill. Now, a move by its landlord might leave the restaurant high and dry.

Modern Pest Services, which owns the Grill's building, exercised a lease option to take over the restaurant's space at 100 Pleasant St. and convert it into executive offices. The restaurant, a perennial student favorite during Parents Weekend, will be forced to vacate the space by the end of this year.

"We knew of the option in the lease, but we hadn't heard anything this year," Cummings, who co-owns a restaurant with partners Tom Cary and Kate Brinsmade. "In earlier conversations this year, they said they wouldn't need it."

Cummings acknowledged that the termination of Star Fish Grill's lease had been a possibility since Modern Pest Services took over the building four years ago. The company made Star Fish Grill aware that it intended to expand, but the news still came as a surprise.

That news came in an offhand conversation with Modern Pest Service's owner, when Cummings asked about

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What's the best album ever made?

KH: "Chug-a-Wump," by Camp Merrie-Woode campers in '98, featuring Maya Jaafar. Big Fig?

BK: Bob Dylan's "Blonde on Blonde." "Visions of Johanna" says it all.

Who is the greatest living musician?

KH: Robert Randolph. I saw him open for John Mayer sophomore year of high school and I was blown away. He was so good I spent my only cash on his CD instead of on pizza.

BK: Mark Knopfler or Trey Anastasio.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

KH: North Mississippi All-Stars at Bonnaroo '05. Robert Randolph made a surprise appearance. It was awesome!

BK: Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. August 30, 2003. Labor Day weekend. Senior year. The Meadowlands. Fumes blowing in from the Turnpike. Pretty much every Jersey girl's dream.

What is the first album you ever bought?

KH: My grandmother bought me "Tubthumping" by Chumbawamba

for Christmas. My musical taste was doomed from the start.

BK: The Beatles, "1962-1966" (the "Red Album").

What's your music guilty pleasure?

KH: Old school slow jams from Blackstreet, Usher, and Tyrese.

BK: Soundtracks to Christopher Guest movies, with a little Genesis on the side.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

KH: "My Way" by Usher, mostly because of the title. The lyrics aren't really the national anthem type.

BK: The West Wing theme song (one can dream), or Neil Young's "Rockin' In the Free World."

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

KH: "Would you like a Werthers?"

BK: "Switch on your electric light!" Though, that might only work if you're Van Morrison.

Hammersley and Keating's show, "Punctuated Equilibrium" airs on Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

For beer, looks aren't everything



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

ST. PAULI GIRL LAGER—\$8.25 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's Market.

Recently, while doing research for my honors thesis on the early stages of advanced senility, I was perusing my

latest edition of "You're a Stud!" magazine when a familiar and enticing advertisement caught my eye. The page was completely black but for a gorgeous woman, whose body and tight dress are comprised of golden, bubbly beer, and her hair of dripping and full-bodied foam. She is standing in a sassy "oh-no-you-didn't" pose: hands on hips, thigh bent, head cocked. The slogan, leading right into the neck of a bottle of St. Pauli Girl Lager, seemingly takes the words right out of her (and my) mouth: "You never forget your first girl." It is with this image in mind that I made my most recent trip to Uncle Tom's Market.

As I was paying, I became engaged in a conversation between Uncle Tom and an elderly gentleman. The gent told the harrowing tale of three sanitation trucks secretly shipping full cargos of Sam Adams to Pittsburgh when they were stopped by the police and ordered to dump their full contents into the adjacent field to be ground into the earth by steamrollers. It was when the elderly man described pulling over to "suck the beer out of the field, goddammit," that I gracefully took my leave.

So goes the story of how I arrived at this week's beer. This week, I truly am going to provide all the objective details before I impart my opinion. This way,

you won't immediately feel like St. Pauli Girl is perfect for hydrating while mowing the lawn, or best to keep in stock for first years in case the Natty Lite is running low, or even as a housewarming gift for your new obnoxious neighbors.

So here, make up your own mind: St. Pauli Girl is a German lager that is a rich golden color and pours from the bottle crystal clear with a porous carbonated head. It is light in body with a taste that is grainy and smooth, sweet and dry. It hits the palate much like a Heineken, with a crisp kick that finishes off slightly bitter, yet not harsh. It is brewed using English two-row barley and hops from Germany, both of which combine to produce a 4.9 alcohol by volume.

Lastly, the real kicker in my mind, is the aroma.

Once, when I was little, I was wandering in the rough neighborhood that raised me when I came across a Schlitz tall can lying against the curb. Being eight or nine years old and expecting cream soda or something of the like, you can imagine my surprise and horror when I popped the top to reveal the bubbling contents that had been festering in the summer sun for what I can only imagine was a number of weeks.

Suffice to say that I didn't try any of it (thank you, Mom and Dad), but I will never forget the smell. It singed the hairs in my nostrils and reduced me to tears (seriously, I'm pretty sure it did). Chalk it up to the green bottle or whatever you want, but substitute "Schlitz tall can" for "St. Pauli Girl Lager" and you get the general idea.

St. Pauli Girl is an average-tasting, overpriced, skunky-smelling German import that no one will find offensive-

tasting, but that everyone will probably buy only once. It is just an average beer in every sense of the word.

So, why, Germany? Why are you stealing our dignity?

I, for one, blame the damn St. Pauli Girl—she is as gorgeous in the advertisements and on the beer labels as she is in real life. I would know (and you can too!), because there is an annual contest to determine the new "St. Pauli Girl."

This year, it's Brittany Evans, who grew up in southern California. She is 5' 3" and weighs 110 pounds. Awesome. Germany not only exports a bad beer to America, but it sends along a beautiful girl just so Americans will assume that it is good enough to buy. Well, who can blame them? It worked on me, and it probably will on you.

I think we've all learned a valuable lesson this year. It really isn't the pretty packaging and enticing message that make a product worth buying. Instead, it is what lies within, what is really at the heart of the product, and whether or not you truly need it.

Take the "Ab Lounger" that Chuck Norris endorses, now being sold for the amazingly low price of one dollar through infomercials broadcast at all hours of the night. If one was to buy it based on the advertisement alone—that is, presuming that using it for a week will give you the body of a porn star with the ability to roundhouse kick through a cement wall—then they would, of course, be sorely mistaken and scrounging for those lost quarters at the next tollbooth.

Well, unfortunately, the same can be said for St. Pauli Girl Lager. St. Pauli would be quite the catch: she is blonde, beautiful, and comes armed with six brimming mugs of beer at all times. But in the end, she is only good for one casual date that finishes with an awkward hug and a lost phone number.



Sci-fi minus the aliens Step back in time at local bistro

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

For a combination of science and literature that doesn't involve aliens (at least not many), open up "Schrödinger's Ball."

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Adam Felber's first novel. This book is quirky and quick, following bizarre coincidences to its serendipitous end. It features a protagonist who is dead, though alive enough to bewitch audiences with his inspired guitar playing and consumption of absurd amounts of ice cream.

Dr. Erwin Schrödinger was an Austrian physicist whose cat-thought experiment, which showed the error of the theory of quantum uncertainty, is central to the lives of these various and unexpectedly connected characters.

A reader does not need any understanding of quantum physics; in fact, the book isn't really about physics. The author makes it quite clear that his explanation of the uncertainty principle is accurate only in that the author's explanation does not clearly present Schrödinger's theory. Rather, the book is an illumination of the dual elements present in human perception and the haphazard crossovers and coincidences of existence.

The novel is set in Boston, though there are a few scenes set in the recently independent state of Montana. For a cast of characters, there is Johnny, who is dead; Deb, mistress of the half-hour orgasm; Earl, the President of Montana in varying states of disposal and interest; an

unidentified first-person plural narrator; and the late Dr. Schrödinger. This list does not include Lester the rat, whose presence is instrumental as a catalyst for greater events, nor the retired lady of the night who flashes unsuspecting Ivy League scientists and is writing a revised history of the world (this is where the aliens come in). The various plots and subplots involve interconnections, fate, seizing the moment, irony, heroism, and the sale of visible single molecules.

It all sounds very complicated, but Felber writes humorously. The odd plots and prominent presence of scientific thought congeal quite nicely into an easy read. Felber is irrelevant in his treatment of many things, including grandmothers, wickerwork, writers, and Schrödinger himself.

Felber plays with the structure of the novel just as he does with Schrödinger's theories. At one point, a character picks up "Schrödinger's Ball" off the shelf and starts reading about himself, which results in a book malfunction that causes the scene to freeze, in effect restarting the book. Felber writes in a string of vignettes, each of which has a very different tone. Some take the form of a diary entry and some resemble a Renaissance play script. The frequent shifts encourage readers to turn the page if only to return to whichever plot they find most interesting.

Much of the book feels fluffy because of the tone, but a lot of what the author attempts is successful. He is flippant and passionate, and the lively pace of the book carries it successfully to its end.

by Diana Heald
STAFF WRITER

Waiting for my entrée at Renaissance Bistro, something dawned on me: Brunswick is not the same town that I came to three

COMMENTARY

years ago as a first year. Brunswick is changing socially, politically, and economically—and with restaurants popping up left and right, it is experiencing something of a culinary revolution. Renaissance Bistro promises to be at the forefront of this movement.

Housed in a beautiful old building on Mill Street, the restaurant belongs to another time. The walls are a warm red, and the ceiling is molded tin with a lovely floral pattern. Books are everywhere: on the window sills, on top of the bar—even the check came stuck in a book. Drinks are served in 19th century-style glassware. Though the bistro feels as if it belongs to another time, the blond wood furniture and a mannequin on the doorstep rescue it from seeming like a museum.

The winter lunch menu reflects the mix of ancient and modern—there are standard wraps and paninis, but the seasonings are unusual and the recipe for my dessert dated back to the Middle Ages. There are various salads, a St. Andre cheese plate with apricot chutney, walnuts, fresh fruit, and crostinis, and wild mushroom ravioli with sage cream and asparagus.

The field green salad, which sounded standard, tasted quite unusual when topped with apples, pears, and slivered almonds, with endives filled with bleu cheese mousse and pureed almonds on the side. However, I do not recommend



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Renaissance Bistro offers unique, creative recipes and a timeless atmosphere.

the sherry vinaigrette as a dressing. It tasted like pure alcohol and overshadowed the subtle flavors of the nuts, fruits, and lettuce.

The smoked salmon panini with bacon, tomato, and lemon mayonnaise was delicious and not too filling, though the orzo salad served on the side was rather bland and standard, if not exactly bad.

The bistro boasts a variety of "creative seasonal specials." My companion was pleased with his butternut squash pasta served with baked squash on top. He was even more pleased with the pineapple kiwi fruit smoothie.

Although all of the dishes were good, the lemon poussée dessert was truly phenomenal—a rich, creamy lemon mousse that was also mouth puckeringly tart, served with a dollop of whipped cream and strange, bright green syrup on the side.

The wine and beer list is short, but features mostly European imports. The non-alcoholic beverage menu boasts an eclectic selection of blueberry pop,

smoothies, and cream soda. There is a full tea menu that features loose-leaf white teas and bags of Celestial Seasonings' packaged blends.

The dinner menu is a bit longer and heavy on pasta dishes. In terms of flavor, it retains the characteristics of the lunch menu. Owner Tanya Chasse waits tables herself and knows the menu well—not just the ingredients, but also the history behind the recipes. She is friendly, if a bit over-attentive, and the overall dining experience is pleasant.

The restaurant's only major drawback is its hours: the bistro is closed Monday and Tuesday and doesn't serve dinner on Sunday nights.

The menu, like those at other new restaurants, will benefit from a bit of fine-tuning. Still, diners will leave Renaissance Bistro feeling excited about this new part of Brunswick's culinary history.

Renaissance Bistro is located at 25 Mill Street. For reservations or more information, call (207) 721-0412.

Star Fish Grill forced to find new location

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the lease. The owner responded that they planned to take over the space.

"We were a little taken aback," Cummings said.

Star Fish Grill will serve until Thanksgiving. Cummings wants to stay in business but hesitates to move somewhere that isn't a good fit.

"There will be some interruption in business," Cummings said. "But if we're supposed to open, we'll open. I'm looking at it philosophically."

Since food at Star Fish Grill borders the exotic and is a bit pricier than an average meal, Cummings recognizes that dinner at her restaurant is for a special occasion. Still, she cites Bowdoin as a major reason for the restaurant's success.

"I don't think we would be here without the College," Cummings said. "We've been buoyed by the music events, the faculty, and the administration. And thank God for Parents Weekend."

Cummings's love for cooking drove her to experiment with different flavors and food combinations. She takes pride in introducing new tastes to the Brunswick community and developing the diversity of local menus.

"We were the pioneers of our generation in interesting food, and people's tastes have changed dramatically," she said.

Even Cummings's first employees, who she refers to as "my kids," benefited from her experiments with food.

"They've gone on to do other things, but they come back and tell me things like, 'I was in San Diego, and they didn't even take the temperature of the fish and it was overcooked!'" Cummings said. "I like that I had a good influence on their palates."

Cummings hopes to remain in Brunswick, but is disheartened by the

prevalence of chain restaurants in the area. She also remains concerned about the larger economic problems facing the town, including the impending closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station and the ups and downs in the Maine economy.

Still, Star Fish Grill and an interest in food have always provided a bright spot for Cummings. During her days as a lawyer, "it was always relaxing to get together with friends, have wine and chop and dice."

To celebrate its time on Pleasant Street, Star Fish Grill is holding Oysterfest this month and an open house on November 21. After that, members of the Brunswick community will have to ascribe to Cummings's philosophical view of the future.

Kakande, Dioubate bring traditional African xylophone to campus

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New York flavor. Dioubate starts with a simple motif and gradually builds on it.

Needless to say, this is music that should be both played and listened to with imagination. Kakande's music is suited equally well for dancing and listening.

"It was important to us that Kakande appeal to a broad array of people as their music will appeal to not only students, but also members of the faculty and staff," said MacLennan.

One thing is for sure—bringing the 800-year tradition of the Mande people of West Africa to Brunswick, Maine, will be fascinating not only for those who seek cultural enrichment, but to all students who want to enjoy African culture on a Saturday.

'Skin of Our Teeth' stars dancing girls, musical numbers, members of community

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prise cameos by notable members of the Bowdoin community, two choreographers, and Greek translations by Associate Professor of Classics Jennifer Kosak.

Moser admits that putting on such a

large production was difficult at times. With setbacks such as the recent power outage, Moser said that she sometimes felt like the cast and crew were "putting on a show by the skin of our teeth."

But overall, she was impressed by both the dedication of the students involved and was grateful to be able to

include "so many people" in the production of the play.

As DiNicola states, "Everything about this production seems epic—epic to Bowdoin."

"Skin of our Teeth" will show on November 2 to 4 at 8 p.m. in Pickard Theater.

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SPORTS

Middlebury ends Bowdoin soccer hopes

Loss to Cards dooms men

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

Blame it on Mother Nature. Blame it on Wesleyan or Middlebury if that makes it easier to digest. No matter who gets the blame, the men's soccer team is finished for the season after two heart-breaking losses in back-to-back days.

The first loss, a 1-0 defeat to Wesleyan in Bowdoin's last regular season game, was surrounded by controversy after the scheduled 11 a.m. start was delayed five hours Saturday and the playing surface moved from normal grass to turf because of the extreme weather conditions.

Many Polar Bear fans were outraged that the game was not cancelled completely, as was the case for Williams against Amherst. A cancellation would have spelled a much easier ride for Bowdoin in its journey through the NESCACs as it would have led to a showdown with Bates instead of a stronger Middlebury side in the first round.

Said Nick Figueiredo '08, "As coach always tell us: The best team always wins, the rest is just gossip."

As it turned out, the fourth-ranked Polar Bears were forced to play the

fifth-ranked Panthers due to Bowdoin's loss to Wesleyan.

Bowdoin's players looked like they were ready to put the difficult ordeal with Wesleyan behind them as they dominated the first 55 minutes of play, but it was Middlebury that found the net first with a scrappy goal in the 57th minute. Even after this setback, Bowdoin was ready to answer back with a goal from tri-captain John Hollis '07 just over a minute after the opening tally. The Panthers ended this momentary offensive outburst with the third and final goal of the match to ensure their place in the second round of the NESCACs with the 2-1 victory.

The abrupt end to the season is particularly difficult to accept when one considers how much potential the team had going into tournament play. The Bears appeared to have all the major components necessary to make up a champion: a strong offensive attack led by the conference's second top scorer (Figueiredo) an overwhelming back five anchored by the ever dependable goalkeeper Nathan Lovitz '08, and a fantastic leader in Coach Fran O'Leary.

Tri-captain Brendan Egan '08 described the drastic turn of events.

"We went from potentially getting the second seed in the NESCAC

with a win at Wesleyan on Saturday, to getting the fourth seed, having to play a very tough Middlebury side, and getting knocked out before we even had a chance to think about it," he said.

Even if these components did not lead to success they do serve as a reminder for how good this team's season was.

But all these parts were not enough to continue the magical ride of the team's four seniors: Hollis, Anthony Regis, Kevin Mullins, and Simon Parsons. As a group they displayed an incredible mix of skill.

"Every one of the four guys we are losing brought a unique talent and aspect to this team, and I know we will have a very tough time replacing any of them," said Egan.

"They put their heart and soul into each day for the three years that I have been here plus one more before I even met them," said Figueiredo.

After a short period of reflection over the frustrating events of last weekend it is essential to recognize just how much potential this team has for next season. With many of the major units returning and a promising batch of recruits this team will immediately be considered a contender for the Division III title as 2007 kicks off.

Women lose in quarters

by Bridget Keating
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Soccer Team saw its season come to a close on Sunday in a battle of vengeance against Middlebury College. Due to inclement weather, the teams were displaced to St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont, where the Panthers stole Bowdoin's dream of advancing to the semifinals of the NESCAC tournament in a 3-1 victory.

The Panthers connected on three goals in the first 50 minutes to give them a 3-0 lead for the entirety of the first half as well as most of the second. Battling the weather as well as the third-ranked team in the conference, the Bears finally got a break with six minutes remaining in the game off of an Ann Zeigler '08 goal from outside the 18-meter box. Despite the effort, however, Bowdoin did not have enough minutes to close up the two-goal lead before the final whistle.

Prior to Sunday's loss, the Bears succeeded in beating Wesleyan on Saturday in their final regular season conference game. The 4-2 victory solidified Bowdoin's place in the post-season and sent them up to Middlebury for its first-round playoff

match. Plagued by poor weather, the teams were required to battle it out on the Cardinals' turf field, the first time either team has played on that artificial surface this season. The Bears were forced to respond early on, as they found themselves down a goal in the beginning of the first half. First-year Kit Hamley closed the gap soon after, sparking a four-goal run.

Bowdoin would go on to receive three more goals from three different players, including leading scorer Zeigler, tri-captain Ivy Blackmore '07, and first-year Maura Cusick. Wesleyan was able to make a last minute rebound attempt in the final minutes, but the clock would soon run out on the Cards and their season.

The first-round loss to Middlebury marked the end of the 2006 season for the Bowdoin Polar Bears, and the closing of four remarkable soccer careers. Senior tri-captains Blackmore, Kate Donoghue, and Holly Maloney led this year's squad to a solid overall record of 7-6-2 (4-4-1 in NESCAC) and key victories over Bates, Trinity, and Wesleyan. As four-year varsity letter-winners, this senior class brought extraordinary skill, passion and commitment to the

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Football shut out

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Football Team may get its best chance for a win this season when it faces a tired Bates team tomorrow. The 0-6 Bobcats will visit Brunswick following a 10-7 loss to Colby in mud, rain, and four overtimes on Saturday.

The Polar Bears are now also 0-6, after Wesleyan defeated visiting Bowdoin 18-0 on Saturday. It was the third time in a row the Polar Bears were shut out, the fourth time overall this season. The offense contributed 171 yards, only 90 of which were through the air.

The Cardinals proved too formidable a foe, beating Bowdoin in every aspect of the game. First-year Oliver Kell, who has seen some time at quarterback this season, played his first complete game, completing 11 of 22 passes, also rushing for 35 yards.

Wesleyan manufactured a 44-yard possession off the kickoff in a drive that balanced the pass and rush. However, Chris Helsel missed a 36-yard field goal wide right to give Bowdoin the ball. On their next drive, the Cards marched 69 yards down the field to score six on a five-yard Phil Banks rush, but Helsel missed the ensuing extra point attempt.

In the second quarter, a 48-yard punt by AJ Taucher pinned Bowdoin in the shadows of its own uprights. After two rushes by Jeff Smith '08 for negative yardage, the Polar Bears were downed in the end zone for a safety. Later in the quarter, Bowdoin engineered a long drive, totaling 63 yards on the Smith's

Men's XC finishes second in NESCACs

by Ross Jacobs
STAFF WRITER

All the high school cross-country meets in the area were cancelled. It was the epitome of an "inside day." Buckets of rain and ten-foot waves from the Atlantic Ocean crashed against the rocks and submerged parts of the course in more than a foot of water. Forty-five mph winds inverted umbrellas.

Yet one minute before race time, Bowdoin's top 12 runners circled up and shouted "Go U Bears!" at the top of their lungs. Co-captain Tyler Lonsdale shouted "No excuses you guys!"

The race began and so did the potential excuses.

Archie Abrams '09 lost his shoe one-fifth of the way through the race. Tyler Lonsdale '08 wasn't feeling healthy. Thompson Ogilvie '10 was still feeling the workout from Wednesday. Nate Krah '08 was recovering from sickness.

But the Bowdoin men put those excuses out of their minds and ran a gutsy race to claim second in the NESCACs behind Williams.

Coach Peter Slovenski was especially "proud of how the guys ran in tough conditions."

He was "particularly proud of how Archie came back from his fall. He was in last place at one point of the race, and had only one shoe for most of the race, but came back to finish fifth out of 130 runners."

Recalling a story he will probably be telling the rest of his life, Abrams said, "I lost my shoe when I was clipped in the first 100 and stopped, sat down, and put it back on. During that moment I was just thinking okay, get the shoe back on and everything will be fine."

Then when the shoe really came off 800 meters later Abrams "was just shocked," he said. "It took me a few



Courtesy of Tom Leonard

Owen McKenna '07 (No. 934) and John Hall '08 (No. 926) splash through the NESCAC's course last Saturday.

seconds to realize that I had no shoe on. I was just thinking, I need to get my shoe back and yelled at everyone I saw to get my shoe. The next three miles were a bit of a blur, I was still trying to get my shoe back somehow and was running along slipping and sliding all over the place in the mud and trying to avoid the rocks. When it [occurred] to me that I wasn't going to get my shoe back, I just put my head down and started to really run."

Abrams' shoe was nipped at the beginning of the race but he managed to stay with co-captain Owen McKenna '07 for four miles across gravel and mud in one racing spike and one sock. Abrams even managed to kick at the end and surge from 15th place to fifth place at the end of the race to finish in 26:35.

The weather created an entirely different race. To attest to this, the No. 1 finisher, Trinity's Hunter Norte and No. 2 finisher, Connecticut College's Brian Murtagh, entered the race as big underdogs but used their backgrounds in the steeplechase to finish in 26:13 and 26:26, respectively.

Bowdoin's steeplechasers performed well, too. Junior John Hall's 26:51 performance was good enough for 17th place. Hall finished as Bowdoin's third man behind Abrams and McKenna (26:47), and in front of Ogilvie, who finished 18th in 26:51, and Ken Akiba '07, who ran the race of his life to capture 29th in 27:07.

Hall's strength and background in Nordic skiing and the steeplechase may have helped him power through the deep water and muck. Slovenski "was

impressed with the way John Hall excelled in those conditions."

While he was impressed, he was not surprised with Hall's performance.

"This was the kind of day when you needed to be a resilient and resourceful warrior," he said. "John Hall is an outstanding cross-country runner and steeplechaser, but he would be an even better adventure racer climbing mountains, fording rivers, hitchhiking rides, and rescuing other runners. The worse the conditions, the better John does."

Bowdoin has over a week to recharge for the New England Division III race a week from Saturday. This will be the third showdown between Bowdoin and Williams. So far, Bowdoin has one victory, as does Williams, and both teams will be looking to beat the other to clinch the season series.

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Volleyball suffers three league losses

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

It was a rough weekend for the volleyball team, which faced three tough opponents in a NESCAC round robin and lost every match.

The first game was on Friday at Wesleyan. Despite a tough fight, the team was swept in straight sets, losing 30-21, 30-28, 30-23. Statistical leaders for the Polar Bears were Jenna Diggs '10 with 27 digs, four blocks and six kills, co-captain Julie Calareso '07 who posted 13 digs, and Skye Lawrence '10 who notched six kills.

On Saturday, the team stayed at Wesleyan to play Trinity and Connecticut College.

The Polar Bears met the Bantams first Bowdoin dropped the first set 30-21, but regrouped in the second to win 30-21. Trinity then rallied to take the third set 30-18, but again the Polar Bears fought back to take the fourth set 30-24. The game went to a fifth set, where the Bears suffered a narrow loss of 15-10, losing the match.

Next up for the Polar Bears were the Camels, and again, despite a strong showing, the Polar Bears were defeated, this time in four sets. The Polar Bears took the first set 30-26, but Connecticut College fought back to win the second set 30-20. From there, Connecticut College carried the momentum on to the next two sets to take the match 30-26, 30-21.

Against Trinity, the statistical leaders were Erin Prifogle '07, who contributed 16 kills and six blocks, Diggs, who tallied 27 assists, 16 digs and seven kills, and Gillian Page '10, who notched 13 kills and 10 digs.

Diggs had a triple-double in the game against Connecticut College, recording 32 assists, 12 digs and 10 kills. Other statistical leaders were co-captain Jess Lin '08 with 30 digs, Prifogle with 14 kills, Amanda Leahy '08 with 13 kills, and Lawrence with 10 kills.

Despite the rough week, Head Coach Karen Corey is happy with the team and the season, and is optimistic about the playoffs.

"This team has been exceptional," she said. "A tough week in the conference for us, but we are playing solid volleyball. Our matches were close and I feel our young team performed quite well."

She added, "Erin and Amanda worked very hard in the middle to confuse the blockers and to get our outside hitters in a one on one situation. Gillian had some hard kills that really helps get us the momentum back. We are looking forward to facing Wesleyan again. Against them, our serve-recviee passing was poor and that limited our offense. I am confident we will play a much better game against them this weekend."

Today the team will compete in the NESCAC quarterfinals at Williams, where they will face Wesleyan at 6:00 p.m.

Disc alive and well at Bowdoin



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Bowdoin students chase a disc through the fog in a pickup game of ultimate at Farley Fields yesterday afternoon.

Coach John Cullen retires from soccer team

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program. Their presence will sorely be missed next season.

In addition to losing these valuable team members, women's soccer is also saying farewell to Coach John Cullen this season.

"Coach" has been at the helm of the Polar Bear program for the past 20 seasons serving both as head coach and co-head coach with former player and assistant coach, Katie Sheridan. Finishing his career as the 15th winningest coach in DIII women's soccer, Cullen posts an

impressive record of 237-88-23, a National Coach of the Year Award, and four New England Coach of the Year awards.

Those who know him say that his exemplary coaching record is only matched by an exemplary love for his players, his colleagues, and Bowdoin College. He has immersed himself in the college community like few others have, running fly fishing workshops at the outing club, working in the Admissions Office and serving as the assistant athletic director for a number of years.

But despite close relationships

with many colleagues, it is clearly the people who played for him who know him best. The endless bus rides, practices and tailgates certainly provided for memorable moments with "Coach."

"As a coach he had it all, he had a genuine interest about our lives at Bowdoin," said Grace Moore '08. "He wanted us to succeed in soccer, to have fun while playing, to do well in school and to enjoy the social aspects of Bowdoin."

"Coach is an incredible coach and an incredible person and we all will miss him," she added.

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The field hockey team practices at Ryan Field yesterday in the early evening.

Field hockey captures NESCAC first seed

by Emileigh Mercer
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin College Field Hockey Team (8-1 NESCAC) fought fierce wind and rain in addition to Wesleyan (3-6 NESCAC) during its last regular season game.

The Polar Bears overcame the elements and the Cardinals in a 3-0 on-the-road win on Saturday to secure the top seed in the NESCAC tournament.

"We knew Wesleyan was the most important game of the season because we needed to win to secure first place for the playoffs," said first-year Shavonne Lord. "We also knew that the weather was going to be an obstacle, but we mentally prepared for it. When we got onto the field, we used it to our advantage and did not allow it to be a factor in the game."

Just as Lord said, Bowdoin put the weather aside and managed to come out on top. Julia King '09 scored on a penalty corner when she fired a shot past the Wesleyan goalkeeper. In classic fashion, senior co-captain Burgess LePage added another goal

before the half, as did Lindsay McNamara '09. McNamara's goal came on a tip after a goal by Meg McGuire '08 was called back due to a foul against Bowdoin. In the win, senior goalkeeper Kate Leonard made three key saves even though Bowdoin outshot Wesleyan 18-6.

The win put Bowdoin ahead of Middlebury, giving the Bears a first-round bye. As top seed, Bowdoin will hold the league semifinals and finals on Saturday and Sunday. The Polar Bears will look to beat sixth-seeded Amherst (8-7), which upset Williams in the first round. Bowdoin beat Amherst earlier this season 3-2 in overtime.

"The key this weekend is to come out hard and play 70 minutes to our full potential," said Val Young '08. "We have come a long way since our first game against Amherst, and we will continue preparing for the game in practice this week."

Bowdoin will face off against Amherst at 11 a.m. on Saturday, followed by a semifinal match between Middlebury and Tufts. The final will be held on Ryan Field at noon on Sunday.

Women's XC takes ninth

by Lindsey Schickner
CONTRIBUTOR

The women's cross-country team finished ninth in the NESCAC championship at Connecticut College, facing weather conditions that were exceptionally worse than anything most of the women had ever raced in.

At the start of the race on Saturday, rain and hail pelted the competitors, made up of 12-woman teams from each of the 11 NESCAC schools.

Hail, rain, and high winds persisted with intensity throughout the race. The waves of the Long Island Sound tumbled and crashed just below the course where the women ran. The grass was damaged by knee deep puddles of marsh and mud that had already been trampled by the men who raced just minutes before. Even great exaggeration of the weather conditions of the day would not do justice to the runners that had to run directly into 45 mph winds and a torrential downpour.

"It was an incredibly bad day for a race, and our captains were amazingly tough about it," said Coach Peter Slovenski. "Jamie Knight '07 and Alex Knapp '07 were among terrific leaders all season, and they inspired a

brave effort against rain, wind, and fast opponents. We did our best."

At least four of Bowdoin's top 12 runners fell, a couple of whom fell more than once, and three or four women were spiked during the race. Everyone ran strong and tough through the wind and the rain, despite falling and being spiked.

The aftereffect of racing in such terrible conditions was that men and women runners on many of the teams contracted a rash from the puddles and the marsh through which the course ran. Three Bowdoin women have the misfortune of what the running community is calling the "NESCAC rash."

Junior Laura Onderko ran first for Bowdoin coming in 38th place overall with a time of 24:53 for the first 6k that the women have run all year. Second for Bowdoin was junior Courtney Eustace who came in 44th overall, and third was senior Kristen Brownell in 50th.

The Bowdoin women came in ninth place overall, defeating Hamilton and Trinity and only finishing nine points behind Wesleyan.

The top seven runners from the NESCAC will train for the Division III championships on November 11 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

MEN'S SOCCER

FINAL NESCAC					Overall	
School	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	7	1	0	12	1	0
Amherst	6	1	1	11	1	2
Wesleyan	8	1	2	10	2	3
BOWDOIN	6	3	0	10	4	1
Middlebury	5	4	0	10	5	0
Bates	3	4	2	8	5	2
Tufts	3	5	1	7	8	2
Colby	2	5	2	6	5	3
Conn. Coll.	1	8	0	4	8	2
Trinity	1	8	0	2	10	1

SCOREBOARD
Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan L 1-0
Su 10/29 v. Middlebury L 2-1
(NESCAC first round at Bowdoin)

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD
Sa 10/28 NESCAC Championship (at Conn. College) 2nd of 11

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD
Sa 10/28 NESCAC Championship (at Conn. College) 9th of 11

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD
Sa 10/28 v. U. Vermont W 27-5

SCHEDULE
Sa 11/4 v. Norwich (NERFU semifinals at Bowdoin) 12:00 P.M.
Su 11/5 v. TBA (NERFU consolation or finals at Bowdoin) TBA

- Compiled by Adam Kommel.
Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

FIELD HOCKEY

FINAL NESCAC					Overall	
School	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	8	1	1	13	1	1
Middlebury	8	1	1	13	2	
Williams	7	2	1	12	3	
Tufts	6	3	1	11	4	
Trinity	5	4	1	9	6	
Amherst	3	6	1	8	7	
Wesleyan	3	6	1	6	9	
Bates	2	7	1	8	8	
Conn. College	2	7	1	6	8	
Colby	1	8	1	4	10	

SCOREBOARD
Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan W 3-0

SCHEDULE
Sa 11/4 v. Amherst (NESCAC semifinal at Bowdoin) 11:00 A.M.
Su 11/5 v. NESCAC final v. winner of Middlebury v. Tufts 12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

FINAL NESCAC					Overall	
School	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	7	0	1	11	1	1
Tufts	6	1	2	9	4	2
Middlebury	6	2	1	11	2	1
Williams	4	2	2	8	3	3
Colby	3	2	3	9	2	3
Bates	4	4	0	10	4	0
BOWDOIN	4	4	1	7	6	2
Wesleyan	3	6	0	5	8	1
Conn. Coll.	0	8	1	3	10	1
Trinity	0	8	1	2	10	2

SCOREBOARD
Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan W 4-2
Su 10/29 v. Middlebury L 3-1
(NESCAC first round at St. Michael's)

FOOTBALL

FINAL NESCAC					Overall	
School	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	6	0	8	0		
Amherst	5	1	5	1		
Trinity	5	1	5	1		
Middlebury	4	2	4	2		
Tufts	3	3	3	3		
Wesleyan	3	3	3	3		
Colby	2	4	2	4		
Hamilton	2	4	2	4		
Bates	0	6	0	6		
BOWDOIN	0	6	0	6		

SCOREBOARD
Sa 10/28 at Wesleyan L 18-0

SCHEDULE
Sa 11/4 v. Bates 12:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

FINAL NESCAC					Overall	
School	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	10	0	23	6		
Amherst	7	3	24	4		
Conn. College	7	3	19	6		
Tufts	7	3	23	7		
Wesleyan	7	3	18	8		
Trinity	8	4	16	6		
BOWDOIN	4	8	20	10		
Middlebury	3	7	13	15		
Bates	2	8	12	19		
Colby	2	8	13	19		
Hamilton	0	10	9	21		

SCOREBOARD
F 10/27 at Wesleyan L 3-0
Sa 10/28 v. Trinity (at Wes.) L 3-2
Sa 10/28 v. Conn. College (at Wes.) L 3-1

SCHEDULE
F 11/3 v. Wesleyan (at Williams) 6:00 P.M.

Rugby advances to final four

by Clara Cantor
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Rugby Team was victorious in the New England Rugby Football Union Division II playoffs at home against the University of Vermont on Saturday. Despite high-speed winds and torrential downpours, the Bears prevailed 27-5, and advanced to the Final Four tournament this Saturday and Sunday, held at Bowdoin.

The first half opened up with an early score by Sara Utzschneider '07, who continued to dominate the kicking game versus UVM. Two additional tries by

Daphne Leveriza '07 and Emily Skinner '08 and a conversion kick by co-captain Margaret "Munny" Munford completed the half 17-0.

The second half, equally blustery and twice as cold, brought two more tries by Munford and Vanessa Vidal '08. The Bowdoin forwards held off the notorious Catamount pack in scrums and lineouts. Skinner was instrumental in loose play.

"They were really raking the ball back in rucks," said power lock Naomi Kordak '07.

The B-side game was cancelled due to high winds and frigid players on both teams.

The Bears advance to the New England Final Four this weekend as the only returning team from last year's top four teams.

"We've had a really good season," commented co-captain Margaret Griffith '07. "We've improved dramatically with every game we play."

"We've got panache," Munford added.

Bowdoin faces Norwich at noon on Saturday at Farley Fields. At 2 p.m., Wesleyan will play UNH, and the winners will face off Sunday at noon. The losers of the two games will play a consolation match for third place.

Football looks forward to Bobcat visit tomorrow

FOOTBALL, from page 11

back and Kell's arm. The effort was halted on Wesleyan's five-yard line, as a pass to Greg Racioppe '09 fell dead on fourth down.

After Wesleyan recovered a Bowdoin fumble on its own 13-yard line, Helsel hit a 31-yard field goal in the third quarter to give the Cardinals an 11-0 advantage.

The Cards capped the day's scoring with a one-yard Banks run in the fourth quarter, his second rushing touchdown

of the day. Bowdoin did not penetrate into Wesleyan territory during the second half.

With an 0-6 record heading into the final two weeks, the Bears find themselves in position to find some salvation in what has otherwise been a wasted season. The team plays against Bates this week at home, followed by the final game of the season, away at Colby College. With the CBB at stake, the Polar Bears hope to run the table and defeat two of their rivals.

"I think we're looking real good right

now," senior linebacker Mike Vitousek said. "During practice, you can see the offensive line firing out a little bit more. The running backs are just seeing the holes and are getting up in there a little bit better than they were in the beginning of the season. I really think we can do it, I think we can take these last two games."

The Bobcats come to Bowdoin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Polar Bears won last year's matchup 21-14. Bates has not won a game against Bowdoin since 2003.

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The NBA: Top 10 storylines of the season

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris
Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



A wise man once said, "Timing is everything." Maybe it was announcer Thom Brennaman after

SPORTS COMMENTARY
Derek Jeter's miraculous shovel pass to Jorge Posada in the 2001 Division Series, or Tiki Barber a couple of weeks ago when referring to his retirement, or perhaps it was even Mrs. Doubtfire after she (he?) barely managed to save ex-Bond impressionist Pierce Brosnan's life following his choking on some shrimp with a pinch of HOT JAMBALAYA! Not even a run-by fruiting could have prevented this critical line from being spoken.

Whoever said it deserves some necessary recognition for there is no line more fitting for this past week, when my Cinderella New York Jets lost ungracefully to a 1-5 Cleveland Browns team courtesy of an obvious officiating crew.

But all was not totally abject, for the NBA finally made its much-anticipated return to action on Tuesday night, ultimately allowing my mind to focus elsewhere while Pennington and Co. headed into the bye week.

Timing is everything and the basketball is now rolling, and has been for the last couple of days. So before you all forget about it, gear-

ing up for the Colts-Patriots game this Sunday, here are my Top 10 Bold Predictions for the 2006-2007 NBA season.

10. The Heat won't repeat

Sorry Dolphins fans, but D-Wade and the gang won't be able to erase a year's worth of Joey Harrington nightmares with a title this June. Although Miami returns this season with virtually the same team that won them a championship last year over Dallas (as well as rings the size of hockey pucks), much of their success will hinge on the durability of center Shaquille O'Neal. The Diesel isn't finished, but he is certainly not the force he once was with the Lakers three-peat squads. But then again, he wasn't last year either. The truth is that the Heat will continue to be a powerhouse in the Eastern Conference, and could likely find themselves back in the finals defending their crown. That is until other teams start out-busting and thus fully exploiting them.

9. Mike Fratello will be the first head coach fired this year

The Grizzlies head coach is in the final year of a contract with a mediocre roster in the toughest division in the Western Conference, which consists of the Spurs, Mavericks, Rockets, and Hornets. At least Fratello's best player Pau Gasol isn't out for at least three months with a left foot he didn't break in the World Championships.

8. Kobe will change his number back to 8

I hope you all enjoyed my futile attempt at a palindrome there; please forgive me. Switching num-

bers is relatively common in professional sports, but usually only when changing teams. It rarely ever happens with superstars. Suns center Amare Stoudemire will make the switch from No. 32 to No. 1 but that will probably go relatively unnoticed with all the games he missed last year. On the other hand, Kobe without No. 8 is like peanut butter without jelly, salt without pepper, and Pamela Anderson without silicone: just not right. And even though his new No. 24 jersey will sell like A-Rod Cub jerseys, it is inevitably a terrible basketball number, and when Bryant finds himself in the triest of funks he will realize his foolish mistake and immediately return back to normal. Either way, Kobe, you're still not better than Jordan.

7. The New York Knicks will make the playoffs

I remember when I lost my mind, but does that make me crazy? Last year, the New York Knicks should have been called the New York Nationals, with everyone else naturally assuming the role of the Harlem Globetrotters. Under Head Coach Larry Brown, the Knicks fell to an abysmal record of 23-59, the worst in the Eastern Conference. Owner James Dolan then fired Brown, and in his place hired the culprit who initially made the mess by ruthlessly hauling in outrageous contract after outrageous contract with below-average talent attached to them: G.M. Isiah Thomas. Dolan has told Thomas that he must see significant improvement with the team this season—or else. Zeké has the roster that he himself assem-

bled, and surprisingly, it's actually not that bad. They are young, athletic, and energetic merely lacking a leader especially in crunch time. But if Thomas can instill some of his former game in point guard Stephon Marbury, and make playing the game fun for everyone, with quite literally nothing to lose New York will slip into the postseason as the No. 7 seed...I hope.

6. Paul Pierce will be traded

It seems like every year there are rumors that The Truth will leave Boston and it never happens. This year it will. The Celtics have one of the more youthful rosters in the league with guys like Al Jefferson, Sebastian Telfair, and Gerald Green with Pierce at the nucleus. Yet they are vastly undersized and have lacked a true big man since the days of Dino Radja...er...I mean Bill Russell. Pierce has still yet to take the Celtics to the finals, and it will be at least two years before this team can contend again...that is unless they trade the former Kansas Jayhawk for a more dominant, taller player...Kevin Garnett ring any bells?

5. Brandon Roy will win Rookie of the Year

The Trailblazers starting lineup contains the likes of Jarrett Jack, Ime Udoka, Joel Przybilla, and Zac Randolph, all who compliment Roy who has the best raw talent out of anyone in this year's draft. He'll get the ball far more than most rookies this season, and will undoubtedly compile the most minutes. Simply put, it's his first season and he's already the go-to-guy. Enough said.

4. The LeBron commercials will never get old

The advertisements for his newest shoe are long, random, Eddie-Murphy-in-Nutty Professor-esque, and utterly bizarre. But who knew that King James could dive, let alone act? That should easily be enough to keep us entertained all season long.

3. Michael Redd will win the scoring title...and the MVP

Milwaukee fans will finally have something to cheer about other than Prince Fielder and beer. The Bucks will be this year's surprise team led by none other than the six-year veteran shooting guard, Redd. The former Ohio State Buckeye averaged 25.4 points per game last year, and that figure will only increase this season as the faith his teammates have in him grows. No. 22 will head an athletic and underrated bunch including last year's No. 1 overall pick, Andrew Bogut, recently acquired Charlie Villanueva, and Bobby Simmons. They finished a respectable 40-42 last year under first-year head coach Terry Stotts, and with a year's more experience under everyone's belt, a new color scheme and jersey to match, with Redd front and center, the Bucks won't miss. So move over Mr. Nash, it's time to give it up for the Southpaw Slingshot.

2. The Phoenix Suns will win the Finals

Nash. Stoudemire. Marion. Quite frankly, that's all you need.

1. The New York Knicks will make the playoffs

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OPINION

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Dialogue is necessary

Boody-Johnson House provides a place for cultural groups—some of which have been historically marginalized and have had to struggle to obtain rights in the United States—to call home. If a group of school officials were to step in and essentially say, "You're moving next year," we would understand if these students were to be displeased.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened last week as administrators told the leaders of some of the College's cultural organizations that Bowdoin will probably relocate the campus's multicultural space to 30 College St. at the beginning of next year. The groups currently use Boody-Johnson House as a place for meetings and club events, and the building also houses one student from each of three groups. According to Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, the space is currently underutilized, and a multicultural space closer to the main campus would allow for more dynamic interactions.

We do not doubt that the College is committed to providing a positive location for cultural groups to thrive separately and communicate collectively, and we commend administrators for trying to make sure that such students get the maximum amount of effective use out of such a space. Yet anyone who has recently made a visit to 30 College St., which currently houses nine upper class students, knows that "dynamic" would not be a synonym for it in its current state. In contrast, Boody-Johnson House is a very attractive, historical building; we can understand that students would immediately be skeptical about the displacement. More concerning, however, is that some student leaders said they felt like they were not consulted before the decision was made.

Boody-Johnson House is not like a dorm room, which a student will move out of in May, and the only items left for history will be a few reminders on the walls of posters long removed. Rather, it is a place that students can identify with throughout their four years at Bowdoin—it is a place that simultaneously represents a shared space and a space that students can call their own. The College should have respected students' attachment to Boody-Johnson and created a collaborative process to decide if relocation to 30 College St. was truly the right move for these groups, with these students, at this time.

The process of collecting input won't work if a decision has been made and the opportunity for dialogue or comment exists as a one-time chance to express anger to decision-makers. However, the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs has shown that effective dialogue can result in success—for instance, the office has been working with an array of student and non-student groups for more than eight months to develop the new Sexual Assault and Misconduct Policy. We are hopeful that a similar process will take place between the College and leaders of the affected cultural groups so that whatever multicultural space exists next year is a place that is truly a student space—designed by the people who know its purposes best.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Physical intimidation not necessary

To the Editors:

Your story, "Football Players to Police Super Snack" (10/27) initially made us wonder if the Community Service Resource Center ran out of ideas. But, more importantly, it raised a few serious and disturbing questions:

Who will oversee the football players who do the "policing"? What sort of authority will they have? What will happen to miscreants who try to sneak a bagel and a Gatorade? Will they be reported to Security? Reprimanded? Suspended? Punched?

All joking aside, "the size of the guys at the door" (as Mary Lou Kennedy said) will do more than deter late night thefts—it will impose an immediate and physical threat.

What's inherent in the "policing" of Super Snack by members of the football team is the threat of violence. Surely, football players will not be authorized to use violence at the door. So, we beg the question, couldn't members of the equestrian

team just as easily report evildoers to Security or the dean? Since the answer is obviously yes, then why is it necessary to physically intimidate students? (Especially on a purportedly progressive campus like Bowdoin's.)

If this is a serious enough issue for the College, it should hire a security guard with unambiguous powers. While we applaud the members of the football team for thinking of ways to help the Bowdoin community, their strength and intimidation is best left on the gridiron.

Brian Dunn '05

New York, New York

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Buffalo, New York

Co-Editors-in-Chief, Bowdoin Orient 2005

Activism and speed fight genocide

To the Editors:

While we continue to support previous proposals for the creation of a standing "early warning" committee to identify future genocides, we understand President Mills' concern

that creating such a committee might make anti-genocide activism appear to be "imposed by the College" rather than motivated by students. However, the urgent and apolitical nature of genocide obligates not only student activism on campus, but also an institutional response that reaches our neighbors, alumni, and peer colleges.

Therefore, we propose an alternative to a permanent committee that will help the College to respond more quickly to future genocides. The president and Board of Trustees should create a formal process through which members of our community can petition the College with evidence of genocide. If the president and board find this evidence compelling, they should then work with students, faculty, and staff to form an institutional response.

This solution relies on activism to "bubble up," but it also allows the water to boil before it's too late. If you support this proposal, please let President Mills know when you see him around campus.

Sincerely,

Liz Leiwant '08

Matt Martin '07

Leiwant and Martin are members of the Darfur Coalition.

Learn about local election issues

by Adam Hall
CONTRIBUTOR

Bowdoin students who will be voting in Brunswick on Tuesday are likely to be familiar with the positions of the candidates for state and federal office, if only through the general platform of their political party. It is less likely that most of us are acquainted with the views of those people on the ballot for the Brunswick town council. This year, any student who chooses to vote in Brunswick has the opportunity to represent the interests of future Bowdoin students with their vote for a town council member. With the upcoming closure of the naval air station and several other development issues under consideration by the town, this is a crucial time for Bowdoin students to take an active role in molding the future of the community we live in.

There are three positions on the town council that are being contested this year, and all three elections will be influenced by our student voters. All voters in Brunswick have the opportunity to cast a vote for the at-large seat, which represents the entire town. Students residing in Brunswick and Harpswell Apartments may vote for a candidate in District 2, and stu-

dents live at Pine Street may vote in the District 5 race.

Running for the at large seat are 52-year-old civil engineer Douglas Rice and 45-year-old lawyer David Webb. As the council member for the Fourth District, Rice succeeded in his goal of avoiding tax increases. He has also been quoted in the Times Record as saying he favored development of a new industrial park in West Brunswick to "start building some initial jobs and tax revenue before [the base] closes." Webb believes in the importance of "careful planning" for new development and town property acquisitions. He is supportive of the College's interest in acquiring 450 acres of naval base land and feels that "preserving some open space and recreational space is a key issue."

In District 5, Gerald Favreau, 61, is running against Sean Boyles, 37. Favreau aspires to be fiscally conservative and sees the use of some naval base land as well as new business parks as a way to generate greater tax revenue. He is also concerned with public safety, including the expansion of the police and increased pedestrian safety measures. Boyles has previously served on the town's recycling committee, where he supported the controversial pay-per-

trash-bag policy that passed the town council last month. Boyles also supports preservation of older buildings that include the brick portion of the old Brunswick High School on McKean Street.

In District 2, Carol O'Donnell, 58, is running against Jacqueline Sartoris, 42. O'Donnell is the director of finance at U Maine-Augusta and has served on town committees regarding the Maine Street train station and the use of the old high school. She has expressed a desire to have community forums on major issues. Sartoris, an environmental consultant, has served on the town council for six years. She supports building a boat launch on Mere Point to provide all-tides public access to Casco Bay. She also would like to see plans for the old high school approved by a voter referendum.

There is certainly a lot more to be said about each of these candidates, and I hope that students who choose to vote in Brunswick will take the time to inform themselves about the issues at stake. The decisions made by these council people will play a major role in deciding what sort of community will be the backdrop for future generations at Bowdoin.

Adam Hall is a member of the Class of 2008.



Correction: Due to a production error, last week's Student Speak question was incorrect. It should have asked, "What are you dressing up as for Halloween?" The Orient regrets the error.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

November 3-9

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LADD HOUSE,
6 P.M.

"Grosse Pointe Blank"

The Bowdoin Film Society presents this 1997 thriller starring John Cusack, Minnie Driver, and Dan Aykroyd.

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"The Skin of Our Teeth"

Thornton Wilder's comedy will be presented by the Department of Theater and Dance.

MEMORIAL HALL, PICKARD THEATER,
8 P.M.

"Muscle Bound"

Michael Feldman will give a one-man show about eating disorders, exercise, and male body image.

CLEAVELAND 151, DRUCKENMILLER,
7 P.M.

Saturday

Historical Train Trip to Wiscasset

Train trip up the coast in a restored 1940s Eastern Maine rail car. Also included are tours of a Wiscasset museum and a 19th-century jail house. Reservations required.

MOULTON UNION,
10 A.M.

"Grosse Pointe Blank"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"The Skin of Our Teeth"

MEMORIAL HALL, PICKARD THEATER,
8 P.M.

Sunday

David Sanchez Group

The Latin Grammy Award winner to perform with his jazz ensemble.

Tickets available for \$8 at Smith Union.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
3 P.M.

Sunday Mass

MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
9 P.M.

Monday

"The Irish Peace Process: Lessons for the White House?"

Lecture by Ed Moloney in a series sponsored by the government department.
CLEAVELAND 151, DRUCKENMILLER HALL,
7 P.M.

Tuesday

Election Day

The polls are open! Bowdoin will be providing van transportation.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS,
8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

Talk to Your Doctor

Crescendo Consulting Group will present this talk on what you should ask and expect from a doctor's visit.

LANCASTER LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
12 - 1 P.M.

President Mills's Office Hours

Students are encouraged to drop in with any questions or comments.

SMITH UNION,
3 - 5 P.M.



Courtesy of Alison Curtin, The Bowdoin Bugle

Senior Charlie Ticotsky takes control of Thorne Hall's kitchen at Wednesday's Middle East Student Association dinner.

Thursday

"Out of Phoenix Bridge"

Part of the six-week film series, "On the Border: Documentary Perspectives on Modern China."

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Wednesday

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay Speaker Series

A lecture in connection with Heather Perry's photography exhibit.

BEAM CLASSROOM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 - 9 P.M.



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BOWDOIN VOTES 2006



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Students watch live election results in Hubbard Hall's Shannon Room on Tuesday night. The Department of Government sponsored a "war room" where students and faculty tracked up-to-the-minute returns.

Hundreds cast Maine ballots

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

At least 400 Bowdoin students turned out across the state to vote on both state and local issues on Tuesday, according to an estimate by the Bowdoin College Democrats (BCD).

According to Charlie Ticotsky, co-president of the BCD, his organization transported around 200 students to the polls, and he estimated that 200 others voted on their own in the area.

Charlie Priest, a Democrat who

MORE BOWDOIN VOTES 2006

ABSTAINING STUDENTS: The Orient checks in with students who chose not to participate on Tuesday. *Page 3.*

FACULTY REACT: Two Bowdoin political scientists provide insight and analysis on Tuesday's results. *Opinion, page 15.*

was elected to Maine's House of Representatives in the 63rd District, of which Brunswick is a part, said that it was "terrific" that Bowdoin students are voting in local elections. He also said that he thought they were well-educated

about issues and candidates.

"I think most Bowdoin students are serious about elections and want to find out what the issues are," he said.

Assistant Professor of Government Michael Franz, who teaches the course Campaigns and Elections, said that Bowdoin students were thoughtful about the way they approached voting.

"I think they pay attention to the issues," Franz said. "I think they're a fairly informed electorate. They do

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Campaign aims for \$250 million

The Bowdoin Campaign begins at Kennedy Library in Boston on Friday

by Beth Kowitz
and Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

The College is scheduled to formally launch its \$250 million capital campaign in Boston on Friday. Officials believe The Bowdoin Campaign will be the largest fundraising drive in Maine history.

William Torrey, senior vice president for planning and administration and chief development officer, said that Bowdoin is already "more than halfway there" to reaching the \$250 million goal.

"You want at least 40 percent of the goal committed before you go public," Torrey said. "Our hope was 40 to 45 percent, so we're pleased where we are right now."

The exact amount raised to date will be announced at the kickoff at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on Friday evening.

"I want to save it to surprise people," he said.

The College is looking to raise \$76,550,000 for financial aid, which Torrey said is "the hallmark of Bowdoin fundraising."

"Financial aid resounds more than any other single goal," he said, but noted that the categories to which donors allocate their money "all depends on the donor and what their

COUNTDOWN TO LAUNCH

The College will officially launch its new capital campaign on Friday. Top priorities for The Bowdoin Campaign are:

- Financial aid: \$76,550,000
- Academic affairs: \$49,500,000
- Student affairs: \$32,750,000
- Other building projects: \$28,100,000
- Operating budget: \$43,100,000

TRUSTEES TO CONVENE: The Board of Trustees is meeting in Boston this weekend and will discuss Darfur. *Page 2.*

ALMA MATER REMIX: A remixed alma mater will premiere at the campaign's launch on Friday. *A&E, Page 9.*

NEXT WEEK: Orient reporters travel to Boston to cover the capital campaign launch. *Full coverage next week.*

interests are."

The College hopes to raise about \$70 million for academic affairs, including funding for 12 new faculty positions. Torrey said donors have already committed funds for six of those positions.

The campaign also includes approximately \$33 million for student affairs line items, including a new Center for the Common Good program and a new hockey rink. Other priority areas include funding for some building projects currently in progress, and operating budget support.

Torrey said that around 530 people will be at the launch, including

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'NESCAC rash' leaves cross-country scratching

Eight Bowdoin runners treated for swimmer's itch after championship

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

After running through thigh-deep water, torrential rain, and 50 mph winds at Connecticut College's NESCAC championship race, cross-country runners would never have guessed as they crossed the finish line that their worst problem was yet to come.

Twenty-four hours later, many of Bowdoin's men and women cross-country runners, as well as runners from all the other schools attending the October 27 meet, came down with a severe and painful rash, now

notoriously known as the "NESCAC rash."

Though initially some theories proposed that the rash was caused by jellyfish, Connecticut College has determined that the rash was caused by a parasite in a swamp on the course. When these parasites, called cercariae, are present in water, they can cause a skin reaction that is commonly known as "swimmer's itch."

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the rash is an immune reaction to the parasite, which cannot grow inside humans.

Though Connecticut College has been using the same cross-country course for about 20 years, this is the first time that students have acquired

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RICHARD ALAN MERSEREAU
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FEATURE PROFILE: PART ONE

THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Dick Mersereau has helped drive Bowdoin's evolution over four decades.

BY JOSHUA MILLER
ORIENT STAFF

Secretary of the College Richard "Mers" Mersereau '69 has been at Bowdoin for a long time. Starting as a student and continuing as an administrator, career counselor, and coach, he has been here, with the exception of four months in the military and a year at graduate school at Wesleyan, for more than 40 years.

Mers, the nickname he goes by, has seen enormous change during his time at Bowdoin. He has seen the College's recent history and, almost always behind the scenes, has had a hand in shaping the institution Bowdoin is today—and the place Bowdoin will be tomorrow.

This two-part profile of Mers will follow his

career at the College—from an assistant director of admissions, to assistant director of the senior center, to director of summer programs, to director of communications, to an executive assistant to the president, to his current position as secretary of the College—and, in doing so, take an in-depth look Bowdoin since 1965.

"In some ways, Mers is the glue of the Bowdoin community," President Barry Mills said. "I think trustees see him in that way, and alumni view him in that way as well."

As secretary of the College, Mers works with the Board of Trustees, helping to keep board members up to date about issues on-campus and providing

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Two students are ready to respond to local fires at a moment's notice.

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'Victims of the NESAC rash' Facebook group reaches 214

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swimmer's itch, according to Francis Shields, director of athletics at Connecticut College. The conditions of the NESAC race, however, may have been the cause of the problem, she said.

"The weather was so bad that water built up in the marsh area, and enabled some of the parasites to get into the water," Shields said.

Normally, if exposed skin is dried off immediately after contact, cercariae do not have time to penetrate the skin. However, none of the NESAC runners were aware that they had been running in infested waters.

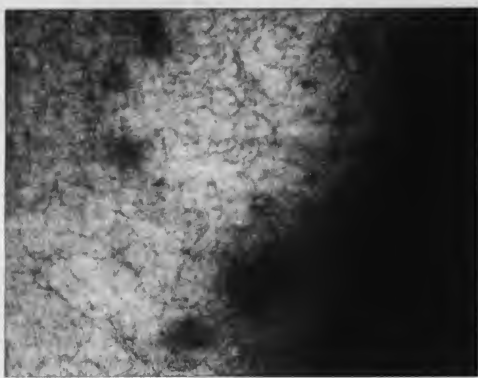
"I guess we got it so bad because we couldn't shower afterward and sat on the bus in damp clothing for five hours," said Alex Knapp '07, co-captain of the women's team.

The allergic reaction caused by cercariae can be severe. Characterized by intensely itchy red bumps, many runners commented that for the first few days after the race, it was hard to focus on anything else.

"It was probably at its worst [the following] Monday night, and I pretty much couldn't do anything, it was driving me crazy," said Knapp. "It was all over both of my legs and really burning and itchy. It wasn't painful, but extremely irritating and prevented me from concentrating on anything or sleeping."

So far, Dudley Coe Health Center has seen eight runners with symptoms. Afflicted students were prescribed anti-itch cream, as well as the steroid prednisone.

According to Jonas Crimm '10, who had a bad case, the cream did not seem to work on his rash, but others have had more success with the steroid treatments.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

A Bowdoin cross-country runner, who asked to remain unnamed, contracted the rash 12 days ago. The runner has been taking medication since Sunday.

Claudia Hartley '10, who only started Prednisone when her case showed up later on, said that "the people on steroids are looking a lot better."

"Overall, it's just like poison ivy as far as clinical course, treatment, and prognosis are concerned," College Physician and Director of Health Services Jeff Benson said.

According to the CDC, symptoms are supposed to clear up in one to two weeks.

The women's team fared worse than the men's team, possibly due to the fact that the men's race was first. By the time the women started, the marshy section of the course was even more of a morass than before, due to the continuing storm and the men's race.

Runners have created a Facebook group, "Victims of the NESAC rash," with total of 214 members. Students have posted pictures of particularly bad cases, and also have been sharing treat-

ment methods, providing support, and distracting each other from what the profile calls "the incessant itching of the NESAC rash."

Shields, the athletic director at Connecticut College, said that there was little that the college could have done.

"We held a cross-country meet on a really tough day. Everyone was already there...there was no real chance to use the park on the next day. The show had to go on, and the race was great," he said.

Shields also mentioned that Connecticut College's cross-country coach contracted the rash, joking that his staff was punished, too.

"It's cool. It's an epic race because we ran through 50 mph winds, standing water, and terrible conditions, and we felt all accomplished, but wasn't that enough?" asked Hartley.

"I can't wear a skirt," she said. "What am I going to wear to the 'Wedding Crashers' party?"

Trustee vote expected on Darfur divestment

Board also to discuss possible acquisition of air station land

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

When the Board of Trustees meets this weekend in Boston, they will discuss The Bowdoin Campaign, get updates on the new hockey rink, hear from administrators about Bowdoin's possible purchase of land at Brunswick Naval Air Station, and discuss the College's reaccreditation among other topics, according to Secretary of the College Richard Mersereau '69.

The College's \$250 million capital campaign will likely be a top agenda item (see page 1). The fundraising effort will officially begin on Friday evening at a kickoff gala at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

There will be at least two votes taken at the meeting, one on tenure and one on a resolution or resolutions regarding the situation in Darfur. Neither vote is expected to be the topic of a great deal of discussion, Mersereau said.

The board will vote on whether to

give tenure to a professor who was a senior appointment—that is, a professor who had tenure at another college—which is unlikely to prompt the lengthy discussions that regular candidates for tenure sometimes provoke.

Likewise, potential resolutions about the situation in Darfur are likely to create little debate, Mersereau said. Both on campus and off, several conversations about the issue have already taken place among students, professors, administrators, and trustees. The board also had "a really full discussion about Darfur in May," Mersereau said.

"Chances are, when it's brought to the board at this meeting, there may not be a whole lot of conversation," he said. "That doesn't mean there couldn't be discussion about it—and there might be—but I think we've moved to the point where now the trustees are ready to vote. It appears that people have ironed out differences."

Mersereau said. "I'd say this is good governance: you give everyone a chance to talk and you move something forward that appears to have a consensus," he explained.

"But it's never over, 'til it's over," Mersereau added.

CORRECTIONS

Name misspelled

Due to an editing error, the name of Tom Rodriguez '06 was misspelled on an October 27 opinion page. The Orient regrets the error.

Email correction suggestions to orient@bowdoin.edu.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Why Thursday?

The Orient's printing contractor will be closed Friday due to the Veteran's Day holiday. Thus, this week's newspaper is being published a day early. We will return to our usual Friday publication next week.

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STUDENT UNREST AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE!

BRUNSWICK, Maine – 11/9/06 – As November begins, signs of student unrest have swept the Bowdoin College campus as the Thanksgiving Holiday break approaches.

Scores of students have reportedly already made air and travel reservations – especially on Mermaid Transportation to Logan, Manchester, and the Portland Jetport for quick holiday get-aways.

Many students have actually called home to reserve drumsticks, wish bones, and pumpkin pie as well as a late wakeup call each vacation morning. Anxious parents also seemed to be caught up in this holiday fever. A significant drain on power sources for re-charging I-Pods is expected to begin several days before the break.

Campus officials are bracing for even more student unrest in December as the semester draws to a close and the holidays approach. An official speaking anonymously said, "We intend to quell this unrest with incredible brain-teasing final exams." College officials are not commenting about these remarks.

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Some students admit little knowledge of election issues

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have a stake in the outcome."

An informal survey of Bowdoin students suggested that while many had some knowledge of various issues or races, that knowledge about certain issues was often incomplete.

Samantha Weiss '07 said that the major reason she went to the polls was to vote against the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). "I never heard any pro stuff that went along with my beliefs," she said. "It just sounded like it was going to do bad things for school spending."

However, Weiss added that she did not vote on any of the local issues because she did not know anything about them.

Ted Power '07 also said that he felt like he was uninformed.

"I've never felt so uneducated about voting before," he said. "I basically just voted Democrat down the line, for everything."

Power said that he voted against TABOR.

Katie Auth '08, who voted for incumbent Gov. John Baldacci, a Democrat, said that she didn't vote on local issues. She, too, voted no on TABOR.

"I didn't know enough about the issues to believe that I could take a really informed position," she said.

Mike Hauser '10 said he voted for Baldacci, and that he voted yes on TABOR. When asked why he'd voted yes, Hauser said, "I don't know."

"It's hard to be informed about everything, but I feel like people were trying to get information on their way."

Alison Driver '08
Van Driver

Another student said that he wrote in his friend for town council.

Zachary Linhart, co-president of the Bowdoin College Republicans, said that he felt that students were not well-informed about local and state issues.

"I think a lot of students just go along with the trends and vote along with what their friends vote, which is pretty much a liberal-biased point of view, and don't really know the issues," he said. "The only people that know anything are the people that participate in the political parties, and maybe the people in Maine politics classes, and that's about it."

Linhart added that his organization brought around 10 to 15 people to the polls for early voting.

Alison Driver '08 drove vans to the polls for the BCD, and she said that students were attempting to educate themselves on the issues.

"It's hard to be informed about everything, but I feel like people were trying to get information on their way," she said.

Ticotky said that he feels comfortable with Bowdoin students voting on local issues in Brunswick.

"The College and students support local business, tutor local students, use conservation land... Those are issues that the town council deals with. And we're here a vast majority of the year," he said.

On the state ballot, for the governor's office, Baldacci beat Republican Chandler Woodcock, independent Barbara Merrill, and Green Independent Pat LaMarche while the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights was rejected, 54 percent to 46 percent, with 98 percent of precincts reporting.

In Brunswick, Kathy Thorson defeated incumbent Malcolm Andrews, 58 percent to 42 percent, for the at large school board seat. In town council District 2, Jackie Sartoris defeated Carol O'Donnell, 606 votes to 580. In District 5, Gerald Favreau defeated Sean Boyles 592 to 343. For the at large town council representative, David Webb defeated Douglas Rice, 3522 votes to 3337.

Franz said that the BCD's efforts could have contributed to both Sartoris' and Webb's victories.

"Mobilization was pretty evident," he said. "It's a sign of a vibrant process."

Non-voters cite knowledge, confusion, nihilism

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

The Orient found 100 students at locations around campus who said they did not vote. In order to gather as many responses as possible and to encourage candor, the Orient granted students anonymity.

A plurality of these students said they chose not to vote because they felt uninformed about the issues.

"I don't really know anything about Maine politics," said one.

Other students expressed uncertainty about where they were supposed to be voting, and where they

were registered.

"I was confused about where I was registered, and I didn't have the time to clear it up," one student said.

Many were simply "too busy" to vote and cited classes, exams, or work in general as their explanation.

Many out-of-state students either forgot or did not receive absentee ballots on time.

Some students expressed doubt in the value of an individual vote.

"The election still would've gone the way it went if I had voted," said one.

Another said he did not vote

because he would have voted for Democrats and "Maine is a solid blue state, anyway."

Others had a general distaste for the political system.

"I didn't feel like there was a race worth voting in," said one.

Another simply did not believe in the American political system.

A few students had very simple explanations for not voting. Some were not yet 18, others were not U.S. citizens.

Explained one student, "I'm foreign."

One student declared he was a nihilist, and gave no further explanation.

Franco symposium recognizes history

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

In recognition of Bowdoin's ties to Maine's Franco American roots, the College is holding a three-day symposium entitled "Celebrating the Franco American Heritage of Maine." With visitors expected from Canada, New England, and Maine, the symposium will feature panel discussions, a documentary, and a closer look into the Franco American lifestyle.

"Bowdoin is an elite institution, but it hasn't forgotten its roots," said Professor of Government Chris Potholm.

"It reaches out to all ethnic groups and it hasn't forgotten about its people in Maine," he said. "We want to celebrate all the Franco American contributions to Maine, America, and, of course, to Bowdoin."

Potholm has been involved in the planning of the symposium, and teaches a course in Maine Politics emphasizing Franco Americans influence in Maine.

"While we celebrate and are quick to embrace diversity, we forget that there's a very unique population here in our midst that built the society of Maine," said Juliana L'Heureux, author of the column "Les Franco Americans" for the Portland Press Herald.

"They really provided the industrial base that made Maine into a state," she said.

Potholm said people do not realize Bowdoin's connection to the French. James Bowdoin III, who chartered the College in 1794, was the great-grandson of a Huguenot Frenchman, Pierre Boudoin, and the son of the former Governor of Massachusetts, James Bowdoin II.

Boudoin moved to Maine in 1685, shortly after other Quebecois settlers moved to North America in the early 1600s.

The symposium will feature a series of three discussions and a documentary film, and will run from November 13 to 15.

The first panel discussion will be held at 7 p.m. in Thorne Hall's Daggett Lounge, on Monday, November 13. Severin Beliveau, president of the American section of the Forum Francophone des Affaires, a nonprofit that encourages business between the US and Francophone countries, and partner at a Portland law firm, will moderate the discussion titled "Tactics and Success in Franco Upward Mobility."

Beliveau said his panelists grew up in French-speaking households and will discuss the difficulties they faced in the business world as Franco Americans. They are founders, presidents, and leaders in their respective companies, he explained.

"We want to make the audience aware of the very strong presence in Maine of a large Franco American community. The fact that they have made, and will continue to make, significant contributions is critical," he said.

The second panel discussion, "Celebrating the Political and Legal Dimensions of the Franco American Experience," will be held in Daggett Lounge at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Potholm will moderate the discussion.

Wednesday will feature a showing of "Reveil—Waking Up French," a documentary by Ben Levine, at 3 p.m. in Daggett Lounge. The film focuses on New England Franco Americans rediscovering their French language and culture.

Directly after the film, L'Heureux, who studies Franco American stories and with her family and discusses them in her column and on her Web site, will moderate the discussion "Cultural and Artistic Dimensions of the Franco American Experience." She said that the original New England settlers were elite of the French society and brought support for the arts.

She said that it is "extraordinary" for "Bowdoin College to be recognizing the culture with this event."

Brandon Bouchard '07, a Franco American student from northern Maine, said that the symposium shows how Bowdoin supports Maine's culture.

"I think Bowdoin needs as many opportunities as possible for students to learn about the culture in the area," he said. "It's a great chance to come and hear the academic stance on everything and for students to learn something."

Potholm said he is excited about the event and looks forward to similar commemorations.

"There is no question that the president of Bowdoin is committed to these types of celebration for all other types of diversity," he said. "This is a great chance for Bowdoin's founding and Maine to come together with emphasis on a minority group that's not always celebrated."

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 11/2 TO 11/8

Thursday, November 2

• A student living on Potter Street reported that an unidentified man with a small black dog entered the front door of the apartment building, ran upstairs, then downstairs, and left the building. The man was 30 to 40 years old, dark hair with a pony tail, wearing a green jacket.

• Students reported that a man selling beer pong T-shirts without College permission gained entrance to several first-year brick residence halls. The man was in his 30s, dark hair, short beard, wearing a blue sweatshirt. Security cameras spotted the man as he entered Hyde Hall at 5:27 p.m. The man left campus before he could be located. Of concern is the fact that the unidentified man was apparently let into locked residence halls by students.

• An alarm at Banister Hall was inadvertently activated.

Friday, November 3

• A fire alarm at Brunswick Apartments Q block was activated by

students burning chocolate chip pancakes.

• A fire alarm at Brunswick Apartments U block was activated by students burning pizza.

• A dining staff member at Thorne Hall reported a possible propane gas leak. The Brunswick Fire Department checked the area and detected no fumes.

• A Coles Tower student was spoken to regarding possession of a BB gun in a dorm, a college policy violation. The gun was placed in storage at the Security office.

• A fire alarm at Brunswick Apartments J block may have been activated by the use of a candle. The burning of candles in residence halls is prohibited due to the fire danger.

Saturday, November 4

• A student took a spill on a bicycle on North Campus Drive and received minor injuries to her head, wrist, and hand. No medical attention was required.

• A student was cited for holding an unregistered event in a first floor dorm

at Winthrop Hall. A report was filed with the dean of student affairs.

Sunday, November 5

• A Howard Hall student reported that her purse was lost between Maine Street and Coles Tower. The purse was later recovered.

• A security officer transported a Thorne dining service employee with a lacerated finger to Parkview Hospital.

• A student was reported to have entered the Education Department offices at Kanbar Hall without authorization when the offices were closed and locked. An investigation report was filed with the dean of student affairs.

• A West Hall student who had a seizure on the building's fourth floor was transported to Mid Coast Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

• An East Hall student reported that his slate gray Kelly Redwing backpack containing college papers and notebooks was stolen from a storage cabinet at Moulton Dining during the lunch hour on November 1.

Monday, November 6

• A security officer transported a Brunswick Apartments student complaining of dizziness from an earlier head injury to Mid Coast Hospital.

Tuesday, November 7

• A Jack Magee's Grill employee reported a dispute with a student over a food order on Monday night.

• An Athletics Department staff member reported that a mp3 player was stolen from a Sargent Gym locker. Three local Brunswick residents were seen in the area at the time of the theft, and they were spotted on a security camera. The trio was seen leaving South Campus Circle in a blue Dodge Intrepid with Maine registration 2468N1. Suspects have been identified by the Brunswick Police and theft charges are forthcoming.

• A student reported another backpack theft during lunch at Moulton Union. The black and silver Ping backpack contained a wallet, driver's license, credit cards, and hockey

practice clothing.

Wednesday, November 8

• Two framed posters depicting images from the IT web page that were hanging outside the IT offices at Coles Tower were reported stolen.

• A housekeeper at Coles Tower reported that \$20 was taken from her wallet in her purse in a housekeeping office. The office door lock was found to be defective and a repair has been scheduled.

• A student reported the loss of a cell phone last Saturday night at Pine Street Apartments. The phone is a Verizon camera flip phone, model LGV25200.

For the safety of everyone in your residence hall, never let any person into your building that you don't know and trust. Be alert and promptly report suspicious people and unusual activity to Security at 725-3500. Let's all work together to prevent campus crime and keep Bowdoin safe.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

BSG holds 'fantastic' meeting on misconduct

by Travis Dagenais
ORIENT STAFF

An unusually long Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) meeting was also a productive one, as representatives discussed the proposed revised sexual misconduct policy with Associate Dean of Student Affairs Mary Pat McMahon and unanimously approved a pair of proposals.

As the Orient reported last week, McMahon has been working on revising Bowdoin's sexual misconduct policy for more than eight months, and recent revision proposals have made the policy an important topic for discussion.

"It's a big change," McMahon said. "It's important that the campus community understands what we're doing and why."

McMahon has been working alongside campus administrators and organizations, such as the Student Affairs Committee to craft a more accessible policy with which students can feel comfortable.

"My big goal is clarity," McMahon said. "Our policy as it stood was fairly convoluted. It tried to do too much at the same time."

McMahon was heavily influenced by the University of Virginia's sexual misconduct policy, which the university offered freely to Bowdoin.

"We basically took Virginia's policy and made it to line up with Bowdoin's social code," McMahon noted. "We had to have it fit Bowdoin's needs."

The revised policy was a focus of last week's BSG meeting, as students prepared questions for McMahon and discussed differences between old and new policies.

At this week's meeting, McMahon answered a variety of questions from students and, as was her goal, clarified some of the policy's points.

"I've heard from some students that the policy is really dense," McMahon said during the meeting.

Many students were concerned with the meaning of "effective consent," which is a central term in the new policy. Vice President of Student Organizations Stephanie Witkin '07 was curious about the difference between effective and ineffective consent.

Vice President of BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 added that the role of drugs and alcohol in relation to consent seemed inconsistent.

"If you can show me a definition of 'consent' that's any less vague, I'll be impressed," McMahon replied, adding that some flexibility in the policy would be necessary to allow for differences between certain situations.

While the former policy listed mediation and formal hearings as the two responses to a misconduct filing, the revised policy also includes a "structured meeting" as a response. Inter-House Council (IHC) President Alex Lamb '07 questioned the distinction between a mediation and a structured meeting.

"The structured meeting would be more for sexual misconduct-like complaints," McMahon responded.

"What we really want to do is get people who should be learning about this to the table," McMahon replied. "I would encourage people to actually read [the policy]. If people have reactions to it, we'd like to hear them."

Class of 2007 Representative Emily Hubbard suggested a mandatory forum to address this issue. "It's important that people know the College cares about [sexual misconduct]," Hubbard stated.

Lamb agreed, adding that starting a mandatory forum would be a "big step

to make" for Bowdoin.

While McMahon suggested an online forum, Hubbard countered that "hearing an official voice is much more effective than reading something online."

Vice President of Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07 and President DeRay McKesson '07 both took issue with the gender balance of the sexual misconduct board.

"My concern is what do we do if there's a single-gender board," McKesson stated. McMahon replied that the gender issue would be addressed and codified in a subdocument.

Because the new policy reduces the size of the board from 10 people to seven, some representatives were worried about the power of the student voice in the policy process. McMahon replied that the reduction was necessary in order to promote comfort for the complainant, and because serving on the board is "intense in its own right."

"If you have more people, the fear is that if a student has a really traumatic story, they'd have to share it with that many more people," McMahon stated.

After the meeting, students felt overwhelmingly satisfied with the discussion.

"I thought it was a fantastic meeting," Lamb said.

At-Large Representative Kata Solow '10 added that it "felt like a breath of fresh air."

"This meeting was very positive," Vice President of Student Affairs Carolyn Chu '07 remarked. "Dean McMahon was very welcoming to our questions. We appreciate all of the time she took to speak with us."

Students felt that their general preparedness and planning had much to do with the success of the conversation.

After the sexual misconduct discussion, BSG also covered three other issues, including a proposed leadership development program meant to give students the chance to develop leadership skills through seminars, classes, and other means.

"This is an opening step," Brooks noted, "towards establishing a legitimate program."

Several students saw little use of a formalized program for instructing students in leadership. IHC Representative Avery Forbes '08 saw no reason for a "certification" of leadership, while fellow IHC Representative Kristen Gunther '09 felt "it seems like you'd be getting people who are already leaders" enrolled in the classes.

Treasurer Rebecca Ginsberg '07 supported the idea, noting "there are professionals who teach these skills and there's knowledge you can learn. I've been to things like this and they've been extremely helpful."

Hubbard added that "adults do the same sorts of things. It seems like something that's incredibly positive that Bowdoin doesn't have in place already."

BSG did not vote on this presentation, but two proposals that followed both met with unanimous support.

Chu presented a plan for "Nametag Day" and outlined a budget slightly higher than last year's. Following unanimous approval of this, Chu proposed a plan to fund and create posters to support the Field Hockey and Women's Rugby teams.

McKesson noted that BSG "historically has not targeted women's sports in the same way it has for men's," while Witkin echoed that "we need to step up the support for the women's teams."

Unanimous support of the poster funding request, which approved a \$50 expenditure, ended the meeting.

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Campaign launch, held at Kennedy Library in Boston, will be first to take place away from campus

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about 35 student representatives and 25 to 30 faculty members. Alumni such as Geoffrey Canada, '74, president and chief executive officer of the Harlem Children's Zone, and Stanley Druckenmiller '75, a billionaire investor, will also be in attendance. Torrey said former Senator George Mitchell '54 will not be in attendance, as he is currently in Europe.

As part of the evening program, students will perform a live show put together by Associate Professor of Theater Davis Robinson.

"It's really designed to show people what Bowdoin is all about today," Torrey said.

Associate Professor of Music Vineet Shende, along with Shawn Stewart '08 and a cappella groups Miscellanea and the Meddiebumpsters, recorded a remix of the alma mater and an accompanying music video, which will also premiere at the launch (see article, page 9).

Several faculty members will give presentations as part of "Voices from the Classroom" at the Seaport Hotel earlier in the day, with Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd giving the opening remarks.

Torrey, who has been at Bowdoin for 18 years and is involved in his third capital campaign, said that the College decided on Boston as this launch's location because many of the same people who attended the 1993 to 1998 campaign kickoff, which was held at Farley Field House, would also be going to this year's event. That campaign beat its \$113 million goal by \$23 million.

"[This launch is] the first one we've ever done off campus," he said. "We thought we would do something different."

The launch is the halfway point in the campaign, which began July 1, 2004, and ends June 30, 2009. It marks the transition from the "silent phase," in which Bowdoin solicits those "who know Bowdoin best," to the public announcement, Torrey said. The public phase, in which the College approaches a much broader group, lasts two-and-a-half years. Bowdoin uses a comparatively short five-year model for its campaigns in order to avoid burnout.

"It's the one that worked for us," Torrey said.

Last year, Bates College successfully completed its own capital campaign, which started in 2000 with a goal of \$120 million. Colby College's own \$235 million campaign kicked off in January.

Before beginning its campaign, Bowdoin's administrators had to formulate a list of priorities.

"The way these campaigns are essentially designed is you go through the planning stages, which takes about two years," he said. "You come up with an enormous total of things you'd love to have done."

Torrey said they next come up with the major components of the campaign to recommend to the board and "it all comes together with the recommendation to the trustees."

While Torrey said he did not know the amount being spent on the launch, he did say that the College is "on budget" and that Bowdoin spends 12 cents on the dollar for fundraising, compared to the national average of 15 cents for college and university fundraising.

Torrey noted that President Barry Mills has been essential in the fundraising process.

"Barry is tireless as a fundraiser," he said. "He's devoted an enormous amount of time to making sure this

"The College is in very good shape right now. We were starting the campaign from a position of strength."

Deborah Jensen Barker '80
Capital Campaign Co-Chair

campaign is a success. He's very effective."

He also pointed to Deborah Jensen

Barker '80 and Robert White '77, the campaign co-chairs, as crucial in the campaign's success.

"To commit five years of your life to helping Bowdoin make money is quite a sacrifice," Torrey said. "Most institutions would give their right hand to have people involved like this."

Barker, who is a trustee of the College, said she signed on to the role because she believes "so strongly in Bowdoin" and felt that it was the right time.

"The College is in very good shape right now," she said. "We were starting the campaign from a position of strength."

Barker said that people have been giving in "significant numbers," partly because they realize that with 85 percent of the money going to the endowment, "what we're trying to do is build for the future."

"I feel so strongly that Bowdoin needs to leave its door open to anyone who deserves to go here, regardless of their financial position," she said.

Torrey said that in his work, he "can count on one hand the number of people we've solicited who have said no."

"If you create a fair process of identifying what your priorities are, people will buy into that," he said.

Barker said that people are willing to give because they have a special

bond with Bowdoin.

"It's changed all of us and shaped who we are," she said.

However, Barker noted that while a student at Bowdoin, she was unaware of the College's fundraising efforts.

"I had no idea that my tuition didn't cover the cost of my education," she said.

Torrey said that students are mostly "out of the loop" on fundraising efforts while they are at Bowdoin, but "without the support we couldn't be who we are."

He added, "It's not a bad thing that every 10 years we talk about the role fundraising plays in a place like this."

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Out of the classroom and into the fire

by Steve Kolowich
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In any 90-minute class block, at least one student will usually leave the room at some point. The reasons are various and often mundane: A student might be going to use the bathroom; he might be going to blow his nose; he might be going to check his email.

When sophomore Ian Yaffe gets up and hurries out of class, he might be going to fight a fire.

While many students' idea of "student employment" means washing dishes in a dining hall or manning the counter at the Cafe a few nights per week, Yaffe and senior Anthony Regis have a different kind of job. They're firefighters.

"Call" firefighters, that is. That means pretty much exactly what it sounds like: They are always on call. Each wears a pager, issued by their respective departments. Regis works for Brunswick Fire and Rescue (BKFD), and Yaffe works for the Topsham Fire Department (TFD). The pager works like a one-way radio. When there is a call, it vibrates and the dispatcher's voice crackles the nature and location of the call.

"It's cool that when I hear sirens, I know where they're going and what they're going for," says Regis.

Although Yaffe and Regis are not required to respond to every call—Regis, unlike Yaffe, turns his pager off in class (then checks it immediately after class adjourns), while Yaffe keeps his on low volume—they generally respond whenever they can. While Yaffe sometimes opts not to respond to calls during class, he has left class three times this year, usually for structure fires, when the chief has made an "all hands" call.

"Sometimes you know immediately [whether the call is urgent]," he says. "Sometimes it's a judgment call."

Regis estimates that of the 100-plus calls BKFD receives per week, he'll respond to five or six. At the very least, he tries to make all calls that come from the Bowdoin campus.

Yaffe claims that irking professors or falling behind in class material because of his unusual extracurricular duty "has not been an issue" so far during his almost three semesters as a student-firefighter at Bowdoin.

"Generally, teachers understand what needs to be done," he says, adding, "I probably miss less class than some other people."

The TFD, which is comprised exclusively of call firefighters like Yaffe, requires that every responding firefighter report to the station first before responding to a call. In order to allow him to respond to calls quickly when he "is on campus," Yaffe's boss made a special parking arrangement for him with Bowdoin Security. Yaffe parks in the Coffin Street parking lot, which is usually reserved for seniors and faculty.

Regis also parks his truck in the Coffin lot, though he acquired the space through the parking lottery. As a member of the BKFD's call contingent (it also employs full-time firefighters), Regis has struggled unsuccessfully to acquire special dispensation to park in convenient lots since he began his job as a firefighter at the end of his first year at Bowdoin.

'The rescue aspect'

Ironically, it was an organization where he learned how to start fires that led to Regis's interest in fighting them. The senior's road to the BKFD began back in his hometown of Topsfield, Massachusetts, where he was a Cub Scout. When he graduated from Cub Scouts, Regis made the decision to continue on to Boy Scouts, noting that the skills and values he was learning in the Scout program—character-building, physical fitness, and outdoorsmanship—appealed to him.

As he continued to rise in the Boy Scouts, Regis saw a handful of his older friends kids he looked up to—join the "Explorer's Post," a junior firefighters' program. He followed suit. Eventually, he became trained as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and worked during the summer for a private ambulance company that lent its services to the local fire and rescue department in Topsfield.

As an EMT, Regis is "fascinated with the rescue aspect" of his job. He says that with the BKFD, the majority of calls regard medical emergencies. Everyone in the department is "at least an EMT," and two paramedics work each shift.

Last year, Regis had his first experience with what in BKFD jargon is known as a "code": a cardiac arrest call. As he was helping to clear Chamberlain Hall after a 7 a.m. false fire alarm, he got a call regarding a local elderly man who was exhibiting agonal respirations; a breathing pattern people often experience shortly before death. Regis hopped on the engine that was sent from Chamberlain to the man's home. When they arrived, he had no heartbeat.

En route to the hospital in the back of an ambulance, Regis and two other EMTs worked together to try to resuscitate the man. Regis did chest compressions, while another ventilated the man's lungs with a bag-valve mask, and the third administered intravenous lines of saline and epinephrine. Once they arrived at the hospital, Regis continued the chest compressions in the Emergency Room until finally, the ER doctor told him to stop. The man was not going to be resuscitated.

Though the outcome was tragic, Regis points to this call as one of the most memorable of his young career because it exemplified the teamwork and application of learned skills that his superiors had emphasized throughout his training.

"Despite the circumstances, I found it exciting," he says. "Everyone was working as a team, and everyone knew what needed to be done."

At other times, Regis has seen his life as a student come into conflict with his duties as a firefighter. In October of his sophomore year, the Boston Red Sox won the World Series for the first time in 86 years, and Bowdoin students celebrated by making a bonfire on the Brunswick Apartment quad. When the exulting students began chucking furniture into the blaze, Security summoned the BKFD to extinguish it. Regis took the call and was the first on the scene, at which point his emotions



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

lan Yaffe '09 stands in front of a fire engine at the fire station in Topsham. Yaffe has been an on-call firefighter for the Topsham Fire Department since he started at Bowdoin over a year ago.

pulled him in two directions.

"In one sense you want to put the fire out, and in another you want to celebrate with your friends," he says.

Regis ended up settling on both, helping his colleagues put out the bonfire and then sticking around afterwards to hang out with his friends.

'Just something you do'

Yaffe joined the fire department in his hometown of Chilmark, Massachusetts, as soon as he turned 18 and was legally allowed to do so. Like Regis, he does not come from a family of firefighters. Asked why he was so eager to sign up, Yaffe pauses, struggling with how to properly convey his call to duty before settling on:

"It's just something you do."

"I just figured I would want someone to come help me if I needed help," he continues.

Yaffe opted for the Topsham department over its Brunswick counterpart after conferring with Andrew Gestrich '06, who, while he was a student, worked for two years at the BKFD before transferring to the TFD. Yaffe says that he felt he could be involved at a higher level with the TPD because unlike the BKFD, it does not have a staff of full-time firefighters.

"It was a complicated decision, but I think I made the right call," he says.

To make it easier for him to respond to calls when he is not in class, Yaffe lives in an apartment in Topsham instead of on-campus housing.

Though he has been involved in combating "several" structural fires and has been inside a number of burning buildings, Yaffe says that he usually only considers himself in danger in retrospect. He claims never to have feared for his life during a call, and "couldn't imagine" circumstances under which he would disobey an order out of fear for his own well-being.

"I rely on my officers and chief officers to make the calls," he says. "There's a very high level of trust."

Ken Brilliant, chief of the TFD, describes Yaffe as "very active and ambitious," citing the 233 hours of service the sophomore completed in order to achieve "Firefighter II" certification. Firefighter II is the highest level of qualification for firefighters in the state of Maine.

Brilliant also mentions how useful Yaffe has been to the exclusively call TFD force because of the flexibility of his daytime schedule.

"He's able to respond more freely during the day, whereas other guys who are working can't," he says.

Yaffe says that he would like to see more Bowdoin students become firefighters, saying that while prior training is useful, the only real requirement is that a person be capable of doing the sorts of things that the job would ask of him.

"Anybody here can do it," he says.

On duty

As he sits in a dorm room patiently fielding the Orient's questions, Regis's red pager begins to vibrate in his pocket. The radio speaker crack-

les to life.

"All units, report of a garage fire at 22 Church Street," says a voice through the static.

Regis leaps up and politely excuses himself from the room, leaving his backpack behind. He hustles to his Nissan truck in the Coffin lot. His gear is already in the backseat. Regis puts his department-issued emergency light on the dashboard and pulls out of the lot in the direction of the call.

He arrives at the same time as the BKFD engine and immediately reports to his chief to submit his "accountability card"—a procedure designed to keep track of who is at what fire—and to receive instructions.

It turns out not to be a big deal: some smoke coming out of a fluorescent light fixture in the garage. Regis helps another firefighter unplug the light, remove it, and take it outside.

Still, "we treat every call like it's the most serious call it could be," says Regis. He added that despite frequent and relatively mundane calls such as false fire alarms, he has no trouble getting his adrenaline pumping when responding to a call.

"You have to prepare," he says. Regis says that the most rewarding part of the job is both making people more secure and making them feel more secure.

"You get a joy from helping others," he says. "And often even your presence there can help make things better."

"When you call the fire department, they're going to come," agrees Yaffe. "That's what they do."

FEATURE PROFILE: PART ONE

THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN

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training to new trustees. Mers also serves on various committees, helps in planning significant events, and does any number of other tasks to help keep the College running smoothly.

"He is a genuinely committed in all the right ways to Bowdoin," Mills said.

Mers has an index card, beat up and yellowed with time, tacked to the bulletin board in his office. On it is a quote, typewritten, by Martin Luther King Jr. about "the fierce urgency of now." At the top of the card in handwritten capitals is the word "now" in blue marker. In the quote, each repetition of the word "now" is underlined in faded pencil. The phrase "now is the time..." repeats again and again. When I asked him where the card was from, he appeared momentarily flummoxed, as if he had forgotten the card was even on his wall.

He had typed it up while at Wesleyan. While there, he had taken a black history course and become interested in civil rights.

With stacks of paper on his table and desk, and boxes scattered on the floor, Mersereau's office seems smaller than it actually is. Located on the third floor of the prestigious-looking building at 85 Federal St.—which served as the president's house for 92 years—Mersereau's office is organized, but in Mers's quirky version of organization. He told me that when he was writing his honors thesis in government about Tanzania, he would write all his ideas out on a page and then outline them by circling the most important ones. He speaks in a similar manner, talking about a few different things and then circling back to the most important topics, elaborating on them with an extended anecdote or deeper explanation.

After graduation, Mersereau worked in the admissions office for six months with Dick Moll, who was Bowdoin's dean of admissions from 1967 to 1975. He left for the Army Reserve, which, as he explained it, "you joined back then to prevent yourself from going to Vietnam." After four months in uniform, he went to Wesleyan and got a master's in education. "Moll was planning on teaching African studies at the high school level—he had become interested in the civil rights movement while at Bowdoin—but got a call from Moll asking him to come back to admissions." Moll was transforming Bowdoin," Mersereau explained. "And that was something that resonated with me."

"I was trying to find appropriate 'poster boy' recent graduates," Moll explained. "Mers came to the admissions office to work just as we were on the cusp of coeducation. There is a certain kind of personality that fits college admissions and Mers has it," Moll said.

"He has an infectious smile, a generous spirit, and, well, I can't imagine there is anyone out there who does not like Mers. He is very engaging with both young people and their parents, and, possibly more than anything else, he loves Bowdoin," Moll explained.

"Rarely does a person come along who is willing to devote his life to one cause. Mers is one of those peo-

ple, and his good cause was Bowdoin College," Moll said.

Mersereau became the assistant dean of admissions "just as we announced to the world that we were making SATs optional," Moll said. Although it took three "boisterous" faculty meetings for Moll to get faculty approval for dropping the requirement, the risky decision paid off. A January 1970 article in *The New York Times* lauded Bowdoin's landmark decision. A number of other papers picked up the story and suddenly many more Americans knew about Bowdoin College.

Now was the time.

"Our applicant pool almost tripled overnight," Moll said. "What this meant was that each admissions officer had to do more in terms of reading folders."

"At our peak," Moll said, "each of us had to read 81 folders. That's 81 folders a day per person."

In some fashion, Moll was a mentor for Mersereau. "Some of his mentoring was watching a genius at work—passion, creativity, intelligence," Mersereau explained.

"He's a great writer, and he wrote a lot of his own admissions materials. He was intentional. He understood that everything you did in admissions—from the interview, to the letter of admission, to the spiel, to the promotional materials—all mattered and all reflected the College," Mers said. "He was a mentor in the sense that he had high standards: He demanded hard work, good writing, intelligence, creativity, passion."

Moll also had resilience, Mers explained, which was an essential attribute in bringing about change. "You can't come in as a change agent and expect everyone to be happy with that," Mersereau said. He learned from Moll that one has to be able to roll with the punches if one wants to change things.

Moll not only had a profound effect on the College, helping usher it into a new era, but also on Mers.

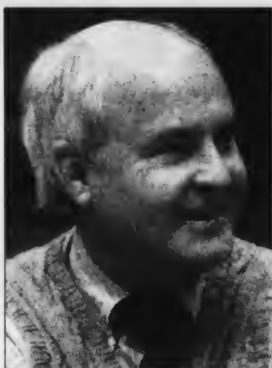
In his office, Mers has a surprising number of photographs. At first glance, all appear to be of his family. He is married and has a son and a daughter. He seems to have a picture of every iteration of the four of them: He has a photo of each of them by themselves, a picture of the whole family, a snapshot of just Mers and his daughter and just Mers and his son, a picture of him and his wife getting married.

There is also a picture of the women's varsity basketball team from the early 1980s.

Dick Mersereau knew a lot about basketball, and he volunteered to be the coach of the fledgling women's basketball team thinking that his knowledge of the game was all that was required. As it turned out, the job necessitated knowing about more than just hoops.

"As I'm fond of saying when anybody asks me, 'Well, what was coaching like?' It was 50 percent basketball and 50 percent politics," Mers explained to me one rainy Wednesday in October. "The politics had a lot to do with Bowdoin going coeducational." Luckily, Mers likes politics.

Bowdoin admitted its first coeducational class in the fall of 1971, and



Above: A 2004 photo of Dick Mersereau at a women's basketball game. Right: Coach Mers talks to his team during a timeout when he coached the Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team. On the front page: Mersereau's 1969 Bowdoin Bugle yearbook photo.

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Front: Courtesy of The Bowdoin Bugle

Mersereau's stint as a coach began in 1975. While Title IX—the federal law requiring that no one "be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance" on the basis of sex—had officially come into effect in 1972, when Mers started coaching, the Department of Athletics seemed to have missed the memo.

"There was a double standard in most everything," Mersereau said.

In his first year of coaching, the women's basketball team was required to both practice and play games in Sargent Gym, while the men practiced and played in Morrell Gym. Morrell had been built in 1968 and had substantially better facilities than Sargent.

"The issues with basketball—equal equipment, equal treatment, equal practice facilities and practice time, equal meal money when you're traveling on the road, equal schedule—these are all things that now we simply take for granted," Mers said. He explained that when he first began coaching, the men had a New England schedule whereas the women were restricted to playing only in Maine.

Being a volunteer and a first-time coach at Bowdoin and only 28 years old, Mersereau had little say in where his team practiced. Regardless of his lowly position, however, his patience with the College's athletic administration soon wore thin.

"It wasn't too long before I was saying, 'This doesn't feel right to me,'" Mersereau explained. He took his concerns to the people in the Department of Athletics and was dismayed by their reactions.

Now was the time.

"Their responses to my questions like 'How come we don't we prac-

tice and play in Morrell Gym?' would be unthinkable today," Mersereau said. "Then, the answer, even from the person in charge of women's athletics was, 'Well, the girls aren't as good as the boys, and they don't deserve to practice in Morrell.'"

Mersereau did not give up easily. "When he thought something was unfair, he really went to bat for us," Nancy B. Steele '79 said. Steele, who had Mers as a coach for her four years on the varsity team and was a co-captain in the 1978-1979 season, explained that his persistence paid off.

"He fought tooth and nail to get us practice time in Morrell Gym. It didn't come easily and it wasn't handed to him, but eventually he got it," Steele said.

As a volunteer coach who was not a member of the athletics department, Mersereau's demand that his basketball team be given equal treatment ruffled some feathers. "I was in my late 20s...and it didn't take long for me to begin to make waves," he said.

One of the first things I noticed when I started talking with Mersereau is that he is a humble man who does not easily take responsibility for his successes. It often takes some prodding for him to concede that, yes, he did make a difference. And even when he does dutifully take responsibility for one of his accomplishments, he often riddles it with caveats.

"In a quiet way, over a period of years, I was somewhat of an agent for change," he admitted.

It wasn't that the College had the wrong intentions, Mers said. "Bowdoin was trying to be accommodating in a bureaucratic, slow, reactive way in the early years of coeducation," he said. As Mers



calls it, it was "the growing pains of coeducation."

Mers had to deal with the politics of being a coach, but the game of basketball was the reason he was there and the reason his team was there. And, as with the political side of coaching, he was quite good at his job, according to the women who played on his team.

"He motivated his players really well," Debra J. Sanders '77 said. Sanders, now a special agent with the FBI, was the captain of the team for all of her four years at Bowdoin. "He got out there with us and took part in the exercises he gave us to do," she explained.

"I couldn't have asked for a better coach," Steele said. "I've played a lot of ball, and I've played for a lot of coaches, and he was the best, hands down. He knew basketball, and he knew his team," she said. "There are some coaches who know basketball and some coaches who are great working with individuals, but to find someone like Mers who was both in one person...well, that doesn't happen too often."

Mers's record for all six seasons as head coach of the Bowdoin women's basketball team was 87 wins and 32 losses—a winning percentage of .731.

Back on the third floor of 85 Federal St., toward the end of one of my interviews with Mers, we were discussing the upcoming capital campaign. He has been deeply involved in planning not only the campaign, but also the kickoff gala. He was explaining some of the logistics of setting the whole event up. I scribbled down some notes.

"Yep," Mers said, "now is the time..."

"What?" I asked.

"Now is the time to have a capital campaign. We have one about every 10 years."

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—FORMER DEAN OF ADMISSIONS RICHARD MOLL

Be safe with tattoos, piercings

Ask Dr. Jeff

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Dear Dr. Jeff:
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The current popularity of body art has raised some public health concerns over the danger of contracting Hepatitis B or C or HIV from infected piercing and tattooing needles. People with tattoos, for instance, are nine times more likely to be infected with Hepatitis C, a virus which can survive outside the body for months on an improperly cleaned counter-top, chair, or piece of equipment.

Very few of the many thousands of piercing and tattooing studios nationwide are licensed and regulated by health departments.

We are indeed fortunate, here in Maine, that all piercing and tattoo artists are licensed, and their studios inspected, by the Health Engineering Division of the State Bureau of Health.

However, even licensed studios and artists carry potential risks, and need to be chosen carefully. Make sure they are in fact licensed, and that they appear clean and well-maintained. Take a look at their autoclave ("sterilizer"). It should be FDA-approved and spore-tested monthly. Ask to see their log books. Make sure the artists wear latex gloves during procedures, and use single-service materials and equipment, especially sterile, disposable needles. They should be comfortable answering all of your questions and considerate of your concerns.

Body piercing should be done with needles, not with a gun. Piercing guns cannot be properly sterilized and cause more tissue trauma than needles. Choose jewelry of the proper metal, design, size, and thickness. It should be made of 316L or LVM surgical stainless steel, 14- or 18-karat solid gold, titanium, or niobium. Jewelry that's too thin can tear out, and if too thick, can cause an abscess or excessive scarring.

For a piercing to heal well, it must be cleaned and cared for properly and consistently. Professional piercers will supply detailed instructions. At the Health Center, we also have informational handouts on caring for body piercings and tattoos. During the normal healing period, piercings will be irritated and may bleed at times. Redness or swelling that extends out more than a quarter-inch, red streaks, yellow or green discharge, excessive pain or heat at the piercing site, are all signs of a more signif-

icant infection that should be promptly evaluated by a health care provider. Bellybuttons and upper ears are the piercing sites that most frequently become infected.

Both piercing and tattoos ought to be considered permanent, in the sense that both can cause scarring upon removal. Tattoos are removed using lasers, which vaporize pigment colors. Although effective and low risk, laser treatment is painful, expensive, and drawn out. Though unlikely, side effects of treatment include possibly permanent loss or excess of skin color, infection, and scarring.

For what it's worth, in a recent survey of tattooed military men, half saw their body art as a handicap and wished they could erase their tattoos. It is likely that 20 years from now, your tattoo or piercing will look quite different on your more mature body. Henna tattoos might be an appealing alternative. They usually last about six weeks, don't involve piercing the skin with needles, and carry no significant health risks.

For more information (and some great photos), contact the Association of Professional Piercers (www.safepiercing.org), the Alliance of Professional Tattooists (www.safetattoos.com), Ambient, Inc (www.ambient.on.ca/bodmod/), or the Henna Page (www.hennapage.com).

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Raise Songs' to variations on an old favorite



Assistant Professor of Music Vineet Shende, pictured in the electronic music studio, composed variations on the Bowdoin alma mater for this weekend's capital campaign launch. A final arrangement includes students and a music video.

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

The first time many people hear the alma mater, "Raise Songs to Bowdoin," it's usually at an awkward orientation event. For a few, it's in a bar with a crowd of men's lacrosse alumni who know the "songs" as "sons." At this year's capital campaign launch, Assistant Professor of Music Vineet Shende will give the Bowdoin community new memories of the alma mater.

Since the summer, Shende has worked on composing the music for the capital campaign. These compositions include the music in the lobby and the processional, the music played under the videos, and a new arrangement of the alma mater with Bowdoin's student musical talent. The arrangement is accompanied by a music video featuring those students.

"This song took time and the talents of a lot of people," said Alison Bennie, editor of the Bowdoin Magazine, who is assisting with the launch. "People always say how they find it moving that Bowdoin feels the same in spite of things that have changed, and the song reflects that."

Shende created variations of several songs that are associated with Bowdoin, yet he said that the variations alma mater comprise about two-

thirds of the songs heard during the launch. Those changes came through key changes, an inverted melody, classical Bach harmonies, and jazzed-up piano. In one version, there is even a banjo.

"The alma mater is a typical New England song, and I want this to reflect where the campus is today and where it's moving," Shende said. "It reflects the diversity of the student body through the arrangements."

Considering the amount of work that Shende has put into the composition, Bennie said, "It's staggering to people who don't compose."

Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood said that these arrangements keep the nostalgia of the alma mater, but the twists make it fresh for those who will hear it at the launch.

"There's a handful of musical pieces identified with the College, and we need to keep those near and dear songs but not make it monotonous," he said.

"The musical tradition has really been brought back in the last 10 years," Hood continued. "Now there are first years singing it at events, and for older alumni, it's a huge part of their time here. This version's not intended to replace anything, but it's for fun."

Current students involved in the

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Down-to-earth McGee to charm college crowd

by Sara Tennyson
STAFF WRITER

Since its formation in 1996, the Pat McGee Band has earned a reputation as an East Coast college favorite. The band is known for its Southern charm, strong acoustic sound, and soulful vocals. Based in Virginia, the band is finally making its way up to Maine, with plans to play a free concert in Morrell Lounge in Smith Union on Friday at 8 p.m.

Pat McGee, the band's namesake and frontman, released his first solo acoustic album "From the Wood" during his undergraduate years and has said that the college environment has become a huge part of the band's identity and multi-genre sound.

A decade later, on its 2005 release "Save Me," the band combined its original indie pop-rock vibe with a more polished sound after management switches and a brief stint with major record label Warner Brothers. After partnering with the smaller, independent label Kirtland Records, the band is back in its element and has been on the road promoting the album with an aggressive touring schedule.

Combining classic rock covers and new singles such as "Must Have Been Love" with classics such as "Rebecca," "Runaway," and "Haven't Seen For a While," the band has perfected what McGee has described as an "electrifying" live show.

"Students seem very excited to see a familiar name coming to campus," said Campus Activities Board concerts and comedy co-chair Rob

Pat McGee Band
When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Morrell Lounge, Smith Union
Admission: Free.

Reider '07, reflecting the word-of-mouth popularity the band has garnered over the years for its appealing blend of rock, pop, country, and folk.

Joined by band mates Brian Fecchino, Chris Reardon, Chardy McEwan, and Jonathon Williams, McGee has become an acoustic rock staple in the company of the Dave Matthews Band, Dispatch, and Hootie and the Blowfish.

"It should be a laid-back concert," said concerts and comedy co-chair Emma Reilly '09, "and we are lucky enough to have the band on a Friday night. Often, this is the weekend night where students are struggling to find something to do on campus. This will provide an opportunity for students to do something different."

The show will be the band's first since the recent death of drummer Chris Williams. Because of this recent tragedy, Reilly said, "We would like to be as accommodating as possible to the band's wishes. I think that they're looking for an energetic crowd, and I'm sure that Bowdoin students won't disappoint them."

Characterized by a passion for its instruments and reflective, down-to-earth lyrics, the band is sure to bounce back with an uplifting show.

Allie Chin '07 is excited to relive the love she developed for the band during her middle school years. "I can't wait to have the opportunity to experience one of my all-time

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For skiing and free speech, winter film festivals abound in Maine



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

The Human Rights Watch Traveling Film Festival will take place in Portland November 12 to 19. The festival was created to give a face to issues like free speech, slavery, illegal imprisonment, and forced prostitution.

All films screened at the festival are socially aware on various topics. The subjects range from the global coffee trade ("Black Gold"), two female lawyers in Cameroon ("Sisters in Law," a winner at Cannes), and my favorite film from the Vermont International Film Fest, "Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars," about a band formed in refugee camps during the civil war.

For more information, check out www.space538.org.

Telemark Film Festival

If you'd rather stay on campus to attend a film program, the Telemark Film Festival is happening Friday in the Visual Arts Center.

Co-president of the Bowdoin Outing Club Nicole Melas '07 said, "The tele film festival is one of several ski film events that the outing club sponsors in the fall in order to get the campus and community excited about winter and the upcoming ski season."

The festival will feature the new telemark ski film "PW06," as well as the three finalists of the National Amateur Telemark Film Contest. These finalists responded to the festival's theme, "What is the spirit of telemark to you?" in their own 10-minute short films.

The event will be Friday at 7 p.m. in Kresge, VAC. Admission is free and the



Courtesy of Matt O'Donnell, Bowdoin Magazine

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Eric Peterson, who helps teach the telemark class for the Bowdoin Outing Club, skis at Sugarloaf in this film from the festival.

films are open to the public. A bazaar in the lobby will have representatives from resorts, ski shops, and more.

"Silk Road Comes to America"

Similarly, the Kazakhstan film series "Silk Road Comes to America" is ongoing, and will wrap up on Saturday. Borat won't be participating, but Kazakh directors are, so it's sure to be an interesting event.

The topic is "History as a Source of National Kazakh Identity Ancient and Modern." There will be a screening of four or five seven-minute short documentary films, including "The Golden

Man" (5th century BC) and the short fiction (25 minute) "Kara bala." There will be a Q&A with director Dusembaev at Evening Star Cinema at 10 a.m.

For more information, check out www.eveningstarcinema.com.

"Borat!"

And now to Borat himself. Sasha Baron Cohen certainly succeeded in creating a memorable character from his "Ali G Show"—funny, affectionate, and amusingly lovable. Economic suc-

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Harpoon brings Christmas early

by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

HARPOON WINTER WARMER—\$8.25 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's Market

Picture this: It is a Friday night in mid-November. You are sitting in your room, doodling on the margins of your problem set. The sky is overcast and spitting something that looks white but soaks you through like rain. Inside, you're huddled up on the couch, blanket wrapped around your feet, heater clunking and emitting random puffs of lukewarm air. The power goes out, the TV blinks off, and any chance you had at comfort flies out the window to join the icy winter air. Fed up, you throw on your mittens and grab a beer (can't let those get warm). Popping the cap floods your nostrils with sweet cinnamon and mild nutmeg. You smile and envision Christmas Eve dinner and your brand new pony. One taste and you're up on the coffee table, jumping around to the Mariah Carey in your head and screaming "Dance Party!"

Sound familiar? Well, it should. The scene here, of course, is Bowdoin

College anytime from early October to summer break. The main character is either Ted last weekend or anyone else who thinks this sounds like fun. What about the beverage? No, it's not your favorite blend of Goldschlager and eggnog. The beer starring in this scenario and this week's review is Harpoon Winter Warmer. This stuff doesn't just warm the insides when the power lines fall; it delights the taste buds on the way down too.

I sat down this week with the unshakable goal of making Harpoon earn every positive word out of my mouth. The problem is, Winter Warmer is so damn good that the six-pack was gone by the time I was ready to review it and I was

moving on to the Bud. Now, I'm a big fan of seasonal beers. They're like limited-edition presents for my taste buds. As I write this week's review in my favorite armchair on the porch of my apartment, I can assure everyone that winter is indeed here (my reviews now take me all day, because it hurts less to type with two fingers). So, Winter Warmer is the perfect beer to get before the upcoming holiday season.

Harpoon Winter Warmer is one of the best combinations of great aroma and taste that I have ever experienced

in a beer. It pours a nice clean amber with a light straw head that dissipates quickly and leaves a thin lace throughout. Its aroma, as I mentioned, smells strongly of cinnamon with a touch of nutmeg that infuses itself nicely into the taste without being overwhelming. Winter Warmer is sweet and crisp on the palate, boasting an almost creamy texture with moderate carbonation. It hits the tongue like a cinnamon stick and bubbles down the throat with a nice nutmeg and bread taste. It finishes slightly malty and full-bodied, settling satisfyingly well and leaving you craving the next taste.

Harpoon Winter Warmer is an all-around great winter beer from a great New England brewery. As the holidays come closer and huge festive meals allow you to push your pending finals aside like Aunt Edna's beets, don't forget that there is a beer out there that is as spectacular and enjoyable as the season it represents. So whether you're enjoying your turkey, studying for that exam, or challenging your weird uncle to a chugging contest, just remember that Winter Warmer is a seasonal beer for all occasions and all types of beer drinkers. Why, just a minute ago as I was returning from grabbing myself another before heading off to the library, I noticed a chubby little squirrel waist deep in my empty glass. Now what does that tell you? Even Mother Nature wants a sip.

Being Mrs. Stephen King in 'Lisey's Story'

by Kathryn Papanek
—STAFF WRITER

It must be hard to be Mrs. Stephen King. You have to accompany your husband to boring book signings, deal with reporters who misspell your name, and fend off obsessive stalkers every Halloween.

Stephen King claims that the heroine of his novel "Lisey's Story," was not modeled after his wife Tabitha. However, it's difficult to believe that

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the events of his life and marriage had no influence on the author's latest novel. It explores the life of Lisey Landon, the widow of successful novelist Scott Landon. Two years after her husband's death, Lisey is beset by both natural and supernatural dangers. In the physical world, she must guard against the academics and fans that want access to her husband's unpublished papers. More ominously, the denizens of Boo'ya Moon, a magical and dangerous place that her husband has known since childhood, also threaten her.

As Lisey remembers the frightening but also magical years before her husband's death, the truth about their marriage is slowly revealed. The intimacy between Lisey and Scott is rich-

ly illustrated and King's description of the secret world and language of a long marriage are easily the strongest elements of the novel.

King's trademark use of interior monologue and parenthetical asides illustrate Lisey's grief and loss of her husband well. However, the author's extensive use of made-up words and names is perhaps less successful. His desire to depict the unique terminology that Scott and Lisey have developed is a good one, yet some readers will surely be turned off by the use of terms like Babyluv, smucking, and Deep Space Cowboys (to name only a few) in a work that is supposed to be frightening.

Nevertheless, the love story at the center of the novel and corresponding lack of the excessive gore that has marred some of his weaker novels will win King readers beyond his established audience of horror fans. Like King's novel "Dolores Claiborne," "Lisey's Story" explores the life of a powerful and determined woman who has insight into the female world that belies the gender of its author.

In the dedication to his novel "It," King wrote, "Fiction is the truth inside the lie." In "Lisey's Story," the lies of King's fiction reveal important truths about intimacy, marriage, and the power of love beyond death.

WBOR 91.1 FM DJs OF THE WEEK



Mike Igoo '07 & Carolyn Hricko '08

What's the best album ever made?

CH: Ever made? That's pretty tough, and right now I'd have to say "Kid A" by Radiohead, though the Beatles are so damn good.

MI: Oldish: Led Zeppelin's "Physical Graffiti." Newish: Bright Eyes, "I'm Wide Awake It's Morning." Those are two albums that I can never stop part way through.

Who is the greatest living musician?

CH: Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys—I've never seen anyone rock so hard while playing and singing so well, all at the same time. That's just awesome.

MI: Elvis. Or David A. York. But I suppose that's a shameless plug.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

CH: Again, hard to say, so I'm going to go with the show that I had the most fun at—Arcade Fire at the Avalon, 2005.

MI: The Black Keys at the Avalon. Two guys, six dollar beers, much rock.

What is the first album you ever bought?

CH: "Californication," Red Hot Chili Peppers (though the first one I ever owned was Chumbawamba—

pretty hilarious).

MI: The soundtrack to "Cats" on Broadway—yikes.

What's your music guilty pleasure?

CH: That depends on what musical tastes you have, but Coldplay would probably qualify as one of mine.

MI: The Police. Actually, "Synchronicity" is really a great album.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

CH: Hmm. "Burn One Down," Ben Harper. I like the sound of that.

MI: Johnny Cash, "Ring of Fire." My country would be rowdy and temperamental.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

CH: "I am a golden god!" Just because it's a quote from a great scene in one of my favorite movies, "Almost Famous."

MI: "Beeeeeeeeeeeeees! Bees everywhere!"

Hricko and Igoo's show, "The Green Room" airs on Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

Film fests around Maine feature skiing, social issues, Kazakh films

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cess and mainstream popularity were only a matter of more people catching on.

And catch on they did. Adapting a character from the small screen and maintaining the essence of that character is one of the greatest challenges for "Borat."

On HBO, Cohen had much greater freedom to catch average Americans agreeing to racist, homophobic, or otherwise asinine comments. This is partially due to an anonymity that is quickly leaving him, as well as lack of censorship on cable TV.

But doing so was primarily about Cohen's intelligence and comedic abilities. These people might have reason to feel stupid, but Borat never judged them. He trusted his audience to be aware of that fine line between personal opinions and hurtful judgments, and how it is a basic human characteristic.

All of this was never going to be viable for a motion picture. Cohen did not relinquish this subversiveness in the film, however. He instead chose to appeal to a more mainstream audience: for instance, by thinking about homophobia through a gratuitous scene featuring two naked men fighting. This may

encourage viewers to think about homophobia, but in a radically different way than the TV show.

Ultimately, it's up to your personal preference whether the film or TV show is more successful. I prefer the wittiness and candid conversations with unsuspecting Americans, the quicker editing, and the less specified cultural characteristics of Kazakhstan (in truth one of the most prosperous of post-USSR republics).

So before you go to the theater, check out the 25-minute Kazakh film showing on Saturday. Then go enjoy "Borat" with that cultural understanding, for your own benefit, and for Borat.

Shende brings variations and diversity with alma mater song arrangements

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rhythm and blues/rap/gospel arrangement of the alma mater include members of the Meddiebempsters and Miscellania, Shawn Stewart '08, and Meddies Musical Director Jeff Friedlander '08. Shende contacted these students because of their previous musical projects with him or groups at the College, or from recommendations by other students.

Wellesley Wilson '08 of Miscellania sings the song's lead part.

"Professor Shende was so patient, laid back, and extremely easy to work and get along with," she said. "Any time he was not happy with a take, or I was not happy with it, we redid it. Or, if I had some ideas about how I should

sing a particular line, he was so open to changing things around."

Wilson found filming the music video interesting, since the locations varied from the top of the lion in front of the Walker Art Museum to the third floor stacks of Hubbard Hall.

Stewart wrote the rap that he performs in the song, which Wilson said gave "a really solid idea of the rhythm of the song changing. The bottom line is I like Shawn's part."

In regards to the song, Stewart said, "It has various kinds of world music integrated into one song, so from the beginning to the end, the listener is exposed to varying types of music."

Friedlander, who got the Meddies involved as the male choral section

and also contributed to the gospel solos, called the arrangement a "Shendelic amalgamation of rock, soul, funk, and polar bear."

Wilson, Stewart, and Friedlander are all attending the capital campaign launch on Friday in Boston to see the fruits of their and Shende's labors.

As for after the launch, Bennie and Hood are still searching for the best way to make the arrangements and video available to the Bowdoin community. Possibilities are the Bowdoin podcasts or the new iTunes U page.

No matter when or where alumni and students hear this new arrangement of "Raise Songs to Bowdoin," Friedlander said, "I can assure you that James Bowdoin's dancing in his grave as we speak."

Pat McGee combines classic rock, college jams

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favorite bands in such an intimate setting, and I am thrilled to learn that Bowdoin has the honor of welcoming the band back to the stage after their recent loss. I know that the Polar Bears have the enthusiasm to make this a great night."

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SPORTS

Rugby wins NERFU D-II Final Four

by Clara Cantor
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Rugby Team emerged victorious from the NERFU Division II Final Four tournament at home this weekend, winning both games through strength, determination, and stellar teamwork.

In doing so, the Bears advanced to the Northeast Rugby Union playoffs this weekend in Batavia, New York.

In the semifinals on Saturday, Bowdoin faced the Norwich Cadets and prevailed 18-7. Emily Skinner '08 scored an early try in the first five minutes—the first try scored against Norwich all season. The Bears scored again later in the half when Vanessa Vidal '08 plowed through the try line in an immediate response to a converted Norwich try. The first half ended 10-7 with Bowdoin dominating the pitch.

In the second half, co-captain Margaret "Munny" Munford '07 added three points for Bowdoin with a penalty kick, then later scored a try to finish the game 18-7. The match was characterized by extremely strong defense.

With the win versus Norwich, the Bears advanced to the championship game on Sunday against the University of New Hampshire, the team that gave Bowdoin its only loss of the season back in September.

UNH advanced to the finals after an easy 22-10 victory over Wellesley.

"It's a rough sport," commented Skinner midway through the weekend. "You really feel like you've been hit by a bus after playing a full rugby game. In tournaments, it's tough to rally and play again the next day without the weeklong recovery period."

Despite minor aches and pains, Bowdoin stepped up to the pitch on Sunday to face UNH in the NERFU finals match and won 23-12.

In the first half, Munford scored twice with a penalty kick for three points and a try, which went unconverted. The Wildcats answered back with a try of their own and a conversion, bringing the match to 8-7 at the half.

In the second half, wing Krystal Barker '08 scored a try off a series of great passes and runs from the back line. Munford added another penalty kick and attempted a third, which was scooped up by Barker and taken in for a second try. A late try by UNH brought the final score to 23-12.

Great collaboration between forwards and backs helped create offloading opportunities, which led to huge field gains in the weekend games. Co-captain Margaret Griffith '07 was all over the pitch, leading the Bowdoin defense with her relentless tackling until she was taken out at the

end of the Sunday game with a minor injury. Betsy McDonald '08 held the backline defense tight, making many crucial tackles.

Offensively, the scrum-half and fly-half combination of Jeni Kennedy '08 and Sara Utschneider '07 tore past the defending line with superb handling and long passes. Erica Camarena '10, Daphne Leveriza '07, Naomi Kordak '07, and Alivia Moore '09 were instrumental with several long, feisty runs each.

"This is the farthest Bowdoin women's rugby has ever been in the playoffs," said team president Kordak. "In 1995, Bowdoin won the Final Four tournament, but back then there was no regional or national level to compete in. It's pretty exciting. We even got temporary lights for our pitch this week, since it's been getting dark at around 4:30 p.m., just as we start practice."

"It's absolutely amazing that we'll be going to New York this weekend," said Hannah Wadsworth '09, who lives near Batavia. "It hasn't quite hit me that we're actually in regionals."

The New England Champion Polar Bears enter as the top seed in the D-II NRU playoffs with a 7-1 record. Their first game will be against Rutgers at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The winner of that game will play the winner of Norwich and Siena in the finals the next day.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Margaret "Munny" Munford '07 jumps for the ball in a lineout Saturday.

Football beats Bates for season's first win

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

The Polar Bears did something they had not done all season on Saturday: they won.

Bowdoin's gridiron warriors snapped a seven-game losing streak tracing back to last season with a hard-fought 23-14 victory over Bates. The victory was especially meaningful because the win brings Bowdoin one step closer to claiming the CBB crown.

The Bears' offense finally lived up to its potential as the team erupted for 222 yards through the air on the shoulder of first-year quarterback Oliver Kell, who earned the NESCAC rookie of the week honor.

Kell connected with wide receiver Nick Tomaino '08 for three touchdowns while also generating 23 yards on a scramble play. Tomaino led Bowdoin receivers with 92 yards, while halfback Jeff Smith '08 ate up 55 yards on the ground. Wide receiver Doug Johnson '07 also had an impressive game, collecting four passes for 54 yards.

The team's defense helped thwart the Bobcats' attempts, recovering three fumbles and intercepting a pass to stall drives. All of Bates' fumbles came in the second quarter, when they fumbled on three consecutive drives.

Bates led off the game's scoring with a 61-yard campaign that concluded in a five-yard rush by running back Jamie Walker. Bobcats quarterback Brandon Colon sandwiched two long passes between 22 yards of rushing from Walker on seven carries.

But Bowdoin knotted the game at seven on the following drive. Smith set up the pass with four rushes, while Kell showed his mettle by completing four passes for 68 yards. Tomaino



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Oliver Kell '10 drops back in the Bears' win against the Bobcats Saturday.

collected his first touchdown of the day on a 33-yard reception from Kell.

In the second quarter, the defense set up Bowdoin's next scoring drive. Linebacker Joe Cruise '07 halted Bates by ripping the ball out of running back Greg Thronton's hands to force a fumble on the Bobcats' 29-yard line. The offense took advantage of the great field position, marching down to the 10-yard line thanks to carries by Smith and a 23-yard scramble by Kell. The quarterback then connected with Tomaino for a 10-yard touchdown, but the ensuing extra point missed.

Cruise came up big again on Bates' next drive, this time recovering a fumble forced by junior Damon Hall-Jones on the Bobcats' 31-yard line. Bowdoin once again converted the opportunity, hitting a 34-yard field goal for a 16-7 advantage going into the locker room at halftime.

Bates closed the gap in the third quarter with a three-yard rushing touchdown by Walker. On the drive, Colon found wide receiver Dylan MacNamara three times for 39 yards. The Bobcats moved the ball 56 yards while devouring 3:43 on the clock, narrowing their deficit to two points.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Bears constructed a 79-yard drive, led by Kell and his corps of receivers. On the march, Johnson, Smith, Tomaino, and sophomore Ian Merry reeled in seven catches for 84 yards. Smith had an impressive 35-yard gain, evading defenders with a few cuts and a key block to gain the majority of the yards after the catch. Tomaino capped the drive with a three-yard catch, his third touchdown of the afternoon.

"The offensive effort was good this week," senior offensive lineman Russell Stevens said. "I think the offensive line gave Oliver plenty of time to make good reads, which was especially good for a freshman quarterback. He made the good reads to find Nick Tomaino open in the end zone three times to make the big play, which we've been lacking all year. We came through with the big plays on offense, and we had the big plays on defense. Joe Cruise, Dylan Brix, Zach Hammond, the senior guys on defense, they stepped up and gave us good field position and the offense was able to capitalize off that."

The football season culminates this weekend with what has become the CBB championship. The Polar Bears head up to Waterville to take on Colby (2-5) in the seniors' farewell game. Since both Colby and Bowdoin defeated Bates, the winner of this game will remain undefeated against their NESCAC Maine rivals. With a win combined with a Hamilton loss, the Bears could find themselves in a three-way tie for seventh place in the NESCAC, which would be a silver lining on a gray cloud, given the team's 0-6 start to the season.

Last year, Bowdoin fell to the Mules 28-3 in the season finale in Brunswick. The Polar Bears have not defeated Colby since the last game of the 1998 season.

Field hockey crowned NESCAC champions

by Emileigh Mercer
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin College Field Hockey Team won its second consecutive NESCAC championship this weekend as it defeated Amherst in the semifinals and Middlebury in the finals.

The victories were certainly sweet, as the Polar Bears undeniably outplayed Amherst (8-8) on Saturday, who they had only beat in overtime earlier in the season.

Against the Lord Jeffs, Bowdoin controlled the game and had 10 penalty corners, but did not convert any to goals. Instead, after more than a half of scoreless play, sophomore Lindsay McNamara scored on a cross from sophomore Maddie McQueeneey.

The defense completely stifled Amherst, which did not take a single shot all game (Bowdoin took 14), and the game ended as a 1-0 win for the Polar Bears.

Bowdoin also came out strong on Sunday and overwhelmed second-seed Middlebury (14-3), out-shooting the Panthers 17-1. Bowdoin dictated the game and repeated a 1-0 win. The Polar Bears exploded offensively, taking the first eight shots of the game. They continued to control the pace of the game and had 11 penalty corners before the half.

"We were ready to play our game against Middlebury. There was a positive nervous energy in the locker room

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National Hockey League, where did you go?

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris
Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



There once was a man named Cheechoo. Hailing from the southern tip of the Hudson Bay in Moose Tip of Ontario, Canada, the young SPORTS and naive 25 year old COMMENTARY now resided just south of San Francisco, living the proverbial dream.

You see, Mr. Cheechoo had it all: good looks, charm, finesse, talent, and a job that most people would kill for. Always punctual, the successful Mr. Cheechoo would make the daily commute from home to the office, usually working overtime. The HP Pavilion in San Jose, more commonly known as "The Shark Tank," was his home away from home, his one obligation being to maintain absolute perfection throughout the facility by cleaning up messes, and closing shop at the end of the day. He did just that. With the help of another employee, a Mr. Thornton, suddenly thousands upon thousands of people were lining up outside the Pavilion, all anxiously awaiting to observe Mr. Cheechoo's marvelous work.

But no matter how consistently superior he was or how much his organization thrived amongst its competitors, Mr. Cheechoo still remained an obscure character, flying invisibly under the radar as the year progressed. This story that I tell is real and Mr. Cheechoo is not a fictitious character, nor is he the long

lost cousin of Thomas the Tank Engine or the head custodian for the local aquarium. He is in fact a professional hockey player for the San Jose Sharks who managed to lead the NHL in goals last season with 56, and all of us missed it.

There once was a time before Jonathan Cheechoo. It was a time of fighting and hostility, with passion and glory intertwined: good old fashioned hockey, when arenas were filled to capacity nightly, the two-line pass was illegal, and the ice was more frozen than Carlos Beltran facing an Adam Wainwright curveball. It was a time when Brett Hull scored season-ending goals in the crease, Ray Bourque hoisted a Stanley Cup, Chris Simon became interchangeable with John Rocker, Mario Lemieux came back, Eric Lindros got concussions, broadcaster Gary Thorne screamed something other than "Good-bye! Home run!" and Steve Levy did something other than auditioning touchdown celebrations for Ocho Cinco (that's Chad Johnson for the non-journalist). Zarley Zalapski owned the coolest name in sports, the Anaheim Ducks were still Mighty, Jim Carrey won a Vezina trophy instead of an Oscar nomination, and Dominik "The Dominator" Hasek...well, dominated. Yet now, the wonder of it all has been completely and utterly exhausted. But how?

The last great NHL game came on June 7, 2004, when the Tampa Bay Lightning won its first Stanley Cup beating the visiting Calgary Flames 2-1 in Game 7. Shortly after that there was a yearlong lockout—something to do with money I guess—and after that, the rules changed, goalie pads

shrunk, scoring increased, new networks emerged, and ultimately, the NHL has officially become the Arena Football League: airs on NBC occasionally, including some playoff games, but other than that it has become merely a scoreboard spectacle to be viewed on ESPNEWS' Bottomline.

In other words, the NHL is like the Power Rangers: Awesome when we were younger, then disappeared for a while, resurfaced, and it's just not the same as it was before; in fact, it's much worse.

Being a diehard New York Rangers fan my entire life, I was almost relieved to see the NHL lockout materialize. The blue shirts hadn't made the playoffs since 1997, and to be honest, I was too mesmerized by the great Isiah Thomas taking the reigns as GM of the Knicks to notice, let alone care. My infatuation with Zeke galvanizing basketball in New York was short-lived, however, for obvious reasons I don't wish to discuss, so when hockey reappeared with Rangers sporting a youthful club led by the legendary Jaromir Jagr, I was eager to watch some much needed puck. But wait, what channel is it on?

In the spring of my sixth grade year, my after-school routine was simple: get home, do homework, eat and watch playoff hockey; turning to ESPN to hear that triumphant opening song was second nature to me at this point. Last year, the Worldwide Leader in Sports—which reaches 90 million households—cut ties with the NHL, ceasing to televise its games for the 2005-2006 season and beyond. Thankfully, however, sensing fans' despair, the Outdoor Life Network—which reaches just 63 million house-

holds—took the liberty of televising indoor hockey games. And with an unfamiliar tune and a channel nestled somewhere in the mid 60s, this apparently oxymoronic network made the NHL practically vanished once again.

This past offseason, I became ecstatic when I learned of the Rangers' signing of superstar left wing Brendan Shanahan, who was tied for second in the league in goals heading into Wednesday with 12. Yet the only glimpse of the future Hall of Famer that I have seen thus far is an image of No. 14 during a preseason game in a photo gallery on ESPN.com. Hey, it's not my fault I don't get the OLN (or VERSUS, the last frontier) in my room.

In a recent poll conducted by The Sporting News, 33 percent of SportingNews.com users claimed that they have watched an NHL game from start to finish this season, while the remaining 67 percent said they have not. Compare that to the experts, the Sporting News staff, who were at 20 and 80 percent respectively when posed the same question.

Truth? The NHL is unwatchable...literally. It is no longer on a major sports network frequently enough to engage fans (only the ardent ones; normal enthusiasts won't even make the effort), there is too much scoring in that a team that lets up five goals in one game can feasibly still win the game by at least two, and there are also way too many teams. Because Rihanna isn't around unfortunately, I'll try my best to respond to hockey's present S.O.S.:

1. Beg ESPN to take the NHL back, even if it's a one-year deal. Or why not FOX with its infamous blue puck and red tail? That would get it

back on the air in a desperate attempt to revive whatever there is that's left.

2. Bring some of the old rules back. I love the shootout, because according to Jeremy Roenick, ties are like kissing your sister. But resurrecting the normal-size goalie pads in place of the current ones that barely fit your average Cabbage Patch doll, and making the two-line pass illegal again would certainly assist in making hockey hockey again.

3. Contract or move several teams. NHL franchises have no business being established in cities like Phoenix, Nashville, Columbus, Miami, or Atlanta. The NHL could then make its boldest move (they happen everyday according to Ford anyway, so what's the harm?) in history and relocate each of those teams to various Canadian cities like Winnipeg, Regina, Quebec City, Saskatoon, and possibly Halifax; thus bringing hockey home.

The game today is filled with talented young stars like Sydney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, and Alexander Ovechkin (if you have not seen it yet, please watch Ovechkin's highlight reel on Google Video) and is still exciting to watch at its incredibly rapid pace. But nobody notices because in reality, it isn't there. Almost every time I meet someone new, it seems like we always end up discussing sports at some point during the conversation. I ask them where they are from, and who they root for in baseball, football, and basketball. But when I ask them who their favorite NHL team is, 99 times out of 100 they will grin and then respond with, "I don't really follow hockey." They just don't care. And apparently, neither do we.

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Field hockey to play host to NCAA tournament

FIELD HOCKEY, from page 11

beforehand that we definitely translated into fire on the field right away," said McNamara.

Early in the second half the Polar Bears finally converted opportunity into a goal. McNamara found the back of the net for the second day in a row when she deflected a shot ripped by junior Val Young past the Middlebury goalkeeper. Middlebury had its first corner later in the game, but Young rushed out to upset the play, and the Panthers only scoring chance was stifled.

Sunday's shutout was the seventh of the season for senior goalkeeper Kate Leonard and the Polar Bear defense, which extended its scoreless minutes streak to 429:20. Bowdoin has not given up a point in its last six games.

Middlebury offered two shots in the game, only one of which Leonard need-

ed to save.

"Our team was impenetrable this weekend. We played exceptional defense from our forwards to our sweeper, and Kate only had to face one shot in two games. The team defensive effort was so key to our success," said senior Gail Winning.

Not only was the team effort key, but Young was honored as NESCAC co-player of the week for anchoring the impassable defense. Bowdoin took home both player of the week honors, as McNamara was the other recipient. She scored both game-winning goals to give Bowdoin the offense it needed for the championship run. She is now the leading scorer in the NESCAC with 15 goals.

With its third NESCAC championship, Bowdoin is tied with Williams for the most championships won since the tournament began in 2000.

"Although perhaps less dramatic than last years double overtime and stroke-off finale against Williams, winning a second consecutive NESCAC championship is an incredible accomplishment for me personally as well as for this program," said senior co-captain Susan Morris. "This team is like no other team I have ever played on. Every effort is a collective one and we always play with grit and determination. With us, no moment is taken for granted."

The Polar Bears will look to continue their domination as they move into the NCAA's. For the second year in a row, Bowdoin has been named a top seed and a host site for the second and third rounds of the National Tournament. The Polar Bears will prepare this week to play the winner of Wellesley College (15-4) and Keene State (18-4) on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ryan Field.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

School	FINAL NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Williams	10	0	25	7
Amherst	7	3	27	4
Conn. College	7	3	20	9
Tufts	7	3	23	8
Wesleyan	7	3	19	9
Trinity	6	4	16	7
BOWDOIN	4	6	20	11
Middlebury	3	7	13	16
Bates	2	8	12	19
Colby	2	8	13	19
Hamilton	0	10	9	21

SCOREBOARD

F 11/3 v. Wesleyan (NESCAC quarterfinals at Williams) **L** 3-1

FOOTBALL

School	NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Williams	7	0	7	0
Amherst	6	1	6	1
Trinity	5	2	5	2
Middlebury	5	2	5	2
Tufts	4	3	4	3
Wesleyan	3	4	3	4
Colby	2	5	2	5
Hamilton	2	5	2	5
Bates	1	6	1	6
BOWDOIN	0	7	0	7

SCOREBOARD

Sa 11/4 v. Bates **W** 23-14

SCHEDULE

Sa 11/11 at Colby 12:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

Sa 11/11 N.E. D-Ills (at Springfield) 11:00 A.M.

FIELD HOCKEY

School	FINAL NESCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
BOWDOIN	8	1	15	1
Middlebury	8	1	14	3
Williams	7	2	13	3
Tufts	6	3	11	5
Trinity	5	4	9	6
Amherst	3	6	8	8
Wesleyan	3	6	6	9
Bates	2	7	6	8
Conn. College	2	7	6	8
Colby	1	8	4	10

SCOREBOARD

Sa 11/4 v. Amherst (NESCAC semifinals at Bowdoin) **W** 1-0

Su 11/5 v. Middlebury (NESCAC final at Bowdoin) **W** 1-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 11/11 v. Wellesley (NCAA second round at Bowdoin) 2:00 P.M.

Su 11/12 NESCAC third round, if applicable 1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD

Sa 11/4 v. Norwich (NERFU semifinals at Bowdoin) **W** 22-10

Su 11/5 v. UNH (NERFU finals at Bowdoin) **W** 23-12

SCHEDULE

Sa 11/11 v. Rutgers (NRU semifinals at Batavia, NY) 11:00 A.M.

Su 11/12 v. TBA (NRU finals or consolation at Batavia, NY) 11:00 A.M.

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

Sa 11/11 N.E. D-Ills (at Springfield) 11:00 A.M.

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Volleyball ends strong season on a low note

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

The women's volleyball season ended with a loss to Wesleyan in the NESCAC quarterfinals (31-29, 24-30, 30-25). But despite this loss on Friday, there have been plenty of positives this season.

For the first time since 1989 the volleyball team posted a 20-win season, and for the first time in several years beat NESCAC rivals Colby and Middlebury.

"While, I am disappointed that we went 0-5 in the last weeks, I was quite impressed with the quality of volleyball we played in the last weeks. All of the players stepped up and played the best volleyball they could. I know they couldn't have given me more. Our 20-11 record is the third best in the 20-year team history," said Karen Corey, reflecting on her first year as head coach.

Senior co-captain Julie Calareso, who was limited to only two rotations due to a shoulder injury, was happy about her last season as a Polar Bear, and feels optimistic about the team's future.

"This season was fantastic—we really continued to bring this program above and beyond what it has been in the past, with the most winning season we have had in years," she said. "Team chemistry was also a huge part of the success—we all got along so well on and off the court, and while we are graduating three seniors, I feel confident that the underclassmen will continue this legacy and will lead the upcoming teams to greatness."

Corey was also pleased with this season, and shares this sense of

optimism for the future.

"It was a true pleasure to work with this team this season. Their passion for the game, their loyalty to the team, and their drive were all quite inspiring to me...I am confident that as we progress, mature, and get stronger that we will earn a spot in the top of our conference in years to come," said Corey.

This year's team shared a special chemistry that lead to its success.

"I could not have asked for a better start to my college career," said first-year Jenna Diggs. "I was ecstatic to be part of team that achieved so much success unseen in Bowdoin volleyball history. More importantly, I met a wonderful group of women with whom I share the same passion, and I am indebted to them for their friendship, dedication, and inspiration."

The team is graduating three seniors, all of whom have been big contributors to the volleyball team throughout their four years.

Calareso finishes her career with 1001 kills, a .232 hitting percentage, 180 service aces, and 1187 digs.

Erin Prifogle '07 finishes her career with 887 kills, 2.55 kills per game, a .244 hitting percentage, 145 service aces, and 308 blocks. Erin was a second team all-conference selection, and was invited to the New England Coaches Volleyball Association Senior Classic.

Erica Michel '07 played three seasons of volleyball (she spent her junior year abroad in Ireland) and is finishing her career with 414 kills, 96 service aces, and 806 digs with an average of 2.88 digs per game.

OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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The Bowdoin Campaign

When the College formally announces its drive for a quarter-billion dollars amid much fanfare in Boston on Friday night, alumni and other friends of Bowdoin will be asked to give generously to this small college in Maine. In an age when there are so many opportunities for giving to worthy causes around the globe, we wish to assure alumni that Bowdoin not only remains a place worthy of their support, but also is more worthy of their support than ever before. The fundraising effort focuses on development of financial aid and academic endowments—not the construction of swanky buildings—and these goals will build on the College's position as a place where intellectual and civic progress are valued above all else.

The Bowdoin Campaign's largest single priority is financial aid. The College aims to collect about \$76 million for the financial aid endowment so that Bowdoin will remain able to meet students' demonstrated financial need in the decades ahead. The cost of a single year at Bowdoin exceeds the typical household income for a family in Maine, and administrators have been careful in recent years to keep costs down. Today, it is impossible for a student to singularly "work her way" through Bowdoin; we estimate that such a student would have to work at least 84 hours a week, every week of the year. And state and federal governments are of little help; recently, Congress has deliberated over improving student aid programs by just hundreds of dollars per year. Thus, the burden of ensuring that Bowdoin remains accessible to students from all economic backgrounds depends on the generosity of alumni.

President Barry Mills often rightly says that such financial aid programs act as investments in future leaders. The College's commitment to diversity and academic excellence in recent years stands as evidence that Bowdoin is increasingly defining itself as a place where the advancement of the public good is held paramount. However, it sometimes remains unclear how a Bowdoin education encourages leadership and civic responsibility—or whether students who come to Bowdoin are simply predisposed to take on leadership positions later in life. The Bowdoin Campaign attempts to concretize the rhetoric of the common good by endowing specific centers and programs for these purposes.

Through such programs, financial aid, and the expansion of academic priorities, the bulk of The Bowdoin Campaign further develops endowment funds. As such, the long-term success of Bowdoin as a place for intellectual excellence and thoughtful civic advancement is linked to the results of this campaign. Donors can be confident that a gift to Bowdoin today is a gift well made.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors,

I would like to write a rebuttal to the letter in last week's Orient from Brian Dunn and Adam Baber about the football players at Super Snack. When I suggested to Mary Lou Kennedy that we ask the Bowdoin football team to work for us, it was not to intimidate the guests coming to enjoy the meal. Far from it. It was more to give the checkers at the door a feeling of security. We have had several incidents where inebriated guests threaten our employees, cause property damage, and yes, sneak in for a free meal.

As Mary Lou also mentioned in the article, we had a female student quit working the shift because of the intimidation she faced from some of our guests. As the person in charge of the Student Employee Program at Thorne Hall, I take this very seriously. I feel we let her down, and we are just trying to make some steps to improve this situation. Only time will tell if this plan works or not.

We are a customer service oriented business and take great pride in our work. Violence is the last thing we are looking for. A safe place for both students and our employees to co-exist is what we are looking for.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David Burgess

Thorne Hall Service and Data Coordinator

Fight genocide: Take part in Darfur week

by Liz Leiwant
CONTRIBUTOR

Since 2003, the Sudanese government and its militia, the janjaweed, have murdered 100,000 to 400,000 people from the Fur, Zaghawa, and Masaalit ethnic groups and displaced an additional two million. Darfur may seem like another in a long list of human rights violations and armed conflicts currently occurring in the world. Why care about Darfur above other issues? Because after the Holocaust, the world promised that never again would it allow genocide to occur, and that is exactly what is happening in Darfur.

Tragically, there are human atrocities occurring across the globe every day and while they all deserve our attention, when a crisis is declared genocide, we must all take notice. The U.N. Genocide Convention defines the term as "certain acts undertaken with the intent to destroy, in whole or in substantial part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group." When a government is responsible for the targeted murder of hundreds of thousands of its men, women, and children, we must all take action. It is our responsibility as human beings to end such unforgivable suffering.

What you can do:

Educate yourself: Starting November 12, there will be related events occurring on campus—an art show of work done by children in the refugee camps in Chad, the movie "Darfur Diaries," a student discussion, and a panel on intervention. There will also be a table in Smith Union every day with information about the genocide, the College's response, and actions that individuals can take.

Lend your voice: Donate your meals on Wednesday, November 15, and participate in a fast to show your objection to the thousands of refugees in Darfur dying each month from starvation. Attend the vigil on campus Wednesday night or in Portland on Friday afternoon. Commit to speaking to people at home about the issue over Thanksgiving. Urge the Bowdoin administration to create an institutional response to genocide so that next time it will not take so long to respond.

Support the work that is being done: Join the genocide intervention network or donate money to their work. Go to the Oxfam Hunger Banquet to support humanitarian efforts to relieve suffering in Darfur and around the world.

Leiwant '08 is a member of the Darfur Coalition.

I'm bringing innocent back

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised

by Steve
Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

At the sight of children squealing with glee and chasing each other around a jungle gym, most adults will sigh wistfully and think, "Oh, to be young again!"

The exception, of course, are residents of Howard and West halls—located across from Longfellow elementary—who are more likely to say, "QUIET THE \$%#@! DOWN! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT TIME IT IS!?"

The answer to this question is usually "noon." The answer to the broader question of why we idealize childhood is less concrete.

The average adult's reaction acknowledges the loss of innocence. It is by a seemingly unjust paradox that we are unable to recognize our own blissful ignorance and childish purity except in retrospect, once it has been replaced by the painful awareness and jaded skepticism of adulthood—sort of like how you never truly appreciate how happy you are at a given moment until a later, more melancholy moment.

Thus, watching children frolicking in blithe contentment is like leafing through old photographs. You are always jealous of your photographed self, because he is always smiling. You will try ceaselessly to become him, for he is younger, happier, and unchanging. This very concept has inspired notable human achievements such as "The Great Gatsby" and Botox®.

When we were kids, our imaginations were not bound by empirical

knowledge. Every morning from ages four (when I first saw the movie "Peter Pan") through nine (when my third grade science teacher explained the heartbreaking concept of "gravity"), I would wake up hoping I might be able to fly that day. When these experiments would end in scraped knees, bruised arms, and, in one case, five stitches over my left eye, I would write it off as an error in my technique and hit the Disney aisle of my local video store for further instruction.

Even after I had conceded the basic laws of physics, magic was still a very real possibility. I once bought a pack of baseball cards that was part of a set that included a number of collector's edition Ted Williams cards. Most of these cards were worthless, but there was a hitch: Something like one in 10 were signed by the Splendid Splitter himself. Those were worth a lot.

So you can imagine my excitement when I got one of the Teds in the pack I bought. You can also imagine my dejection when I discovered that it was not one of the rare signed ones.

I spent the afternoon on my couch attempting to coax a miracle. I would put the Williams card facedown on one end of the couch, and then curl up and "sleep" on the other end. By "sleep," I mean that I would lie with my eyes squeezed shut, hoping that when I "awoke" the card would have magically acquired a genuine Ted Williams signature. I would check it every 20 minutes or so by crawling cautiously to the other end of the couch, dramatically gripping the card by its two sides, taking a deep breath, and flipping it over. When I would find it yet unsigned, I would patiently repeat this process.

After a long, disillusioning afternoon, I gave up, threw away the card, and vowed to destroy every VHS copy of "Pinocchio" in circulation.

The later years of my childhood—and if we're being honest, the early years of my adolescence—were spent clinging to the magic of my youth.

One time, I was riding in the car with my friend Mark and his mom. Mark had just lost a tooth, and his mom said, "I'll bet the Tooth Fairy is going to come tonight and give you a quarter!" to which Mark replied, "Shut up, Mom, my teeth are in a box in your bathroom cupboard."

I sat in a stunned state of denial in the backseat. Incidentally, I needed to have seven baby teeth pulled when they refused to fall out by themselves.

In fourth grade, my friend Jack's homeroom teacher—his teacher—let slip the fact that there is no Santa Claus. He told me right away, of course. I dismissed it as hearsay at first, pointing out that his homeroom teacher had no kids and therefore did not know what she was talking about.

The notion of a teacher depriving kids of their idealistic belief in magic depresses me to this day. That's why I was heartened to come across this featured news item on CNN.com:

Jeffrey Meldrum, a tenured anatomy professor at Idaho State University with a Ph.D. in anatomical sciences, has devoted the better part of his professional career to proving the existence of Bigfoot. When he is not teaching, Meldrum analyzes plaster casts of "Bigfoot footprints," as well as what he claims are hair and stool samples of the Sasquatch. He even convinced the university to hold a "Bigfoot Symposium." No joke.

Ridiculed by his colleagues, Meldrum clings to his passion, no matter how fantastic it may seem, and no matter how many of his highfalutin peers call for him to resign.

I have an old Ted Williams collector's edition card from 1993 I'd like this man to have a look at.

BOWDOIN VOTES 2006

Professors: Bipartisanship won't last

What impact will the results of the national election have on the United States?

EDITOR'S NOTE: As part of our coverage of the midterm elections, the Orient asked professors in the government department, "What impact will the results of the national election have on the United States?" Michael Franz and Jean Yarbrough, experts on American government, offer their analyses and insights here.

by Michael Franz
FACULTY CONTRIBUTOR

American elections are often boring and easy to forecast. Ninety-five percent of incumbents win re-election, and public opinion polls do an excellent job of predicting winners. At the same time, however, we live in an age of polarized partisan politics, where "blue states" and "red states" battle over cultural, economic, and international issues. In an era where 500 voters in Florida can determine the outcome of a presidential election, and where a few thousand voters in Virginia and Montana can determine agenda control in the Senate, American elections count for a lot—not to mention providing good theater. This year, John Kerry's gaffe, Ted Haggard's confession, and the verdict in the Saddam Hussein trial were the final acts in an election season dominated by the war in Iraq, rising budget deficits, and corruption scandals.

All told, Tuesday's midterms took the pulse of the American electorate, and the results were striking—a roughly 30-seat gain in the House, and Senate upsets in seven states (assuming Virginia goes to the Democrats). The election was also historic, as the Democrats will make Nancy Pelosi the first female speaker of the House. But we should be cautious in assuming that the Democrats' gains represent a mandate for the Democratic agenda. (Which is what, by the way? Can we list anything other than a hike in the minimum wage, and "change" in the conduct of the war?) More accurately, Democrats rode a wave of discontent with the war in Iraq, making the election a referendum on Bush. To that effect, Democrats benefited by not being Republicans—hardly a mandate.

Democrats face an uphill battle. Will they put aside their anger over the war in Iraq and offer policy solutions? Or will they do what activists want—start impeachment proceedings against Bush? How will they handle Bush's judicial nominees, or even a Supreme Court nominee? With Rumsfeld's resignation, how will Senate Democrats approach hearings on his replacement (what if Cheney resigns too)? Will personality conflicts between Democrats stifle policy ideas? Of course, such ques-

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tions over performance plague any new majority, but with a wide-open race for the White House in 2008, these issues will only be amplified.

We'll hear a lot this week about bipartisanship and working across the aisle. Democrats will say this because they want to appear gracious; Republicans will say this because it's their best talking point against across-the-board losses. But the chummy rhetoric will not last. By the time Nancy Pelosi takes the gavel from Dennis Hastert in January, politics in Washington will become even more contentious, divided, and bitter. For those who think a lot will change because of Democratic victories, there will be plenty of changes. But will the war in Iraq end? Will the deficit go down? Will politicians sincerely reach across the aisle to solve problems, such as health care concerns and the future of social security? Likely not, on all accounts. But it will be a lot of fun to watch.

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by Jean Yarbrough
FACULTY CONTRIBUTOR

As the Republicans were fond of saying in the aftermath of 2004, "elections matter." Their stunning loss of what now appears to be both houses of Congress will have ramifications abroad and at home. Within the last hour, we have learned that Secretary Rumsfeld is gone, to be replaced by Robert Gates, a member of the Iraq Study Commission. I have long thought that Rumsfeld should go because I did not believe we could simultaneously modernize our armed forces, and especially our army, at the same time that we were deploying them in large numbers on the front lines in Iraq. I don't yet have an opinion about Gates, though I have been deeply suspicious of the Iraq Study Commission on which he currently serves.

But the more important question is what message does the election and its aftermath send to the terrorists? If the terrorists interpret the election as a sign that America has lost its will to fight and win the war against Islamic fascism, and the term Islamic fascism is about as accurate as any, this will be a disaster for our country, for Israel, and for the rest of the free world. Happily, it is not yet clear that they would be right. Some of the Democrats who won, Lieberman being the most dramatic example, supported the president in the war. And Rahm Emmanuel recruited several conservative Southern Democrats like Heath Schuler (North Carolina), who are unlikely to vote for withdrawal or for cutting off funds for our soldiers, as some of the far-left members of the party are demanding. The Democrats now have a stake in winning this war, and if they are smart, they'll emphasize winning it, rather than withdrawing. "Stay the course" should be replaced by a resounding bipartisan agreement to "win the war." Despite his party's losses, I hope (and have some confidence) that as long as he is president, Bush will not be deflected from this goal.

Domestically, the area where Republicans will suffer most is judicial appointments. I would not be surprised if Justice Stevens decided to retire soon, and Bush will find it impossible to get another Alito, or even Roberts, confirmed. The Senate really dropped the ball in not pushing to confirm more of his nominees before the election. Frist's chances for 2008 are about the same as George Allen's. Although the Democrats will pass minimum wage legislation, the economy probably will

continue to chug along for a while. And if the Democrats get too carried away with new entitlements—the first 100 hours!—Bush can wield his (long-overdue) veto. Tax cuts do not expire until 2010, making it an issue for the next election cycle. Immigration reform of the "comprehensive" sort stands a better chance of being enacted, though I fear that the all-important question of border security will take a back seat to the "guest worker" programs that big businesses like and amnesty (by another name, of course) that the Democrats favor. Some of the new committee chairs may be tempted to launch investigations into the origins of the war, Halliburton, "the culture of corruption," etc., which temporarily assuage their anger, but they will only waste time and annoy all but their base.

Now to the question: How did this happen? Tocqueville long ago worried whether democracies had the patience to carry out long-term projects with uncertain results. We have not become a more patient nation, and we are, despite the vast sources of information at our disposal and money spent on education, ever more illiterate about politics, war, and history. But principally, I do not blame the American people; I blame the president. Although he is not as inarticulate as his critics claim, he is certainly rhetorically challenged, and this has hurt. More important, where the war is concerned, he has been largely AWOL. It is the responsibility of the president, using the considerable powers at his command, to try to shape public opinion. The president has often observed that we are at war with an enemy at least as dangerous as the Soviets, and yet he has failed spectacularly to help Americans understand what is at stake in this war and to try to rally public support for what he is doing. Nor, despite what he said, did he and his generals seem to be adapting to the situation on the ground. Because of these failures of leadership, he helped lose the independents, who voted for the Democrats by a wide margin.

Despite last minute reports that the Republican base was coming home, that support never quite materialized, or worse, if the Times is correct, some of those Republicans voted for Democrats as a protest. Evangelical support for Republicans was significantly lower than in 2004. Although there were eight states with a Defense of Marriage Act on the ballot, that issue did not have the same political clout, even though the measure passed in seven out of these states. On economic matters, Republicans were angered by the out-of-control spending by their

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party, and frustrated by their inability to do more about taxes, even though they controlled both the legislative and executive branches of government. Remarkably, they got very little credit for the economic rebound their tax cuts stimulated. Finally, some races were driven by juicy scandals, and the outcomes in these had little to do with national issues.

One final thought: I have my doubts that the lion and the lamb will lie down for long. Not only is there a presidential race taking shape on the horizon, but the two parties also represent fundamentally different views of where this country should be going. Despite Rahm Emmanuel's best efforts, the Democrats look to Western European social democracies as their model: universal health care, more or at least expanded entitlements, heavier taxation and more economic redistribution for the sake of "social justice" in domestic policy; international arbitration, multinationalism, and "soft power" abroad. Since Reagan, Republicans have offered a genuine alternative to 50 years of Democratic ascendancy: a renewal of the principles of liberal democracy on which this country was founded. Democrats now hope that this victory begins their return to political dominance. This is a contest neither side wants to lose, and despite what they are saying publicly, compromise may not be in their best interests.

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WEEKLYCALENDAR

November 9-16

Thursday

"Out of Phoenix Bridge"

Part of the six-week film series, "On the Border: Documentary Perspectives on Modern China."
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

"The Far North"

An encore screening of the documentary.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

Sunday

Bowdoin Chorus and Orchestra Concert

This performance will include symphonies by Haydn. Reception to follow.
PICKARD THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
3 - 5 P.M.

Wednesday

"Reveil—Waking up French"

A film screening and final event in the public series titled "Celebrating the Franco American Heritage of Maine."
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
3 P.M.

Laurence Kanter Lecture

Curator of the Robert Lehman collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

Friday

"Savage Appetite: European and Native Cannibal Talk in the South Seas"

Anthropologist and professor at Princeton University, Gananath Obeyesekere, will give a lecture on cannibalism.
ROOM 315, SEARLES SCIENCE BUILDING,
4 P.M.

Maine Telemark Film Festival

"PW06," a newly released ski film, will be shown at the fourth annual festival, sponsored by New England Telemark and the Bowdoin Outing Club.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

Monday

"Tactics and Success in Franco Upward Mobility"

The first discussion in the public series titled "Celebrating the Franco American Heritage of Maine."
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
7 P.M.

Thursday

"Shakespeare's Villains"

A chance to see the open dress rehearsal of this independent study by senior Bari Robinson.
WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
7 - 9 P.M.

Saturday

"Kara Bala"

Free screening and discussion of Kenzhebai Dusembaev's 1994 film on the history and culture of Kazakhstan.
EVENINGSTAR CINEMA,
10 A.M.

"Bringing Funny Back"

Don't miss this performance by Bowdoin's only improv group, The Improvabilities.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
8 P.M.

Tuesday

President Mills's Office Hours

Students are encouraged to drop in with any questions or comments.
SMITH UNION,
3 - 5 P.M.

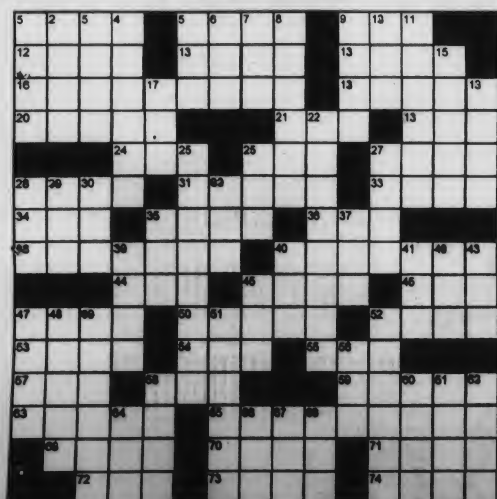
"Celebrating the Political and Legal Dimension of the Franco American Experience"

The second discussion in the public series titled "Celebrating the Franco American Heritage of Maine."
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
7 P.M.

Lori Arviso Alvord

The associate dean at Dartmouth Medical School gives a presentation titled "Navajo Medicine and Culture: A Model for Healing Environments."
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER
7 P.M.

News Clues



Puzzle by Adam Kommel

ACROSS

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- 21 Halloween mo.
- 23 Freudian term
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- 27 The Orient
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47 Strauss

50 Growing older

52 Treat with contempt

53 Commence

54 Economic measure

55 Basketball

57 Sky

58 Corporate top

59 Goofed

63 The Pat

64 Band visits

Bowdoin on Friday

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65 "The most important man you've never met"

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69 Stitched together

70 Dunking cookies

71 Otherwise

72 Game, match

73 Short sleeps

74 Colors

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- 2 Sixty minutes
- 3 Sicily's Mt.
- 4 Performer
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- 9 Throw out
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- 11 Mother
- 15 Bowdoin firefighter (see page 6)
- 17 Affirmative
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- 25 Airplane navigation technique
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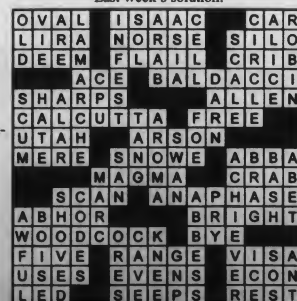
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Campaign begins with \$147 million

College raises 59 percent of goal during 'silent phase' of capital campaign

Bowdoin's stars come out for campaign launch party at Kennedy Library

by Bobby Guerette
and Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

BOSTON—It was billed as the start of the capital campaign, but it turned out to be a grand celebration.

After all, there was much to celebrate—\$147 million—at the unveiling of The Bowdoin Campaign at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on Friday.

Campaign co-chairs Deborah Jensen Barker '80 and Robert White '77 announced to cheers that the College had already raised nearly 59 percent of its total goal during the campaign's "silent phase." The College hopes to raise the \$250 million by June 2009.

Approximately 550 people attended the launch, Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood said. Most attendees were alumni. Some students, faculty,

and parents were also invited to the Kennedy Library for the launch.

The College had transformed the library into a place filled with Bowdoin imagery for the night.

Magnified campus photographs, framed in illuminated boxes that would be too tall for a typical building, stood in the lobby. The gift shop disappeared, completely covered by murals that showed scenes of Bowdoin and advertised the campaign's slogans: "The Place That Makes Us" and "The Place We Make."

The evening's events began in the library's glass-enclosed, 115-foot-high pavilion overlooking Boston Harbor and the city's skyline. Attendees could choose from custom-made sushi, grilled salmon, and hand-carved beef—and select their drinks from among the pavilion's three open bars.

After the reception, attendees moved to the library's Smith Hall for the evening's main event, a theatrical presentation about Bowdoin and the campaign. The presentation included the announcement of the \$147 million figure. Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration and Chief Development Officer William Torrey said in an e-mail to the Orient

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Courtesy of Justin Knight Photography and the Office of Communications

Bowdoin donors, alumni, and students mingle at the capital campaign's dinner reception in the Kennedy Library's atrium in Boston on Friday.

Board creates Darfur policy

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

The Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to refrain from directly investing in companies with business dealings in Darfur, and to avoid indirect investment in such companies if possible.

Saturday's vote approved President Barry Mills's recommendations, issued September 20, on the College's response to the humanitarian crisis in Darfur. Those recommendations followed a report by an advisory committee that he appointed in February to analyze the crisis and propose appropriate college action.

Bowdoin does not currently have any investments, direct or indirect, in Darfur, the College has stated.

"I'm very pleased that the trustees were willing to go along with the recommendation that I made," Mills said in a visit to Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) on Wednesday night. "This was not a slam-dunk...There was certainly general consensus, but people have different views."

In his recommendations, Mills agreed with the advisory committee that the College should not make direct investments in companies with business dealings in Darfur.

Mills broke with the committee on whether to terminate fund managers that would not avoid investing in such companies, though he did recommend that any profits from such investments would be diverted to charity.

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Peers give top marks, question advising

Reaccreditation committee offers initial findings following survey visit

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

An eight-member reaccreditation committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) has presented an initial summary of its findings to the College. In a preview of a report to be submitted to the NEASC, the team commended Bowdoin for its commitment to a liberal arts education and change since the last accreditation, but expressed concern about the College's planning for the future and focus on academic advising.

"The team clearly recognized the strength and vitality of this college community—the excellence of this faculty and commitment to teaching,

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Booze bust prompts concerns

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Most Bowdoin students are accustomed to having Security check for violations of the College's alcohol policy. However, most of these checks are conducted on weekend nights at parties or large social gatherings where alcohol is being served.

One can imagine a Baxter House resident's surprise, then, when at 9:30 a.m. last Friday, he walked out of his bedroom and found officers

searching his private common room for alcohol.

"Having that be the first thing you see was like, 'Woah, I didn't expect that to happen,'" said the student, who asked that his name not be used.

According to Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols, an officer was doing a "routine walk-through" of several student residences that morning. When he came to the student's room in Baxter, he found the door open and saw a 1.5-liter bottle of Kahlua

Mudslide Mix—a mixture containing 12.5 percent alcohol by volume—sitting on a table in the common room.

The officer, who was new to the job, then went downstairs and called for backup. When another, more experienced officer arrived, the two returned to the room and found that the bottle of Kahlua had been placed underneath the table.

The officers then entered the room and "announced their pres-

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FEATURE PROFILE: PART TWO

THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Dick Mersereau has tried to ask the right questions during his decades at the College.

BY JOSHUA MILLER
ORIENT STAFF

Decades ago, Richard A. Mersereau sat in a classroom, slightly incredulous, as Professor Daniel Levine began a survey course of American history by asking him, "What is history?"

"Can he really be asking that?" Mersereau thought to himself. "Everyone knows what history is."

Levine explained what he meant.

It is of vital importance, Levine lectured his class, that one asks the right

questions. Mersereau listened.

Before he was the secretary of Bowdoin College, before he was an assistant to the president, before he was the director of communications, before he was a husband and the father of two kids, before he was the director of summer programs, before he was the coach of the women's basketball team, before he was an assistant director of the admissions office, before he was at graduate school,

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VICTORY

FOOTBALL TAKES CBB; FIELD HOCKEY TO FINAL FOUR
WOMEN'S RUGBY HEADED TO APRIL CHAMPIONSHIP

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BRIEFLY

Samuelson '79 paces Armstrong in marathon

Lance Armstrong added another athletic feat to his to his impressive array of accomplishments when he completed the New York Marathon two weeks ago. But not without help.

From miles 10 to 20, Armstrong was paced by Olympic medal winner Joan Benoit Samuelson '79, *The New York Times* reported.

The seven-time Tour de France winner completed the race in two hours, 59 minutes, and 37 seconds, barely faster than his goal of three hours.

The *Times* report said that Samuelson took over pacing duties from former marathon champions Alberto Salazar and German Silva at mile 10.

At mile 12, Samuelson said, Armstrong's shins started bothering him. According to the *Times*, Samuelson encouraged Armstrong by giving him "focus points," essentially dividing the race into small sections.

"I have no doubt that he would have finished if we weren't there to help him, but I think breaking the three-hour barrier would have been questionable," Samuelson told the *Times*. "I think the marathon is a mental game, and he's got that down pretty well."

-Nat Herz

CORRECTIONS

Wrong sponsor

In the November 3 issue, the "Skin of Our Teeth" caption should have read that the play was a Department of Theater production, not a Masque & Gown production.

Email correction suggestions to orient@bowdoin.edu.



Nat Herz, The Bowdoin Orient

Panel moderator Severin Beliveau introduces Boston's French consul general, Francois Gauthier, in Moulton Union on Monday.

College holds three-day Franco heritage forum

Members of Maine's Franco American community joined Bowdoin this week in a symposium celebrating the state's French heritage.

The symposium, which ran from Monday to Wednesday, featured three panel discussions and a documentary. The panels considered the Franco American community's contributions to business and politics in Maine, as well as its culture and art.

"This is the first event of its kind that focuses solely on the contributions of the Franco community in Maine," said Severin Beliveau, the moderator of the business panel, at a reception in

Moulton Union on Monday to kick off the event.

Francois Gauthier, the consul general of France in Boston, also attended Monday's reception.

"It's very important to celebrate this heritage," he said. "It's very important to know where...we come from and what are our roots. That way, we'll be able to address the challenges the world today is presenting."

"The values that the Franco American community have brought to Maine are extremely important," he said.

-Nat Herz

Drills ignite worries

by Emma Powers
STAFF WRITER

While recent fire drills were successful in many respects, there is still room for improvement, according to Bowdoin officials.

Mark Fisher, manager of environmental health and safety, stated that the drills, which took place October 3, 10, and 24, "went very well," and that the average exit time for the drills was about three minutes.

Louann Dustin-Hunter, assistant director of security, added that "the first-year bricks were excellent" in getting out of their dorms and that the residents of Coles Tower were able to exit the building in remarkable time.

However, an important concern regards the "rallying points," or designated congregation areas, after a fire alarm sounds. Although Fisher and Dustin-Hunter have not finalized the rallying points for all of the campus buildings, Dustin-Hunter indicated that during these recent drills too many people were congregating directly outside the doors of buildings.

"Next to the door is the last place that we want the rallying points to be," said Dustin-Hunter.

In the event of a fire, Dustin-Hunter cautions students to "gather away from the building and stay in a group." In addition, Security is considering posting the names of the designated rallying points next to the exit signs of buildings.

"We need to try to get people to move away from the building," said Fisher. He noted that it is essential for students to congregate at rallying points distant from the building

doors for three reasons: the danger of the fire itself, facilitating a head-count, and staying out of the way of firefighters.

Lawson Wulsin, assistant director of residential life, said that directing students is part of the role of proctors and residential assistants (RAs) during these fire drills.

"If a proctor or RA is in the building, their first responsibility is to get out of the building," Wulsin said. "Once they are outside the building, they can account for all of their residents."

Fisher noted that his department is working closely with Residential Life to establish a more detailed training program for RAs and proctors.

The other concern regarding the fire drills has to do with violations of Bowdoin's fire policy. During each drill, Security and the Brunswick Fire Department check each room and note violations.

"We did notice that there were a lot of candles," said Dustin-Hunter, adding that many rooms contained hanging tapestries. The presence of lit candles and hanging tapestries violate Bowdoin's fire safety policy as stated in the student handbook.

"The worst things to have in dorm rooms are lit candles," said Dustin-Hunter. She noted that years ago, an entire Brunswick E apartment burned down due to a tipped-over menorah. She also explained that it is unsafe to have objects hanging from the exposed sprinkler systems.

"What we're basically looking for is compliance of these rules," said Fisher. "All dorm fires in the U.S. are caused by something preventable...simple little things."

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President, BSG discuss campus issues

by Travis Dagenais
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government devoted nearly all of Wednesday's meeting to a lively but sometimes tense discussion with President Barry Mills, who attended to discuss campus issues.

Nearly every BSG member present spoke at some point during the meeting, touching on contentious topics such as upperclass housing and the acquisition of land from the Brunswick Naval Air Station. In response, Mills stressed both the benefits and the limitations of the College's current status.

Residential Life Representative Lynzie McGregor '09 opened the discussion by asking Mills about the advances he has made while at Bowdoin, and in response Mills outlined a number of areas in which he noted improvement.

"Certainly, the curriculum reform that took place a couple of years ago was a big event for Bowdoin," Mills stated. "It was one of the most engaged discussions that happened on campus with the faculty."

Mills also highlighted advances in financial aid, staff policies, and student life, noting some of the troubles

the College faced in making these improvements.

"This was a campus with a lot of gender issues that was boiling when I arrived," Mills claimed, noting recent relief of some of these tensions.

He also stated that, according to a survey, recent graduates expressed a stronger connection to the College than older alumni.

Class of 2009 Representative Ben Freedman asked about the creation of new teaching positions, and Mills responded that 12 such positions have been created and that the Curriculum and Educational Policy (CEP) Committee has allocated a number of them in order to balance different priorities of Bowdoin's academic departments.

Mills cited class enrollments as a factor involved in deciding to which departments new positions should be allocated.

"What you really want to know is whether you are building intellectual and substantive depth," he stated.

Mills added that the process of adding faculty is a "long march, not a short war."

"We will add faculty, but only when we have the money," he continued.

The naval base land was a frequent topic of discussion, originally

raised by Inter-house Council Representative Kristen Gunther '09. Mills stressed the distinction between long-term and short-term perspectives in approaching this issue.

"I'm very concerned with creating an economy that is stable and supportive for this community," Mills stated. He noted that use of the land would be influenced by environmental concerns and the question of whether it will serve as an airport in the future.

Class of 2007 Representative Torri Parker raised the possibility of using military housing on McKean Street for students, noting that Brunswick Apartments had once been military housing.

Mills said that he had thought about McKean Street, but said that the College was not eager to buy the residences. But, Mills added, such residences could serve as effective "swing space" if current campus housing were to undergo renovation.

Class of 2008 representative Clark Gascoigne raised the issue of upperclass housing, citing the current housing crunch and potential need for renovations as major concerns.

Mills explained that Bowdoin has a housing crunch due to historically low numbers of students studying abroad and leaving campus in general, creating a larger-than-normal student body and what he termed a "perfect storm" for campus housing.

While he noted that the present shortage should not endure, he did say that "we're going to have to do some major renovating" in the future.

Gascoigne asked whether money raised from The Bowdoin Campaign could help fund housing development.

Mills replied that "this is a time to build the endowment of this college, not to build buildings."

Students raised other concerns with some of Bowdoin's current programs and policies. Bowdoin's career planning services fell under criticism as Parker asked if Bowdoin might consider expanding the Career Planning Center (CPC).

Mills said that he understood students' complaints and suggested that the program will be developed in the future.

"Our CPC does a great job," Mills replied, "but I think that the demands of students are greater and more complicated than we may cur-

rently be serving."

Mills expressed a desire to expose students to "more of that real world advice and experience," such as networking.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 questioned Bowdoin's Early Decision (ED) policy, noting recent shifts in similar policies at Harvard University and Princeton University.

Mills said that it was unlikely that the College would alter Bowdoin's current ED program.

"Some of our very best students have decided early on they want to come to Bowdoin," he stated, claiming that without an ED program, Bowdoin could lose some of these students.

He did admit, however, that "there is a sense that there may be some unfairness in there being two doors that students can walk through."

According to Vice President for BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08, "This was an extremely productive discussion and I think this will provide a good model for future conversations with administrators."

"I think Barry's a phenomenal president," McKesson added, "and I think if he was here all the time, this would be an infinitely greater place."

Organic Garden makes bid for certification

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

The Bowdoin Organic Garden has never actually been organic.

At least not in the eyes of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA). Though the garden has never been certified, the practices of the gardeners at Bowdoin have always been organic. No chemically synthesized pesticides or herbicides are used in the garden, and no genetically modified crops are planted.

In the next few months, the garden's overseers hope that the plots will be officially certified by MOFGA.

The organic garden is made up of two plots: one located on Crystal Spring Community Farm, about two miles from campus, and the other on the corner of Coffin Street and South Street, behind East Hall. Crops in the garden vary from blueberries to vegetables to herbs.

Bowdoin has had control over

both plots for the past three years, ensuring that the garden meets MOFGA's requirement that the land must be free of prohibited substances for at least 36 months. Compounds prohibited by the National Organic Program include ash from manure burning, arsenic, lead salts, and tobacco dust.

"Most synthetic materials, fertilizers, pesticides, and insecticides are prohibited," said Mary Yurlina, director of MOFGA certification services.

To determine if their land is eligible, farmers need to create an organic farm plan, which describes in-depth how they manage their land and crops, and then submit it to a local certifying body (in this case, MOFGA).

According to Yurlina, MOFGA is interested in all aspects of land management, including how farmers manage soil fertility, crop-rotation plans, and their use of green manures and compost. Also, MOFGA requires that the seeds

used for a farm's crops be certified as organic, even though that can sometimes be more expensive.

"You need to use organic seeds if they are available, regardless of price," said Yurlina.

Managing pests in an ecologically conscious way is also important to MOFGA.

Yurlina said that there are approved substances that can be used to combat pests, but that MOFGA also promotes the use of cultural techniques, such as the use of trap crops and crop rotations, to alleviate disease and insect problems.

While maintaining an organic garden is a large task on its own, diligent record-keeping is also necessary for and during certification. Farmers have to keep all receipts, as well as a field log book recording activity on the farm. These records are especially important during the growing season when an inspector is dispatched, to ensure that what is written in the farm plan is actually being practiced on the farm.

The cost for Bowdoin's certification, determined by the size of the garden, is \$175. However, Bowdoin will still get most of that money back.

"The state receives funds for reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as part of the National Organic Program, which are available on a first-come, first-serve basis through September 2008 for up to 75 percent of what you owe," said Sustainable Bowdoin Intern and Facilitator of the Garden Katherine Creswell.

Once the garden is certified as organic, Bowdoin will be able to use the "MOFGA Certified Organic" logo on its produce, which represents a high quality of food that is grown in a sustainable way and is good for the environment. The logo also increases the potential market value of the food, though Bowdoin does not sell any of its produce.

Instead, the produce is consumed

in Bowdoin's own dining halls, and according to Ken Cardone, assistant director of the dining service and executive chef, the quality of fresh, organic food can't be beat.

"The average produce we buy travels about 1,500 miles," he said. "In this case, it's half a mile. Whatever you see out there growing, that's what you're going to be eating."

According to Creswell, two of the most important factors when buying food are whether it's local and whether it's organic. Now, thanks to certification, no tough decisions need to be made.

"The garden has always produced local food by default. Organic certification only adds merit to the good practices already taking place," she said.

The application for organic certification will be submitted in January or February, and Creswell hopes that the plots will be certified by the time the growing season is underway.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 11/9 TO 11/15

Thursday, November 9

- A staff member who was painting a room in Ladd House accidentally set off the fire alarm.
- An unregistered event was dispersed on the second floor of Stowe Hall.

Friday, November 10

- An intrusion alarm was inadvertently activated in Banister Hall.
- A security officer observed hard alcohol in plain view through an open room door in Baxter House. Two bottles were seized.
- A resident of Brunswick Apartments P reported scratches to her vehicle that probably occurred within the past 24 hours.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen between 10 a.m.

and 1 p.m. in front of Sargent Gym near the polar bear statue. The bike, which was left unlocked, is a brown Cannondale with curved handle bars.

- A female student reported being harassed by a local man during a music concert at Morrell Lounge in Smith Union. Lucas Creamer, 26, of Brunswick, Dylan O'Brien, 22, of Montpelier, Vermont, and a Bath juvenile were issued criminal trespass warnings and barred from campus in connection with the incident.

Saturday, November 11

- A security officer seized two bottles of hard alcohol from a room at Brunswick Apartments Q.
- A security officer checked on the well-being of a student outside Chamberlain Hall. The student, who was intoxicated and semi-conscious after consuming shots of hard

liquor, was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

- A security officer transported a student with abdominal pain to Parkview Hospital for evaluation.
- Chamberlain Hall was evacuated after a fourth floor smoke detector activated a fire alarm. Brunswick Fire Department personnel said they believed the alarm was caused by use of hair spray too close to the smoke detector.
- An ice hockey player was transported to Parkview Hospital for observation following a minor head injury.

Monday, November 13

- A student reported the theft of her bicycle from the bike rack between Stowe Hall and Howard Hall. The bike is an older model men's red 12-speed Shogun.

- A student who slipped and fell on the stairs inside Chamberlain Hall was transported to Parkview Hospital with a minor head injury.

Tuesday, November 14

- An Appleton Hall fire alarm was activated by steam from a shower.

- A student received a facial cut when she was struck by a clock that fell off a wall in a Searles Hall classroom. She was treated at Dudley Coe Health Center.

Wednesday, November 15

- Security officers and a college counselor assisted a student on the Quad near Massachusetts Hall.
- A student reported the theft of her unlocked bicycle from a bike rack at the Visual Arts Center. The theft occurred between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. The bike is a bright blue

women's Mongoose mountain bike.

- Wallpaper in the Chamberlain Room at Moulton Union was damaged sometime Wednesday evening or Thursday morning when information tags underneath paintings were removed.

The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is the one of the heaviest travel periods of the year. It is also one of the deadliest on our nation's highways, with a high number of alcohol-related crashes. As you head home this week, the Office of Safety and Security urges you to stay alert, wear your seat belt, and drive at a safe speed. Have a great holiday.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

Darfur Week stresses education, fundraising

Dining Service matches 30 percent of board donations from fast

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

After this week, Bowdoin students will no longer be able to claim ignorance about the humanitarian crisis in Darfur. By stuffing mailboxes, putting up posters, and sponsoring lectures and documentaries, the Darfur Coalition is making sure students are informed about the genocide.

Liz Leiwant '08, the head of the Darfur Coalition, the multi-organizational group that planned the week's events, said that the coalition had two primary goals for the week: education and fundraising.

"If you don't know what's going on, you can't work to change it," she said. "People are still largely uneducated about the genocide."

In order to best educate the student body, the coalition held a variety of different events intended to appeal to a diverse audience.

On Monday, students could see an exhibition of children's artwork from Darfur and Chad.

Meredith Segal '08, a member of the coalition and head of Bowdoin Students for Peace, said that she hoped the suffering in the children's pictures would affect those students unmoved by facts and statistics.

On Wednesday, the coalition encouraged students to donate their meals and fast. Money from students' board transfers will go to the Genocide Intervention Network (GIN), an organization that strives to "empower individuals and communities with the tools to prevent and stop genocide," according to the group's Web site.

In addition to transferring board, students can donate up to 10 polar points to the GIN. Dining Service has pledged to match 30 percent of the total donations.

Segal encouraged students to donate as much as they felt comfortable and to try fasting on Wednesday. She believes that fast-

ing is "a small way to show solidarity with people in Darfur."

Leiwant agreed, saying that fasting is "a constant reminder of what it is you're trying to work towards."

On Thursday, the coalition screened the film "Darfur Diaries," a documentary that "seeks to provide space for the marginalized victims of atrocities [in Darfur] to speak and engage with the world," according to the film's Web site.

Today, there will be a vigil in Portland sponsored by Fur Cultural Revival of New England, a Portland-based organization composed of immigrants from the Fur tribe of Darfur.

At 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium, there will be a town hall panel discussing armed intervention in the crisis. The panel features Professor Alan Kuperman from the University of Texas and Professor Jon Western of Mount Holyoke College.

Katie Auth '08, the coalition representative for students who do not belong to political organizations, said she hoped the week would inspire students to take further action on their own.

Leiwant agreed, saying that one intended outcome of the week is the creation of a permanent Darfur group that would provide ways for interested students to become further involved.

"Once people know what's going on, the majority of people want to do something," she said.

Leiwant also said she strongly believes that because the College is committed to the common good, it has a moral obligation to become involved in situations like Darfur.

"Any school that professes to train the next generation has an obligation to train people morally as well," she said. "Part of that is educating the student body about issues in the world."

Segal hopes that the week will kick off a higher level of activism surrounding Darfur.

"This week is not the end of the actions of the Darfur campaign. It's just the beginning," she said.

Baldacci visits campus to thank Dems



Tommy Wilcox, Bowdoin Orient

Maine Governor John Baldacci discusses the recent elections with Bowdoin College Democrats Max Conover '09 and Darren Fishell '09. Baldacci visited Bowdoin on Tuesday to thank the Democrats for their help during his successful campaign for re-election. He also spoke at the Franco-American symposium.

Students call for creation of permanent committee

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Mills also rejected the committee's suggestion to create a permanent college committee that would identify "crimes against humanity."

A number of other colleges and universities, including Amherst College, Harvard College, and Yale University, have also adopted a range of non-investment policies.

James MacAllen '66, a trustee and a member of the advisory committee, said that he was glad to see Mills' recommendations passed.

"I think it's a great synthesis of different opinions, and it also lays out some standards, some values that we need to consider if something like this ever comes up again," he said.

MacAllen also said that he was not disappointed with the differences between Mills' and the committee's recommendations.

"We were working under some significant time pressure, and we did not have, I'd say, sufficient time to gather a lot more opinion that might have conflicted with what we originally were proposing," he said.

James Baumberger '06, another member of the committee, was also enthusiastic.

"I had thought that there might be some reservations on the board about making such a statement, because of a general unwillingness to get involved in mixing politics with investment decisions," he said. "But, I'm glad they were able to move past that and make a relatively strong statement on Darfur."

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Trustee and Member of the Advisory Committee on Darfur

tive and president of the Darfur Coalition, said that while a divestment policy is laudable, it is not sufficient.

"I think that it's good that they passed the recommendations, but I think that it doesn't let the College off the hook," she said. "The fact that they included the clause about creating seminars and forums and discussions, I think that's important, but I think that the one key thing that was missing was any kind of institutional mechanism so that the College can react faster next time. Student activism takes a lot longer to get the attention of trustees than if there was a way to directly petition."

Class of 2008 Representative Clark Gascoigne '08 also said that BSG wanted to see a similar mechanism.

"We [BSG] support everything that's in [Mills' recommendations]," he said. "The only thing we wanted in addition was this committee. We're still going to work to try to have some sort of structure in place for future situation like this."

Gascoigne said that the issue is on BSG's agenda for the next few weeks.

At Wednesday's BSG meeting, Mills said that he was pleased with what he called "increased levels of activism" on campus.

"I'm pessimistic because the world seems to be a place that needs more activism, but optimistic that the campus seems to be getting engaged," he said.

In an interview with the Orient, Mills said that although the situation in Darfur is unusual, similar conditions in other areas of the world could lead to similar actions in the future.

"I think that if circumstances in the future arise where all of the facts and circumstances that created the momentum for us to take action occur...then this would serve as a model," he said. "For that to happen, all the facts and circumstances described in the memo would have to occur."

As part of the recommendations approved by the trustees, Mills said that he would appoint a committee "either before Thanksgiving or shortly after" to identify offending companies in which the College would avoid investing.

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Facilities hires consultant on flooding

by Emily Guerin
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Storm water run-off attributed to the heavy rains this fall has caused flooding at various locations on campus, and has prompted Facilities Management to hire an independent consultant to redesign storm water management systems in flood-prone areas. Problematic sites include the corner of McKeen and Maine streets, Park Row, College Street, and Moulton Union.

Flooding on town streets has intensified in recent years, according to Director of Facilities Operations and Maintenance Ted Stam. Stam attributes the problem to Brunswick's storm water systems, which are approaching capacity.

"These systems were designed for a certain amount [of water], and it appears that design has been fully utilized or exceeded," he said.

Mike Vellicux, associate director of major maintenance programs, said that the systems were built to handle the volume of runoff that occurred years ago. An increase in development and paved surfaces has caused more water to flow into these systems, he said.

When rain falls on buildings and pavement, it flows downhill, eventually finding its way into the nearest storm water drain. This poses a

problem for older storm water systems designed for areas that used to have less development, as the systems relied upon a certain amount of water being absorbed into the ground. As more soil is paved over or built on, there are fewer places for water to go except into these drains.

To alleviate stress on the drains, Bowdoin and the town of Brunswick plan to expand the size of storm water pipes beneath Maine and McKeen streets. Because piping beneath College Street and Park Row is connected to the Maine/McKeen system, improving the piping in one area will benefit the other.

Flooding at Moulton Union also has been exacerbated by an increase in development in its vicinity. The Curtis Pool renovation has caused increased run-off into drains near the dining hall entrance, which were already receiving the majority of storm water run-off from South Campus Drive. According to Stam, the storm water system was near capacity before the added run-off from the construction site.

The most recent flood in Moulton occurred on October 12 and led to the temporary closure of the dining hall. Facilities and housekeeping responded to the flood immediately, preventing permanent damage.

"When there's a flood, the key is



Bobby Guerette, The Bowdoin Orient

Rainwater evaporates near Baxter House after a storm. An increase in development on campus and in Brunswick has increased pressure on storm drains that are already near capacity.

to respond quickly, get the water out and dry it out," said Stam.

Fear of another flood during subsequent heavy rains led facilities to take preventative action. Facilities employees were out in storms raking leaves from the drains to pre-

vent them from becoming clogged. As a result of their efforts, no further flooding was reported in Moulton.

Raking leaves during periods of heavy rain is only a temporary solution to the problem, however. The

same consultant Bowdoin is using to address the Maine/McKeen streets flooding issue is also designing a new storm water management system for Moulton Union. Facilities Management hopes to see the new system in place before winter.

Campaign will do 'magnificent things for Bowdoin,' alumnus says

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that there has not been any significant change in the amount raised since the launch.

Emcees Anthony DiNicola '07 and Emily Goodridge '08 provided commentary throughout the presentation, which included speeches, videotaped interviews, musical performances, a dance number by the student group Anokha—and a dancing polar bear mascot.

In most of the speeches and interviews, alumni reflected on the role that Bowdoin played in their lives.

"I am what Bowdoin has made me," Geoffrey Canada '74 said.

Canada told a story about his senior year at Bowdoin, when he was unsure of what to do after Bowdoin and consulted a faculty member. The professor brought him to a nearby stream to show him the salmon. A confused Canada didn't know what to make of the visit—until the professor mentioned that the salmon that swam into one of the tributaries would end up at a salmon factory.

The point, Canada said: "There are places in America where children's lives are determined by chance."

Canada went on to become the CEO and president of the Harlem Children's Zone, which serves 8,600 at-risk children in New York City.

The video presentation included reflections on Bowdoin by a range of notable alumni, including former Senator George Mitchell '54, ABC News "Nightline" co-anchor Cynthia McFadden '78, and investor Stanley Druckenmiller '75. Most spoke about the College's core values.

"The capital campaign is obviously about making money, but



Courtesy of Justin Knight Photography and the Office of Communications

Emily Goodridge '08 and Anthony DiNicola '07, emcees of the campaign kickoff, urge Kary Antholis '84, not pictured, to accept copies of their headshots during the kickoff's evening performance. Antholis is a senior vice president at HBO-Miniseries and was onstage speaking about his Bowdoin experience.

this is a way for us to really reconfirm what the College is all about," President Barry Mills told the Orient.

In interviews, alumni at the event emphasized the importance of the campaign's primary focus on financial aid. The College hopes to add \$76.55 million to the financial aid endowment. Academic affairs priorities, including the endowment of 12

new faculty positions, rank a close second, totaling \$69.5 million.

"Financial aid—that's the big thing. That will make the difference to so many students," Elliott Kanbar '56, a private equity investor, told the Orient.

Alan Titus '62, a member of the campaign's steering committee, told the Orient that the "the world is changing so dramatically" and

the campaign will "meet the changes of that world."

"The campaign is going to do magnificent things for Bowdoin," he said.

Jay Green '60, an overseer emeritus, has been involved with four capital campaigns.

While previous campaigns have focused on building projects, "this campaign is about people," he said.

He noted that the drive is "very sophisticated in terms of how it's beginning."

Torrey said in an e-mail to the Orient that Bowdoin has not yet calculated the cost of the event. He did note that the College intended to spend less at this launch than the 1995 event. He said that the College was successful in having an event "that was not lavish, but first-rate."

The launch event also included the afternoon session "Voices from the Classroom," which was held at the Seaport World Trade Center. Seven faculty members gave presentations on six subjects, including a lecture titled "Why study the Horror Film," by Associate Professor of English Aviva Briefel.

Associate Professor of Physics Mark Battle drew cheers when he showed up at his lecture on climate change in multiple layers of winter clothing and long underwear. Battle frequently does work at the North Pole and South Pole.

Concurrent with the academic event, the Board of Trustees held a portion of its three-day fall meeting at the Langham Hotel.

At the evening launch event, Titus said the campaign committee had a "wonderful response" to the campaign, and predicted that it would meet its \$250 million goal.

"I think we'll be successful—there's no doubt in my mind," he said.

Interim Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Sarah Begin '05, who was staffing the event, said, "The people who are here tonight just love this place."

"It's great when you love Bowdoin so much, and you get to come back and promote this wonderful place," she said. "It's the greatest job in the world."

Team says advising needs work

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the strength of our students, the loyalty of our alumni base," said President Barry Mills, following the presentation.

"They really have grasped, in important ways, the excellence of the College, the commitment and reflection of our core mission of liberal arts education, and the commitment to the common good."

Every 10 years, more than 225 colleges and universities in New England seek accreditation from NEASC's Commission on Institutes of Higher Education (CIHE). As part of the reaccreditation process, Bowdoin conducted a self-study report on its mission, goals, and future plans, and submitted it to a team of educators from Middlebury College, Swarthmore College, Wellesley College, Carleton College, and other institutions.

Headed by David Oxtoby, president of Pomona College, the team met with groups of administrators, students, and faculty from November 12 to 15 to assess Bowdoin's fulfillment of NEASC's accreditation standards.

After assessing the College and submitting a full set of recommendations and commendations to NEASC's CIHE, the commission will make an accreditation decision in a matter of months.

"We really appreciated your openness, candor, and willingness to talk about lots of issues," Oxtoby said at a Wednesday meeting to present initial findings. "We really think this is a truly unique place. We learned a lot about what you do and how you do it, and we'll take lots of wonderful ideas back to our own campuses."

The committee observed that Bowdoin "has made major progress defining its purposes since 1996," when an accreditation team last visited. The committee also said that the College's mission statement contains the correct attitude about a liberal arts education and is specific about Bowdoin's distinctive features.

Bowdoin's academic program also got top marks.

"Both faculty and students seem deeply engaged in learning and teaching, and have expressed satisfaction with the academic program," Oxtoby said.

The team said that the College's new distribution requirements express the goals of a liberal arts education, majors are clearly outlined and structured, the curriculum has been internationalized, and restricted class sizes are commendable. The art and science programs have received needed boosts with more space and faculty, and the Museum of Art and Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum provide "great teaching assets," according to Oxtoby.

However, the group said, the College must monitor its academic advising program. The team noted that advising is important for the new curriculum, and that while the faculty seem dedicated to the notion of advising, there is a need for more collaboration and assistance among the already-busy faculty.

Oxtoby also commended the faculty's growth in 10 years, which has "enhanced the curriculum and reduced the student-faculty ratio to 10:1." He said he is pleased with the efforts to increase faculty diversity and commended Bowdoin's support for faculty excellence with competitive salaries, a strong sabbatical policy, and integration with the capital campaign. Nonetheless, the team said there should be more transparency

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David Oxtoby
President of Pomona College

cy and clarification in the reappointment, promotion, and tenure policy, as well as the merit review procedure for salary increase.

Furthermore, the committee praised Bowdoin's diversity, noting the rise in students of color on campus from 13 percent in 1996 to 26 percent now. While they praised admissions and the resources invested in financial aid for increasing the percentage, the team said it is "imperative" to focus on curricular and extracurricular programs to assist these minorities and student groups.

In terms of physical space, the team observed a significant investment in facilities over the past 10 years. The College has focused on student life and academic priorities, while considering a master plan that may include the acquisition of Brunswick Naval Air Station land.

Financially, Oxtoby explained that Bowdoin is in a "strong position" with its budget and balances, solid endowment returns, and planned fundraising. The College recognizes the importance of financial management, he said, with a strong investment committee, complex and diversified strategy, and prudent spending policy.

Still, the team said Bowdoin must maintain efforts to connect with alumni and trustees as it handles finances, using the magazine, the Web site, and other publications to stay in touch.

Overall, the committee emphasized that while Bowdoin has made improvements since 1996, it must continue to do so while adjusting to modern demands. Oxtoby said that "in a period of tremendous change, there is a danger of losing sight of what the key goals once were at the College."

In a public meeting seeking community input, members of the College expressed similar concerns. After seeing Bowdoin change over the past 20 or 30 years, they said that the College must maintain its historical roots and not lose its familiar feeling.

Mills said he welcomes the recommendations by the committee and identified what he believes Bowdoin should focus on. First, he said, is "long-term planning in an environment of finite resources." Second, are improvements in the academic advising systems for students. Third is the importance of a "faculty governance system that will both be responsive to the needs of the faculty" and will allow for future interactions that are efficient and effective.

Finally, he said, the College must assess its actions and keep its goals in mind for education.

"We must assess this college and community, and pay close attention to assess the effectiveness of what we do," Mills said. "At the same time, it's important to remember that we are an education system. It's not always about numbers and percentages. It's about education, values, and judgment issues that are not always easy to identify."

Davis named WRC director

by Cati Mitchell
ORIENT STAFF

"About a year ago, I was talking to my husband about what I termed 'my perfect job,'" said Meadow Davis. "If there was a way I could work on a college campus, focusing on women students and the issues that were important to them, that would be my perfect job."

Luckily for Davis, a position as the director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC) opened this summer when its former director, Karin Clough, accepted a job in Kenya. A search committee was formed in her absence to find a replacement.

"We all loved Karin," said Alison Driver '08, a member of the search committee. "That being said, Meadow is fun and talented and will take the WRC in fantastic new directions."

Davis, who will begin on

December 4, graduated from Trinity College with a major in American studies and a concentration in women's studies. Upon graduating, she spent three years in the Peace Corps before getting a master's degree in nonprofit management from Notre Dame.

A native of Belfast, Maine, Davis comes to Bowdoin from the Maine Association of Nonprofits, where she was the associate director.

"While this work was really interesting, I realized that my real interest lay in people," said Davis.

Members of the search committee spoke very highly of Davis's experience and passion for the job.

"She had a great interview and that was the consensus. She just really captivated people," Director of Student Activities Allen Delong said. "It was clear that she would be a very good community member."

Dan Robinson '07 agreed.

"Meadow was an excellent candidate because of her very relevant work experience, warm and engaging personality, and her focus on students," he said.

Davis, who lives in Portland with her husband, Trevor, a special education teacher, and her two-year-old son, Caden, looks forward to starting her job at the WRC.

"There are a lot of wonderful things about the center as it is, and I'm excited to build upon the existing strengths," she said. "I loved the time that I was able to spend with the students and staff at Bowdoin and can tell what an amazing place it will be to work."

Davis encouraged students to feel comfortable speaking with her.

"It is absolute bliss for me to have my job be talking to students and hearing their challenges and ideas and helping them find the resources that they need to fulfill their visions," she said.

Baxter residents complain of extra Security attention

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ence," said Nichols. The student claimed he was watching television in the bedroom and did not hear them. His roommates, who said they had left the door open, had gone to breakfast.

At that point, it appears that one of the officers walked to the corner of the common room, where the residents had erected a bar. Residents say they believe the officer opened a partition hatch that was built into the counter and entered the bar area. A bottle of tequila was in a cubby on the inside of the bar.

The officers confiscated both the tequila—a 21st birthday gift to the student from his aunt—and the Kahlua, and then issued a citation for a violation of the college's alcohol policy.

The student claimed responsibility for the alcohol and said he expects to be reprimanded by the dean's office.

The incident did not sit well with the student's roommates, who felt as though Security violated their privacy.

"The whole situation is very upsetting," roommate Brandon Sparks '08 added.

Appendix C, Section A.11 of the Bowdoin Student Handbook stipulates that "before conducting a search, the security officer must have written permission from the director of residential life. The written permission authorizing the search shall state the reasons for the search, a description of the objects of information sought, possessions and locations to be searched, and the approximate time the search will be conducted."

The policy continues, "Although not required by law, whenever possible the search will be conducted at reasonable times with the occupant(s) present."

Nichols said that while that policy holds for most formal searches, he said that if a violation is found "in plain view," then "it is acceptable for an officer to search the surrounding premises for further violations."

It was "perfectly acceptable" that the security officer searched the bar and cited the student for its contraband content, even though the bottle of tequila was stowed away out of plain view, Nichols said. Furthermore, an officer would be "neglecting his duty if he did not search the immediate area."

Though Nichols acknowledged

that a bar could be used in a number of different ways that do not involve alcohol—a counter or a pantry, for example—the fact that there was Kahlua on the table gave Security probable cause to search this bar.

Nichols also said that an officer could enter a room and search the immediate premises even if he was mistaken in his belief that an initial violation had occurred. The officers first entered the room because in addition to the Kahlua, they saw a Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum bottle that, as it turned out, was filled with water.

Another roommate, Andrew Sargeantson '08, said that by searching their private bar area, Security was exceeding its mandate to maintain order and ensure the students' safety.

"It's not as if any complaint had been made. It's not a time when people are having parties," he said. "It seemed like they were going out of their way to get us in trouble."

"There was no need to protect," he added.

Sparks agreed.

"There were no students drinking alcohol," he said. "So this was not a matter of keeping people safe."

Sparks, who admitted that he doesn't know the College's search and enter policies offhand, said that this incident is part of what he considers a trend that has seen Security pay unusually close attention to Baxter House this year.

Sparks said that twice this fall, Baxter residents have tried to register "spontaneous parties," which is permissible under college policy pending the permission of Security. Both times, they were denied permission, and both times, Sparks said, Security showed up at Baxter later that night as though to make sure no event was taking place.

He also recounted an incident when Security came into Baxter claiming that someone reported a fight, which Sparks said was "a complete lie," and another incident when Security officers showed up and claimed that they heard "loud music" and that it "sounded like a party," when the stereo wasn't even plugged in.

"Security is in our house almost every day," he said. "I think it's absurd to think that Security would be walking through Chamberlain, Brunswick Apartments, or one of the freshman dorms looking to write people up at 9:00 in the morning."

Two-year Baxter resident Mike McClelland '08 agreed that Security has been in the house "more often than last year," adding that last year Baxter was put on probation early in the year for an unregistered event, while this year the house has not been cited for any such violation.

Nichols denied that Baxter has been singled out among the college houses and residence halls.

"Baxter is not under any unusual attention at all," he said. "We're pleased with the way Baxter has run this year."

The security director also refuted the students' complaints that officers were outside their mandate, saying that the search was "absolutely" consistent with Security's mission to protect students' health and safety.

Concerning the proposed notion that Security was actively trying to get students in trouble, Nichols said, "we don't operate that way."

Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli said that she wants students to be content with the College's search and enter policy.

"If students are worried about it, I think it's worth looking at the policy and making sure students are comfortable," she said.

The anonymous student arranged a meeting with Nichols and Assistant Director of Residential Life Lawson Wulsin on Tuesday to discuss the incident, a meeting that the student said was "incredibly productive."

"It struck me as odd at first," said the student, "but after the meeting I understand [the policy] better."

The Orient did not interview Wulsin, since Pacelli said that she acts alone as Residential Life's media liaison. She also declined to comment extensively on the incident. She cited lack of knowledge of the details of the case and time to prepare, because she was first approached by the Orient on Thursday.

Sparks was far less flattering than the anonymous student in his appraisal of the college officials.

"The administration seems to think that the end justifies the means," he said, "and I disagree because it's tearing apart the relationship between students and Security."

He added that undue violations of privacy could damage the College House System, because students might think that if they live in college houses, they will be more likely to get in trouble.

FEATURES

Senior explores ethics of sex selection

by Martina Welke
CONTRIBUTOR

As the fall semester draws to a close, many seniors are thinking about jobs after graduation. But senior Gina Campelia is thinking about babies.

Campelia is working on an honors project which examines the ethics of infant sex selection—a phenomenon recently made possible through advances in biotechnology.

After taking a bioethics class in high school, Campelia knew it was something she was interested in. Her first year at Bowdoin, Campelia consulted a biology professor on the best route to pursuing a career in bioethics. The professor directed Campelia to another student who had self-designed a major in bioethics, which provided Campelia with a model for her own bioethics major.

"It's mostly philosophy, but there's a lot of biology included," says Campelia.

Since Campelia's major crosses department lines, she has two advisors for her project: Associate Professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies Lawrence Simon and Professor of Biology William Steinhart. Campelia works with each professor on alternate weeks. Although the bulk of her project will focus on the moral dilemmas of sex selection, Campelia will also outline the biological aspects of the topic.

Over the summer Campelia was searching for a current bioethical issue for the project and noticed that a technology known as Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) was making the news for its ability to prevent certain types of cancer. However, PGD can also be used for sex selection, which has major medical and social implications.

Although Campelia is still

HONORS PROJECTS: ORIGINAL RESEARCH

EDITOR'S NOTE

Some seniors are finishing their Bowdoin education by creating original honors projects that help us see the world in new and interesting ways. This is the second installment in a continuing series that highlights these projects.

wrestling with her research and has not yet come to any solid conclusions, she does have some opinions based on her preliminary observations.

"Personally I feel that sex selection for the purpose of medical reasons, where it's trying to prevent genetic disorders that are sex-linked from being passed on...that seems to me to be morally permissible," says Campelia. "The problem to me is: Is it OK to choose a certain sex just because you want that as the child?"

However, Campelia points out that sex selection could create population imbalances. Countries like China and India, where social attitudes coupled with sex selection could lead to a seriously skewed population ratio, are working to pass legislation against the use of PGD.

"The legislation in the U.S. hasn't caught up with the technology yet. In India and China there's such a huge fear of a population imbalance that they really are moving forward with the legislation against it," explains Campelia. "In the U.S. and the U.K. there's a debate about it in academic circles, but it really hasn't hit the table for legislation."

Another concern surrounding PGD stems from the destruction of embryos that it necessitates. The process typically requires eight embryos, which are genetically analyzed to determine sex.



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Gina Campelia '07 is researching the ethics of infant sex selection for her honors project. Campelia designed her own major in bioethics.

Then the selected embryo gets implanted and the others must be destroyed unless the parents choose to freeze them for future use. Current legislation in the United States prohibits the use of embryos for research purposes.

Sperm sorting offers an alternate option that does not involve the destruction of embryos for parents seeking to conceive a child of a certain sex. This process involves separating the sperm based on the sex each sperm dictates and only using the

sperm which will generate the desired sex. Neither PGD nor sperm sorting have any known negative physical side effects, but PGD produces virtually infallible results, whereas sperm sorting is slightly less reliable (90 percent accuracy rate for females, 75 percent for males). However, PGD is much more expensive and invasive than sperm sorting, so sorting is a more plausible route for most interested parties.

Campelia plans to critically analyze these technologies

through a philosophical lens.

"I'm trying to figure out if there is anything else intrinsically wrong with choosing a female over a male child, for example, just in that choice," she says.

Campelia's project will help to prepare her for further academic and career-related pursuits. Grappling with difficult moral questions will soon be a way of life for Campelia: After Bowdoin she plans to pursue a doctorate in philosophy and a masters degree in public health.

When there's 'someone else,' show some tact

Talkin' About It

by Lauren
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COLUMNIST



Getting dumped is bad. Getting dumped for someone else? That's even worse.

Here are the two most common kinds of breakups: the "we just can't get along" one, and the "there's someone else" one. Which is better? I think we would all prefer the former.

The most awful part about the "there's someone else" breakup is that you can't help but feel more than a little inadequate. Your boyfriend or girlfriend left you—for someone else. Not unwarranted, the usual breakup symptoms of sadness, anger, and jealousy are amplified about 10 times over.

Betrayal. It's the stuff that ends marriages, that sells every celebrity tabloid out there. And if you've ever experienced it before, you

know it's a blow to the ego that isn't easy to recover from. You have to deal with the fact that the other person seems to be moving on from your relationship without a hitch. Aren't you supposed to feel hurt and suffer the consequences of the end of the relationship together? Not in this case. While you're at home feeling totally bummed, your ex is out having fun with his or her new girlfriend or boyfriend.

And unfortunately, it happens all the time. Two friends of mine were left by their boyfriends for their best friends. One elaborated, "My boyfriend told me that he had cheated on me with my best friend and my first reaction was hysterical laughter. I couldn't believe he would stoop so low. I was devastated. Not only was I betrayed by my boyfriend, but by my best girlfriend as well."

Another friend had her boyfriend of two years leave her for a man...in Australia. One girlfriend left her high school boyfriend for a new guy her first year of college.

When asked why she did it, she said the long-distance relationship was too hard.

America witnessed the ultimate instance of getting left for somebody else: Jennifer Aniston was famously left by her husband, Brad Pitt, for none other than Angelina Jolie, dubbed by Hollywood as the "hottest woman" in the world. Try that on for size. We think it's bad running into our ex with a new girl or guy once in a while in the dining hall, but imagine having to look at pictures of "the other woman" and your ex every time you opened a newspaper or a magazine.

About two years ago, I returned to Bowdoin in September and was confronted with my own getting-dumped-for-someone-else scenario. With what didn't seem like much sensitivity, the guy I had been dating informed me that he had met someone else (one week earlier). He caught me off-guard. I was speechless. Unfortunately, he didn't stop there. He told me, and I quote, that he had "met the most amazing girl EVER and just couldn't pass up this

OPPORTUNITY to be with her." My mouth dropped. Was I hearing this right? It was bad enough that he was leaving me for someone else, but who actually says they "can't pass up this opportunity" to your face? It sounded more like he was talking about a job opportunity than a relationship. Breaking up takes tact. Clearly, he didn't have much. My pride crushed and hurt by his clumsy honesty, I went into breakup recovery mode. Now, two years later, I can laugh about this story—I can even share it with the entire school—but at the time I was heartbroken.

Ultimately, there are two solutions for getting over your boyfriend or girlfriend who's dumped you for someone else: You could eat a pint of Ben and Jerry's, watch "Terms of Endearment" and have a good cry, or you could channel all your hurt feelings into pure hatred for the douche who treated you so badly. In the short run, being angry and resenting that person is easier, but is it worth the energy? Probably not. Most of the people

I've talked to have said that the best way to get over this kind of breakup is to stop blaming yourself, stop obsessing over why they left you, and realize you're probably better off without them.

In the end, you would think that guys and girls would look out for each other a little more when it comes to choosing partners. I can't understand girls, or guys for that matter, who hook up with people who they know are in a serious relationship. Though guys often get a bad rap for being cheaters, I've known a lot of girls who have been guilty of the same crime. This is how I look at it, and it might be naive, but if your feelings have changed, show some courage, be honest, and consider ending things before getting involved with someone else.

So are you wondering what happened with that guy who dumped me? Not surprisingly, the girl he left me for ended up dropping him after three weeks. Why? For another guy. So much for seizing a great opportunity.

FEATURE PROFILE: PART TWO

THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN

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and before he was in the military, Mersereau, a sophomore at Bowdoin, learned to ask the right questions.

"One of the things that I remember Levine saying," Mers, the name he goes by, explained, "and it has always stayed with me, is, 'In doing history, or in writing a history paper, or whatever...it's important to ask the right question, because there are lots of questions. Questions can be global, but before you decide to focus on something, spend as much time as you need to make sure you're asking the right question as opposed to just one of those questions that comes to mind.' I've never forgotten that," Mers said.

Forty years later, Mersereau is standing in a large hallway at the Kennedy Library in Boston surrounded by a veritable "who's who" of Bowdoin alumni. The kick-off event for The Bowdoin Campaign, an effort to raise \$250 million for the school's endowment, has just concluded. Hundreds of people are milling about, crowding the tables filled with coffee and delicious bite-sized desserts, schmoozing with each other and reconnecting with classmates who they have not seen for years.

Mers is situated between the desserts and the library's exit and seems to know everyone who passes—Bowdoin faculty, alumni, spouses of alumni, students—everyone. He doesn't just recognize people; he remembers a lot about them, too.

"How's the degree going? And how has the weather been?" Mers says to young alumni in her mid-20s who is working on a doctorate in education at the University of Washington. "A lot of rain?" he asks.

"Hiya Bill. How are you?" he says to Dean of Admissions Bill Sham.

"I'm curious," he says to the wife of an alum, "who have you met tonight that you're going to beat in tennis?" Mers recounts, for the benefit of the other people gathered around him, the time when the woman beat him quite badly in a tennis match—when she was seven months pregnant.

"I didn't beat you that badly," the woman says, laughing.

Mers is easygoing and friendly. His demeanor immediately puts people at ease. Mers's sense of humor is strong, but not sharp—his words never really cut at anyone. He is skilled at politics—few are as familiar with the inner workings of the administration of the College as Mers is—but he could never be a politician in the local, state, or national sense of the word. He is far too nice.

Mers did not actively seek out his career at Bowdoin. He planned on teaching African studies to high school students but got a call from Dick Moll right after he finished his master's in education at Wesleyan. Moll, who was Bowdoin's pioneering dean of admissions in the early '70s, asked Mers to apply for a position in the admissions office. He came back to Brunswick to work for Moll as an assistant dean of admissions. And, as Mers often says, "The rest is history."

Bowdoin College was a very different place when Dick Mersereau arrived in Brunswick as a first year in 1965. Most significantly, there were no female students here. About 97 percent of the men here belonged to fra-

ternities, and academic requirements were substantial, allowing for only three or four elective courses by the end of one's sophomore year. There was no off-campus study program in place, there was an on-campus military science department that ran ROTC, there were very few students of color at the school. The list of differences between Bowdoin in '65 and Bowdoin in '06 is almost endless.

Mers has seen a lot of change.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Mers lived in Arlington, Massachusetts, for the first years of his life. The Mersereau family moved to Hamilton, Massachusetts, when Richard was seven years old. Hamilton, on the North Shore of Massachusetts, was a very "nondiverse" town, according to Mers; coming to the College revealed facets of the world to him that he did not know existed. "Bowdoin was a big eye opener for me," Mers said. Both his classes and the current events of the day heavily impacted his philosophy and contributed to his education.

"I was also here at a time of great ferment where if your eyes weren't open to something, you were asleep," he said. "The Vietnam War and the racial ferment in the cities, urban versus rural, the environmental questions, just sort of all the '60s stuff was very real," he added.

"Happily it was very real here both in real terms like, 'My God, they're going to send me to Vietnam, and what do I think about that?' but also in intellectual terms, sort of studying it all and reading the newspapers, watching the news," Mers explained. "So many students got very involved in the changing of America. It was sort of a great time to be in college intellectually."

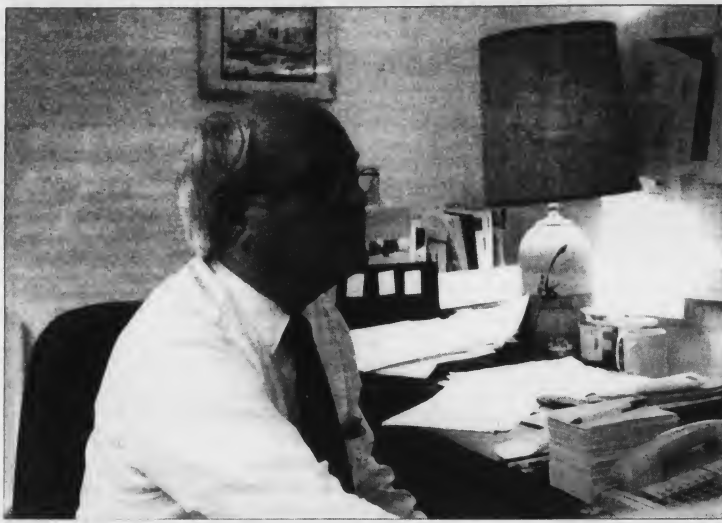
Professors were a key part of that intellectual experience and, along with Dan Levine of the history department, Mers was deeply influenced by John Rensenbrink, then a professor in the government department.

Professor Emeritus of Government John Rensenbrink, who is 78 years old, can today retell with precision events that happened more than four decades ago.

He has also had an amazing career. He taught at Bowdoin from 1965 to 1995, with a few years taken off for research mid-way through his career. (Rensenbrink now works on a limited basis with students completing independent studies.) He is an author and speaker, and he co-founded the Green Party of the United States and founded the Green Party of Maine.

In his sophomore year, Mers enrolled in Rensenbrink's comparative government class, "which just furthered my eye-opening," he said. Mers "learned about different cultures, how different governments were put together, which things were working and which things weren't."

Rensenbrink had spent three years in Africa and spoke often about his experiences there. Mers was intrigued. Senior year, Mers decided to focus his honors project on politics in Tanzania. Rensenbrink and Mers developed a friendly relationship, and when Rensenbrink needed a teaching assistant for a course—a new type of class called a "freshman seminar"—Mers was chosen. The course was focused on "African political development and the forces of change."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Secretary of the College Dick Mersereau works in his office on Federal Street. Through his work in several positions at Bowdoin, Mersereau has helped shaped the College for more than 40 years.

"The idea of teaching a seminar to freshmen on a subject that was relatively narrow was a bold idea—it was incredibly innovative and it needed support from the faculty," Mers said.

It was support that Rensenbrink just barely received. Many faculty members thought it was poor pedagogy to teach first-year students in a seminar style. A number of professors also found teaching non-Western studies to be a waste of time.

"There was a lot of debate in the faculty on whether we should do something on Africa or not," Rensenbrink said.

"Stacey Coles," Rensenbrink said, "who was president [of the College] at that time, took me aside one time before the faculty meeting and said, 'Let's work out what you're going to say and how you're going to say it so that we can get this thing through.' And we did manage to squeak it through the faculty."

"Out of that course," Rensenbrink said, "came the notion that freshman seminars—or first-year seminars as we call them now—would be a good thing to do."

Only 40 years ago, many members of the Bowdoin faculty questioned the value of non-Eurocentric studies.

"Looking back upon that now," Rensenbrink said, chuckling, "it seems rather amazing that we were even arguing that point. But there were some people on the faculty who were really suspicious of non-Western studies."

"So Rensenbrink's experiment helped to change the Bowdoin curriculum," Mers explained. "And, of course, now the idea of a freshman seminar has been adopted by the College as a requirement."

Mers, in the midst of telling stories about his life, often interrupts himself to tell what he calls a "throw-away" anecdote.

They always end up being important.

"Barry Mills was in that seminar along with about 15 others," Mers recalled, "and I know for a fact that some of the alumni that Barry has been closest to over the years were in that seminar," Mers paused. "But I mean, that's just a sort of throwaway."

"I took many courses with Rensenbrink while I was at Bowdoin," President Barry Mills said. "In fact, he was principally the reason I was a government major."

"Call it a course in sociology," Mers said. "A bunch of guys like me are in the military because we joined the National Guard or the Reserves to avoid going to Vietnam." For those who could not get themselves out of draft and avoid serving in the military, staying out of Vietnam was the second-best option. That there was another way of looking at the military was very foreign, if not incomprehensible to these men.

"It didn't occur to me until I was on patrol" at an army base in South Carolina, "with this one Mexican-American guy from El Paso and we had 10 minutes in a car. I asked him some questions about himself," Mers recalled. The man from El Paso had 11 siblings. The conversation shifted and Mers began telling his fellow soldier stories about the great lengths some of his friends went to get medical deferments, searching for any doctor who would say that they were unfit to serve because of some medical problem. "He was telling me stories about how he and members of his family and his friends would find doctors to pass them on their exams so they could get into the army." For many, Mers learned, the military, far from being a deadly burden, was a huge opportunity.

"It was a crash course in American sociology," Mers said, referring to his whole military experience. A few seconds passed and his mind seemed to drift back to his time in South Carolina. "And it was the longest four months of my life—it felt like four years."

The College underwent monumental changes in 1970 and Mers returned to Bowdoin in the thick of it. The academic requirements that had been part of the school's curriculum since its inception were abolished, the school went coeducational, strict social prohibitions were repealed, the Senior Center (now Coles Tower) ceased

housing only seniors, drugs began to appear on the campus, Bowdoin was becoming a very different place. Also, toward the end of the spring semester, students went on strike and stopped attending class to protest the Vietnam War.

As Mers explains it, the College became "laissez-faire" in its administration of the school. Instead of making a strong plan to become co-ed and executing it, the College meandered into coeducation. "I think the laissez-faire policy towards fraternities was the worst course the College" could have taken. Mers said that although he was not smart enough at the time to realize it, fraternities and coeducation could not happily coexist at Bowdoin.

In the mid-1970s, the ledger from the Office of Summer Programming was dripping red; the office was in debt.

Bowdoin's administrators decided to end all summer programs at Bowdoin to save money, and they hired Dick Mersereau to do it.

When he became director of summer programs, his official task was to study the summer programs that used Bowdoin each year, but Mers was well aware that the administration expected him to come to the conclusion that summer programs on campus should be canceled. "The administration had decided that summer programs were much more trouble than they were worth," Mers said. "They were losing money." Mers was asked to "take over the summer programs for one year while we [the College] killed them." Although on the surface it made sense to shut down money-draining programs that did not take place during the academic year, there were other issues at stake. Mers started asking a lot of questions, mainly, what would be the consequences—locally, politically, statewide—of shutting down all summer programming that took place on Bowdoin's campus.

"I looked at it quite thoroughly," Mers explained, "including the business side of it and concluded that it

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- PRESIDENT BARRY MILLS

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would be stupid, immoral, politically impossible, and financially short-sighted to do away with it." Having come from admissions, Mers's first instinct was that an empty campus during the summer did not reflect the College well to prospective students and their families. "We had a huge number of visitors to the campus in the summer and they'd be walking around looking at buildings with no people in [them]," Mers said. "What does that suggest about how vibrant the College is from a practical standpoint?" That was the "stupid" aspect.

Mers generally speaks quite carefully, choosing his words and phrases. For subjects that have the potential, at least in his line of work, to be minefields—generally issues that might offend alumni, how strong the College was in one era compared to another—he treads carefully. Mers never tiptoes around potentially damaging subjects, but rather pauses, plans his route, and walks confidently on his predetermined path. There are exceptions, however. When Mers is passionate about something, it shows. Whatever subconscious censor usually keeps him from saying potentially inflammatory words disappears. Not only would canceling summer programs have been "stupid" and "short-sighted," according to Mers, it would have been immoral.

"Immoral in the sense that you've raised money and you've built all these buildings and you're going to think that the way to use them is to close them down for three months?" Mers questioned rhetorically. He believed that killing the summer programs to save money would have been contrary to the College's mission to further the "common good."

Upward Bound, he mentioned, was one of the programs that was slated to be cut.

Mers decided to make his job about answering a different question than the one he was given. The question was no longer only about stopping red ink, but rather about how Bowdoin could embrace its mission to further the common good during the summer in a way that was financially prudent. The answer, Mers thought, was to move toward two objectives at the same time.

"One objective was to do good things," he said, referring to programs like Upward Bound. "The

other objective was to find other things that weren't bad things, that were good things, but maybe not as close to the [College's] mission, that would make money," he said, putting the objectives of the Office of Summer Programs, as he saw them, in the simplest terms.

A small article in the October 10, 1976, edition of the Orient led with the following sentence: "In a reversal of a previous decision to cancel Bowdoin's summer programs as an economy measure, college officials announced Monday that the campus would remain open this summer..."

Mers oversaw the multitude of summer programs that Bowdoin played host to between 1974 and 1982. Programs that were held at Bowdoin during his tenure in the Office of Summer Programs included everything from the mundane—a meeting of tax assessors—to the exciting—the Maine Arts Festival—to events that still come back to Bowdoin every summer, like the Bowdoin International Music Festival, the Infrared Spectroscopy Course, Upward Bound, the hockey clinic and the Maine State Music Theater.

Looking at Mersereau's time in the Office of Summer Programs, it is clear that he did not do the job he was asked to do. Mers was tacitly told to cancel all the programs and ended up adding more of them. While that may have displeased the administration in the 1970s, today, one would be hard-pressed to find an advocate for shutting Bowdoin's gates every summer. Mers, it seems, was asking the right questions.

In 2000, the College was looking for a new president. Barry Mills, a managing partner at one of New York's premier law firms, and a longtime Bowdoin trustee, headed the search committee.

Before he left his position as chair of the committee (Mills recused himself when the committee began considering him for the position), he would often make trips between New York and Bowdoin.

"My vivid memory is getting off an airplane from New York City in the middle of the winter to come to some meeting at Bowdoin," Mills recalled. "Mers picked me and there in the front seat of his red Subaru is this bag from McDonald's with," Mills paused for emphasis, "a lobster roll."

On his desk in his office on the third floor of 85 Federal St., Mers keeps a stack of white, square, Post-it-sized pieces of paper. He writes little notes on them, various reminders to himself. He was mulling the question of how Bowdoin has changed during his time here when he grabbed a square of paper and scribbled down the word "psychology."

It may seem odd to look at an institution psychologically, but if Bowdoin is on the couch, Mers should be the man in the chair asking the questions.

"Bowdoin was my first choice," Mers said, "but for many of my classmates, Bowdoin was a second-choice college. Many of them became wild supporters of the College, but psychologically they always felt like Bowdoin was second-rate. For an awful long time," Mers explained, "the College had to apologize...and always felt like it was in the second tier—and that's a powerful psychological burden to carry. And, if you believe it—maybe you believe we're second-rate and we'll always be second-rate—it's a powerful psychological force that, if allowed to maintain itself, can become a self-fulfilling prophecy," Mers said.

"The students who came here in the mid '70s came here enthusiastically. It was their first choice," Mers said, attributing the change in attitude to Dick Moll. "Psychologically, it lifted this place up."

The spirit of the College changed in the next two decades, according to Mers. "I think," Mers said, "because of what happened in the '80s and '90s where we were less successful..." Mers's self-censor kicked in and his words grinded to a halt. A beat. "...less overtly successful—and this may have reflected the moods of the country. The '80s and '90s were calmer and the times were less interesting overall; it's certainly not a slight on students or on anyone else who was here...but psychologically I think we began to slip..." Mers said. A more laissez-faire attitude reigned again.

When Bob Edwards became president, the end of laissez-faire governance was a fait accompli.

"There was an awful lot of change that needed to happen, pretty much across the board, particularly in the first three years [of Edwards'] presidency, which is how long it took to balance the budget," Mers said.

"A lot of the changes that the board

and Edwards agreed needed to be accomplished weren't necessarily popular," Mers explained. They were unpopular but necessary, he said.

The two largest changes during the '90s involved fraternities and the College administration. Mers was involved in both.

The streamlining of the College's administration, among many changes, created a single governing body, the Board of Trustees.

The Commission on Residential Life (CRL), which was created to examine the Greek system at Bowdoin, issued the report that led to the abolishment of fraternities and the creation of the College House System.

"The results of the CRL are one of the smartest and best things that we've ever done at Bowdoin. It's not to say that the house system itself is the best thing since sliced bread, but it's allowing, across the board, the right questions to be asked about residential life," Mers said.

"I think the results speak for themselves. Bowdoin is a much stronger place at the end of the '90s than it was at the beginning of the '90s," Mers said. "Being part of all of that change was exhilarating; it was also exhausting and difficult," Mers said.

"It's hard to think about what this college would be like if he wasn't here," Mills said.

Bowdoin would indeed be a very different place had Dick Mersereau not come here in 1965. Over the years, almost always behind the scenes, Mers has changed Bowdoin in substantial, lasting ways. As important a player as he has been in the recent history of Bowdoin College, what Mers has seen is even more revealing than what he has done. He has a perspective of Bowdoin that, in its depth, length, and breadth, is truly unmatched. He has had a close-up view of Bowdoin—how it has changed and how it has remained the same—for more than 40 years, as a student, a coach and an administrator. In looking at Dick Mersereau's career, we can see not only whence Bowdoin came, but also the direction Bowdoin is headed.

In his October 1969 inaugural address, President Roger Howell Jr. reminded Bowdoin of "the poles between which the innovative college finds itself, caught between the uncritical lovers on the one hand, the unloving critics on the other."

Howell, only 32 years old at the

MERSEREAU'S CAREER AT BOWDOIN:

1971 to 1974: Assistant Director of Admissions
1974 to 1979: Assistant Director of the Senior Center
1974 to 1982: Career Counselor and Coordinator, then Director of Special and Summer Programs
1975 to 1981: Coach, Women's Basketball Team
1982 to 1993: Director of Public Relations and Publications/Director of College Relations
1990 to 1998: Executive Assistant to the President and the Governing Boards
1998 to present: Secretary of the College

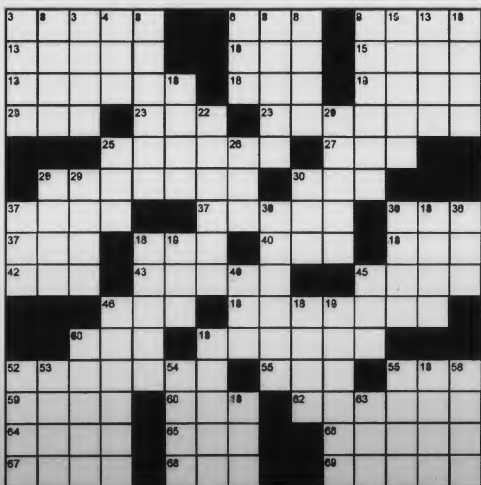
time of his inauguration, was, by any measure, wise beyond his years. "A true understanding and love a college like Bowdoin," he said in that address, "should lead to exhilaration at the prospect of continuing change, rather than worship at the shrine of a glorious past." Dick Mersereau may embody this true understanding and love of Bowdoin.

"There are folks who get connected to a place who really define the fabric of it," Mills said. "Mers is one of those guys."

Mersereau understands the necessity of change. He groks the historical precedent for fluidity of method in bringing about a better Bowdoin. Mersereau understands that, in the words of Howell, "The mission of the College may remain a fixed point; the means by which it will accomplish that mission must and will change year to year and generation to generation."

Mers readily admits that College is not perfect, that there is work to be done to make Bowdoin a better place, that we, as an institution, don't have all the answers. But unlike 40 years ago when he first arrived on campus, in 2006, Bowdoin is asking the right questions.

Astray on the Streets



Puzzle by Adam Kommel

ACROSS

- 1 Fairy stories
- 6 Food lawmakers
- 9 First Parish Church's road
- 13 Tipped
- 14 Medical practitioner
- 15 Dueling sword
- 16 Where East Hall is
- 18 Bacardi
- 19 Domain
- 20 Choose
- 21 Valentine mo.
- 23 Where Mayflower is
- 25 Dry red wine
- 27 Japanese money
- 28 Where Harriet Beecher Stowe once lived
- 30 Goat's offspring
- 31 HIV follower
- 32 Bundle of yarn
- 34 Pigpen
- 37 Not the CIA
- 38 Stomach six-pack
- 40 Old tee-shirt
- 41 Wrath
- 42 Chicago time zone
- 43 Michael Bloomberg is

New York's

- 45 African antelopes
- 46 Alphabet
- 47 Runs through campus
- 50 Bullfight cheer
- 51 16-across, 23-across, 28-across, 47-across, and 66-across are each one
- 52 Runs parallel to 66-across
- 55 Droop
- 56 School group
- 59 Meat inspecting group
- 60 Bread roll
- 62 Eyebrow movement
- 64 Take the rind off
- 65 Business abbr.
- 66 Leads downtown
- 67 Indian dress
- 68 Big head
- 69 Inched

DOWN

- 1 Mexican sandwich
- 2 Upon
- 3 Steal
- 4 Santa's helper
- 5 Muffle

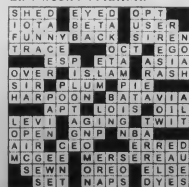
6 WWII president

- 7 Distrust
- 8 Favorite brand in toons
- 9 Radiated
- 10 Cook's garb
- 11 Adolescent
- 12 Stove top emission
- 17 Not far
- 22 Cheap and showy
- 24 Being deceitful
- 25 Albums
- 26 Deer relative
- 28 Lies
- 29 Alter
- 30 South Korean car maker
- 31 Patriots' division
- 33 Mistakes
- 34 Yodel
- 35 ___ dat
- 36 Affirmative
- 38 Shade of yellow
- 39 In Maine, the legal limit is .08
- 44 Halloween mo.
- 45 Acquire
- 46 Strong chemical base
- 48 Sheet of paper

49 Soy

- 50 Arrange
- 51 What a pendulum did
- 52 Baby pooches
- 53 Off-Broadway award
- 56 Snob
- 57 Firm up muscles
- 58 Reverent
- 61 Supervising member of military
- 63 Really cool

Last week's solution:



Your flu questions, answered

Ask Dr. Jeff

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Dear Dr. Jeff:
I've got some questions for you, about flu shots.

First, why should I get vaccinated against the flu?

Influenza is a serious disease, and people of all ages can get it. In this country, flu is the cause of over 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths (mostly among those aged 65 years or older).

"Flu season" usually starts in November and lasts into April. Fortunately, Bowdoin students who come down with the flu almost never develop the more serious complications—but they do get good and sick. And that means missed work, missed classes, missed practices, games, and performances—and a good deal of achy misery for at least three to five days.

Flu symptoms are well-known to be awful. In central Texas, people with the flu have been heard to say that they felt like they'd "been 'et by a coyote and sh-t off a cliff!"

Should all of us get vaccinated against the flu?

The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) strongly recommends that certain groups of people get vaccinated each year: those with chronic lung disease (including asthma), heart or kidney disease, diabetes, immune problems, and anyone over the age of 65.

The CDC also strongly recom-

mends that anyone who will be traveling to a foreign country or anyone who will be living or working with someone who falls into one of the higher risk groups should get vaccinated.

Also, the CDC strongly recommends that anyone who wishes to lower her own chances of getting the flu should be vaccinated.

How effective is the flu shot?

The vaccine prevents influenza in about 70 to 90 percent of healthy people younger than 65. For college students, it may be close to that 90 percent level.

Why do I need to get vaccinated against the flu every year?

Influenza viruses mutate frequently, and the dominant strain changes each year. That's why you don't develop protective immunity that keeps you from getting the flu the following year or years. And that's also why the flu vaccine is updated each year to include that year's most common viral subtypes.

Annual flu shots are very simply the most effective protection you can have against seasonal influenza.

Will I get the flu from the flu shot?

No. Flu shots are created from killed viruses that are not capable of infecting you or spreading to anyone else.

What are the side effects of flu shots?

For the vast majority, flu shots cause no side effects whatsoever. Less than one-third will end up with some mild soreness at the vaccination site, and less than 10 percent might develop a low-grade fever or headache. If you are allergic to eggs, though, you should not get a flu shot. During vaccine manufacture, the virus is grown in

Fortunately, Bowdoin students who come down with the flu almost never develop the more serious complications—but they do get good and sick.

egg cultures.

Can I still get the flu after I get the flu shot?

It's possible. The vaccine takes a week or two to work fully, so if you're exposed to influenza sooner than that, you may be susceptible. And after that initial period, even for healthy college students, flu vaccine is not 100 percent effective (no vaccine is.) Still, nearly 90 percent protection is nothing to sneer at!

Is there a shortage of flu vaccine this year?

For the first time in several years: No! We have more than enough vaccine this year for all students who'd like a flu shot.

So come on in! Get your flu shot before you head home, and protect yourselves and your families! We'll be offering free flu shots for students today between noon and 1:30 p.m. in the Hutchinson Dining Room, for those of you eating lunch in Thorne. Vaccinations will also be available Monday and Tuesday at the Health Center, by appointment.

Safe and Happy Thanksgivings to you all!

Jeff Benson, M.D.
Dudley Coe Health Center

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Robinson explores psychology of villains

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

In his independent study for theater, Bari Robinson '07 explores William Shakespeare's juiciest characters: the bad guys.

Taking scenes and monologues from five different Shakespeare plays, Robinson creates a unique collection for his own play, "Shakespeare's Villains."

"Villains are the most psychologically interesting to play," Robinson said. "He doesn't necessarily know he's a villain. He might take perverse joy in being villainous, but always feels justified in his cause."

"You have to play the character as if it's absolutely true," Robinson continued. "If he wants to sabotage something, he has to have a reason in his head."

The five villains that Robinson portrays come from "King Lear," "Othello," "Titus Andronicus," "Richard III," and "Macbeth." Students who have theater experience play the other characters in the scenes that Robinson chose, including Cait Hylan '09 as Lady Macbeth, Jamil Sylvester-John '09 as Othello, and Emily Goodridge '09 as Lady Anne, to name a few. The show debuts today in Wish Theater at 7

Shakespeare's Villains
When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Memorial Hall, Wish Theater
Admission: Free.

p.m., and will run again at the same time on Saturday.

Robinson developed his independent study with help from his advisor, Associate Professor of Theater Davis Robinson, after studying Shakespeare in London during the 2005 fall semester and cultivating his own interest in the playwright.

While in London, Robinson took a class in scene work for Shakespeare. The class presented scenes throughout the semester, and that coursework provided an outline for what Robinson wanted to create in his independent study.

"Being able to convey Shakespeare to an audience not familiar with his work is the most enjoyable," Robinson said. "There's so much there to take from him."

"Nobody knows anything about Shakespeare anymore," he continued. "I wanted to go back to the root of where people got ideas, and there's something gratifying about conveying that information to people. If you're in theater, you need to know why Shakespeare's so important today."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Bari Robinson '07 and Jamil Sylvester-John '09, as Iago and Othello, act a scene from Robinson's independent study.

Robinson's independent study strays from theatrical conventions because his play travels to different parts of the campus. The first two scenes, which aren't specific

to place, are in Wish Theater. The play then moves to the lobby of Memorial Hall. From the lobby, there is a funeral procession to the Bowdoin Chapel, with torches

lighting the pathway and the audience members playing the part of the mourners.

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Frontier Café+Cinema+Gallery in Fort Andross offers a variety of panini, soup, and other food to Brunswick diners.

Travel to Brunswick's new Frontier

by Diana Heald
STAFF WRITER

In spite of Frontier Café+Cinema+Gallery's corny motto, "Come in...Go beyond," the aim of this multi-

COMMENTARY purpose space is sincere: to provide the Brunswick community with "food, film, and art inspired by the world."

The café opened just over a month ago, but is already quite popular with Bowdoin students, senior citizens, and young mothers alike.

The space itself is excellent—a large, open, loft-like area with lots of blond wood and big windows, a clean, modern open kitchen, and spaces for film screenings and art shows right inside of Fort Andross, with lofty views of the Androscoggin River. The menu

offers standard fare—panini, soups, salads, and meat and cheese platters—and the portions are not overly generous, but Frontier Café redeems itself by serving simple, fresh, flavorful food that does not disappoint.

High quality ingredients prevail in the selection of panini sandwiches—a ham and cheese sandwich becomes something else entirely when the cheese is Gruyère, the ham is top-notch, and the sandwich is served with tomatoes and Dijon mustard on perfect slabs of focaccia. While the roasted beet panini could have done with twice as much whipped goat cheese, the peppery arugula and earthy beets on crusty country bread are flavorful and satisfying.

The tomato basil soup was forgettable and reminded us more of pasta sauce than what a good tomat-

to soup should be, but the real sleeper hit on Frontier Café's menu is the Winter Luxury Pumpkin soup, a smooth, light, yet creamy concoction that felt just right on a cold, rainy autumn day.

For something more substantial, the Marketplates (cold cut platters) allow you to make your own sandwich. The Italian has prosciutto, Tuscan salami, tomato, mozzarella, olives, artichokes, pesto, roasted red peppers, and focaccia; the French offers ham, pâté, cornichons, olives, mustard, brie, tomatoes, and baguette. The Middle Eastern has feta cheese, Dolmas, cucumbers, tomatoes, olives, preserved lemons, minted yogurt, and garlic naan.

A comprehensive tea list and various imported sodas are available in

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M&G spends a day with subways, 'Toys'

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

"You look like you could use a dildo," Ricky the sex toy salesman said to a group of horrified subway riders.

COMMENTARY It was 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and "Toys," Masque and Gown's first ever 24-hour show, had begun.

For most students, the time period between 6 p.m. on Friday, November 10, and 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, was uneventful. But those hours passed very differently for the students in involved in Bowdoin's first ever performance of "24-Hour Theater."

At 6 p.m. on Friday, a team of five writers—Sacha Chiniara '10, Nick Kasprak '08, Josh Kierstead '07, Omm Lucarelli '09, and Emma Verrill '10—began writing the script. By 6 a.m. the next morning, the writers, many of whom did not know each other before the project began, turned over a completed script to co-directors John Ferriss '08 and Matt Herzfeld '07. The director, actor, and crew had only 12 hours to completely stage and time the 45-minute show.

Tension among the writers and producer were high when the cast performed the play for a group of curious students the next day. Kasprak, who at performance time had been awake for 32 hours straight, said the play was "funny to people who haven't slept" but was uncertain of its wider appeal.

Kierstead echoed this worry. "Overall, it's pretty funny considering the time that we have," he said.

The laughter from the students in the audience quickly put to bed the concerns of quality. From its hilarious opening to its surprising conclusion, "Toys" was a hit. Centered on a mismatched group of people trapped in a stalled subway car, the play created comic pairings among the subway riders. A mother considering an affair (Astrid Rodriguez '07) bonded with a mentally ill young rider on his way to see his therapist (Sam Duchin '10). A disheveled rider who claimed to have fought in both the Vietnam and the Gulf wars (Seth Kelley '10) gave acting tips to a bombastic young actor (John Ferriss '08) on his way to an audition.

The most hilarious characters of all, however, were the enterprising sex toy salesman Ricky, played by co-director Herzfeld, and a dissatisfied publicist played by a horrified Aislinn Curry '09. Ricky's enthusiastic peddling of his handcuffs, dildos, and lube in the face of indifference, discouragement, and outright hostility gave cohesion to the narrative and provided a seemingly endless supply of jokes and humor. Herzfeld's ability to memorize his line while, at the same time, directing the other actors was especially impressive. He said that memorization happened naturally through the repetition of rehearsal.

Production manager Rachel Leahy '07 was instrumental to bringing "24-Hour Theater" to Bowdoin. First learning of the practice in high school, Leahy introduced the idea to Bowdoin

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Holidays with Gritty McDuff



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

GRITTY'S CHRISTMAS ALE—\$8.35 for a six-pack at Hannaford

When I was little, I couldn't figure out what all the Thanksgiving fuss was about. I just couldn't discern what was so fantastic about getting all excited and waiting all day for a bunch of food that was prepared by people other than my own mother. I mean, what do I care if Aunt What's-Her-Face has brought her famous asparagus custard? Part of it, I think, was because my mother's food is just too damn good to care what someone else has to offer.

But under it all, it was more than that. I love Thanksgiving now, but when I was little, Thanksgiving was really just the signifier that Christmas was only a month away. Watching football during the brief lapses in my food coma was similar to the strict Kiddie Bumper Boats attendant checking your height when the damn line comes up to your bellybutton. It's the annoying step you must take in order to get to the real fun. Thus, it is with this childhood spirit—that is, blatantly ignoring Thanksgiving and focusing on the goodies to come—that I bring you this week's beer: Gritty McDuff's Christmas Ale.

As you may have noticed, I have adopted a rather seasonal approach to my beer selections lately. I do this for two reasons. First of all, as a Maine boy myself, I feel indebted

with the task of enlightening all you foreigners of the best that Maine has to offer, season by season. That's right, don't think I don't hear you all complaining about the rain or the snow or the darkness or some other pathetic reason why you wish you had never come. The point is that you're all here and you absolutely love it—you don't have that

Bowdoin sticker on your car for nothing.

The other reason for my recent seasonal obsession is that, to be honest, what the hell do I know about winter spices or fall aromas? The answer, of course, is that I know everything about all of this, but you, my feeble-minded readers, do not. Thus, from Pumpkinhead

to Halloween Ale to Winter Warmer, "Beer Fever with Weaver" has become a veritable beer-tasters calendar. In this arena, Gritty's Christmas Ale really stands out.

Straight up, Christmas Ale is an Extra Special Bitter. It is not for the faint of heart or for those of you who need a wine cooler to get your night started. That said, I find this ale especially refreshing because, unlike many other seasonal ales, it does not attempt to define what Christmas tastes like and siphon it into a bottle. Instead, Christmas Ale is a unique beer offered by Gritty's under the only pretense of great taste, and taste great it does.

Every November, Gritty's offers Christmas Ale to fill our lives with an extra dose (or six) of cheer. From the bottle, Christmas pours a gorgeous, dark red/amber that bubbles to a satisfying and persistent head. Putting nose to glass offers

no fruity or spicy aroma. Instead, you breathe in only what lies at the heart of a true bitter ale: malt and hops. Your first sip will not, thank God, taste of a Christmas wreath or a shot of eggnog. On the palate, just one sip of Christmas Ale fills your mouth with a full-bodied malty taste that flirts with roasted chestnuts but in a very subtle manner.

Once down, its sizeable 6.2 percent alcohol by volume (ABV) expresses itself through only the finest English malts and a variety of poignant hops. Thus, despite being crowned a "Best Bitter," Christmas Ale does not stage-dive into the back of your throat on its way to starting a mosh pit in your stomach. It does, however, insist on a refined taste in order to be fully appreciated. Like I said before, this is not "Jingle Bells" in a bottle.

So as you finish up your research paper or cross the last "I" of your organic chemistry exam, just remember that not everything in life benefits from superfluous amounts of meaningless B.S. No, what is most important is not the flowery details but the core of the material. Just as your anthropology professor sees right through your conclusion detailing how you "really enjoyed the reading" and "think it will compliment your additional studies excellently," so too does the seasoned beer drinker revel in the rare winter ale that presents itself only as what it is: a great-tasting ale that uses "no additives, fruits, or spices," yet still tastes great. So as you settle down to your Thanksgiving dinner, just remember:

"Twas the night before gorging,
Yet what thought did prevail?
But visions of bitterness,
And Gritty's Christmas Ale!

For Brunswick residents, Frontier Café+Cinema+Gallery offers high quality food and film choices

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addition to beer, wine, and coffee, and a variety of baked goods and old-fashioned candy are on hand for customers with a sweet tooth. Though the food is delicious—and it is—what sets Frontier Café apart from the pack is its rotating film screenings and art exhibits. This month's art show is titled—surprise—"Go Beyond...A Visual

Journey," with photographs by National Geographic photographer David McLain. Frontier Café hopes it will become "very much an evolving, creative canvas for visual storytelling...[and] a vibrant opportunity to exhibit contemporary visual stories produced collaboratively with storytellers from Maine and around the world." The most recent screening was the Palestinian film "My Friend, My Enemy." The

director was on hand to present the movie personally.

Owner Michael Gilroy created the space with the aim of "creat[ing] a special kind of meeting place reminiscent of a traveler's crossroads—where stories, ideas, and culture interact in a rich and dynamic environment."

Time will tell whether he will succeed in achieving this idealistic goal, but the convergence of stimu-

lating cultural events and gourmet food will keep travelers and locals alike coming back for more.

The rotating schedule of events changes frequently, so be sure to call or check the Web site (www.explorefrontier.com) for the latest film and art openings or sign up to receive the email newsletter. Frontier Café+Cinema+Gallery is at 14 Maine St. in Fort Andross Mill 3. Closed Sundays.

Masque & Gown introduces '24-Hour Theater,' creates and performs comedy of subway riders

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and recruited participants through e-mail, posters, and word of mouth. Leahy and her able team of writers even dealt with last minute dropouts and miscommunication by having directors double as actors and changing the sex of the young actor character so seamlessly it was impossible to tell any alteration had occurred.

Leahy, who described the play as a "complete experiment," like many among the audience was highly impressed with the talent of the actors and writers.

"At 6:30 last night this show didn't exist in any way, shape, or form," she said after the performance.

The creativity and humor of the play clearly proved what every procrastinating student already knows: With determination and what one writer called "the wonders of coffee," college students



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Astrid Rodriguez '07, John Ferris '06, and Seth Kelley '10 play subway riders in their "24-Hour Theater" production.

Robinson channels Iago, Macbeth, other villains in Shakespeare study

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"It's an opportunity to become incredibly creative in the way we use the space," said Robinson.

In addition to leaving his mark with the traveling theater idea, Robinson created a chorus character to direct the audience through the different scenes of the play. The chorus is played by Anthony DiNicola '07, with lines taken from "Othello," "Henry V," and "Macbeth."

The Shakespeare study also helped broaden Robinson's ability as an actor, since he said that it is necessary to learn classical technique in acting. Through Shakespeare, he was able to hone those skills.

"To be a professional, you have to be diverse. You can't just do modern theater," Robinson said. "You have to make yourself as marketable as possible."

Robinson believes that people will gravitate towards a collection of villains because of the interest that audiences have in these types of characters.

"People watch certain movies because they want to see something extraordinary happen," he said. "Why do people see 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre'? Why do people like Darth Vader?"

Iago may not be Darth Vader, but Robinson's portrayals of these famous villains are an opportunity to strike an extraordinary note.

An enjoyable kind of 'Disorder'

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

Counting the list of books that Margaret Atwood has written requires more than two sets of fingers and toes. She is capable of writing not only novels, but poetry, nonfiction, and children's books as well. I was flabbergasted to see yet another new volume on display in the Gulf of Maine Bookstore. More remarkable still is that the frequency of her publication does not stunt its quality.

"Moral Disorder," her latest work, is a series of short stories that fit together because of their tone. In the first half of the collection, the narrator is in the first person. The writing is very personal, and it takes a thorough reading of the book's proclamation that it is indeed a work of fiction to believe that this statement is true. Halfway through the collection, Atwood switches to an omniscient narrator who continues the story of the woman, Nell, whose life was being observed all along.

I wonder if Atwood came as close as she could to an exploration of her own early memories, before retreating to the telling of another woman's life. Taking an interest in Nell is not difficult, but I found myself drawn closer to her during the sections that were told without an omniscient presence. The final two stories are again in first person and it feels unclear whether or not the narrator is Nell.

The structure of the book is such that the final stories bring the reader back to a landscape that is familiar from the first story, "The Bad News." In this story, the reader learns about the comfortable old age of a couple whose creaks are mostly manageable, their habits comfortable, and the slow approach of death is gentle.

The ensuing stories illuminate the childhood of the narrator, providing a tapestry of family members and high school boyfriends. There is the subsequent following of Nell to her life on a farm, a time that includes the illness of her sister, an absurd quantity of animals, and a move back to the city. Finally, the reader returns to

sketches of old age: the gradual toll the years take, the small stroke, the loss of sight and sound, and the privacy that is coupled with the absence of those who are the fiber of memories.

As always, Atwood is wonderful. Writing is almost like an itch she has to scratch, each time in a different place. The result is a gripping tapestry of real and imagined lives. Atwood's wit is killer and incessant. She does not shy away from the eerie or uncomfortable in her work. "Oryx and Crake," "The Handmaid's Tale," and "Cat's Eye" are evidence of that, to name only a few.

"Moral Disorder" retains something of the unease that is cultivated in these other works; in fact, there are many similarities between the depths of these stories and the narrative of "Cat's Eye." But there is something different here—perhaps it can be called wisdom, or certainly an altered kind of reflection.

Considering her repertoire, too few people are aware of Atwood's work—it deserves a thorough perusal. "Moral Disorder" is as good a place as any to start.

Dancing until dawn for cancer research

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

For many students, Friday night is simply an excuse to party. Tonight, a group of students organizing "The Dance 'Til Dawn" plan to turn this impulse into a good cause.

The party, which is planned in support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will be held from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. in Jack Magee's Pub.

Students will be required to provide 15 names and addresses of people they know in order to enter the party. The students will then sign previously written letters asking for donations from their acquaintances.

St. Jude is located in Memphis, Tennessee, and specializes in treating childhood cancer and other pediatric diseases.

To date, Bowdoin has been able to raise over \$30,000 for the hospital, with an average return rate of \$42 per

The Dance 'Til Dawn

When: Today, 9 p.m.

Where: Jack Magee's Pub, Smith Union

Admission: Bring the names and addresses of 15 people to write letters to them for St. Jude's cancer research.

letter sent out. The group has set a goal to raise \$20,000 more with this party, putting their total at \$50,000.

Ponnile Samuel '07, who became involved with the organization during her first year of college, says that St. Jude's cutting-edge research in bone marrow transplants and HIV vaccines, in addition to the hospital's willingness to share its research with medical communities around the world, has inspired her fundraising efforts.

"Walking inside the doors of St. Jude, I realized how much hope this place offers for the children treated there," said Samuel. "It is a mission that I, too, hope to adopt and a standard to which I hope to live up to I pursue a career in medicine."

Friends and enemies in Israel, Palestine



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

You won't find this film on IMDb. This week, I went to my first film at the Frontier Café +Cinema+Gallery. I recommend you check it out if you haven't done so already. Great open space, lots of healthy food options, and quality events programming, there's something for everyone. This month, Frontier is screening the film "My Friend, My Enemy," an enthralling documentary about a group of Israeli and Palestinian girls who met at a peace camp in America in the summer of 2000. By 2003, when the film was shot, the deeply entrenched societal conflicts of the region had divided the friends in more than just location.

It is clear that no easy solution to the conflict exists, but showing the opinions of 17-year-old girls offered a perspective I have never come across before.

As with much of the Palestinian-Israeli war, it was hard to explain away the injustices. One Palestinian witnessed a murder at a border crossing, and it threw this "sweet, innocent" girl off. She subsequently attended a protest, where she was arrested for allegedly throwing rocks at Israeli soldiers and sentenced to two years in prison.

A harsh sentence, perhaps. But harsher still when it turned out she had only threatened to throw rocks and hadn't actually done so.

The girl's friends say of the Israelis that the soldiers are the enemy. These are the guards who

protect injustices like hers and the 30-year prison sentence of another girl's brother. If another Palestinian girl saw her Israeli friends at the border, she would not say hello as her friend was transformed into an enemy.

The Israeli girls face struggles, too, which are different, but no less difficult. In their country, army service is a prerequisite for basic opportunities in adult life like college scholarships and applying for top jobs. While some Israelis protest their government's actions, doors close that prevent them from fully participating in society.

So who is more "correct?" What side has more of a right to exert national pride and fight for what they believe in? Do these two desires have to be mutually exclusive?

Director Mazen Sa'adeh, like the rest of us, isn't so sure. His portrayal of the girls from both sides as they grapple with these questions is perhaps the most commendable aspect of the film. Showing them with grace and respect is no easy feat, considering how much is personally at stake for him as well.

A noted Palestinian writer and a man with great humility, he was present after the film for a spirited Q & A session.

His calm discussion of the quagmire in Palestine and Israel belied the nine years he spent in a Jordanian prison for political activism. His calmness stood in contrast to the passion of the girls, who ultimately believed the ability to stand up for their rights was important enough to have it come at the expense of their friends on the other side.

The situation as it is today will not last into the indefinite future. The stalemate will eventually be broken, but the anger that increases the occurrence of injustice cannot help anyone. Only peace can solve these issues, but the atrocities already committed in Palestine, Israel, Iraq, and Lebanon may render the costs of war far worse than anything students today have witnessed.

Nintendo, Sony launch systems

by Joey Cresta
CONTRIBUTOR

On November 22, 2005, Microsoft was the first company to enter the next generation of video game systems with the release of Xbox 360. Sony and Nintendo will now throw their hats into the ring with the release of Sony PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Wii. Let the console war begin.

PlayStation 3 launches today, while the Wii hits shelves in two days. While both systems are assured to be smash hits, they offer different enticements to the gaming world. The new PlayStation model is geared toward those who are looking for more of a home-entertainment system (and those who can afford \$600!); the Wii is a more affordable \$250.

The PS3's hardware specs are certainly impressive: 20-gigabyte hard drive, 3.2 GHz cell processor, and Blu-ray disc technology, among others. Think back to your childhood, and you might remember a time when movies were in a strange, rectangular casing; those ancient relics (or "tapes") were replaced by DVDs. Look for the Blu-ray disc to be the next step in home entertainment in the coming years. Blu-ray is a form of HD-DVD that can hold more data than plain DVDs. The downside is that the Blu-ray capabilities are part of the reason for the ridiculous price tag.

While the PS3 boasts the most

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impressive visual features of the next-gen systems, it is lacking in the game department, at least as far as launch titles go. Yes, "Final Fantasy XIII," "Ninja Gaiden Sigma," and "Grand Theft Auto IV" are all PS3 titles, but of the three, the first two do not even have a confirmed release date yet, and "GTA IV" is not slated for release until the fall of 2007. "GTA" is also not a PS3 exclusive, as it will also appear for the 360. The quality launch titles are typically those of the sports variety and are not PS3-exclusive either. The lackluster launch, coupled with the ludicrous price, may ward off potential buyers unless the Sony hype-machine is able to get enough gamers to buy in.

Nintendo's new system, originally called the Revolution, but changed to Wii (much to the chagrin of fans and the press), is diametrically opposed to the PS3. The

Wii, named because the gaming world is not about you or me, but the all-inclusive "we," is the weakest next-generation system graphically, but boasts the "Revolution"-ary "Wiimote" controller, which is able to detect its position in three-dimensional space. "Wii Sports," bundled with the system, shows off the possibilities of such a control mechanism: instead of pushing a button to swing a bat or throw a punch, the movement of the controller performs these actions. Though "Wii Sports" looks to be a fairly simple game, meant to demonstrate the controller's capabilities, launch titles like "Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess" and "Red Steel" will provide immersive landscapes that will take the next step toward actually placing the gamer into the game.

Nintendo's last system, the Gamecube, was the definitive loser of last generation's console wars. However, early signs are pointing to a Renaissance in Nintendo gaming with the Wii. Nintendo's games have always been a blast for those willing to play them; unfortunately, over the past decade, Nintendo has been relegated to "kiddie" status. The new controller has people talking about Nintendo again (and what does it say about Sony that, after the unveiling of the Wii controller, they have added motion-sensing capabilities to the PS3 controller?). Gaming is all about personal preference and both systems are sure to do well.

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CBBeatdown: Football surprises Colby

by Joel Samen
STAFF WRITER

The football team concluded the 2006 season by clinching the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin championship with an epic 13-10 win in Waterville.

Down 10-6 with only 9:45 left in the season, the Bears were pinned in the shadows of their own uprights. Just to get to that point, though, took a stroke of luck. The Mules were on the charge at Bowdoin's 13-yard line but co-captain John Regan '07 forced a fumble that Tyler Tennant '10 recovered and set the stage for a season-redeeming drive.

Jeff Smith '08 opened the drive with two solid rushes to pull the line of scrimmage out to the Bowdoin 30. Quarterback Oliver Kell '10 then showed superhuman resolve by carrying the ball 15 yards, totting a Colby defender on his back for the final length.

After four more Smith rushes, two long connections between Kell and wide receiver Nick Tomaino '08, and a fortuitous defensive pass interference call on third down, the Bears found themselves knocking on redemption's door.

On first and goal, the offensive line opened a gaping hole in the defense that allowed Smith to trot into the end zone for a two-yard touchdown rush with 4:47 left on the clock, a score that decided the game and sealed the CBB championship.

The ensuing Colby possession ended with a punt from midfield on fourth and 17, leaving the Bears with 1:37 to kill. Colby's one time-

out was not enough to prevent Bowdoin from running out the clock on three straight rushes and a game-ending punt.

In the first quarter, Dave Donahue '07 forced Colby to fumble in Mule territory, with Bobby Welch '10 recovering the ball on the 32-yard line. After a short 20-yard drive, Nathan Morrow '09 nailed home his first field goal of the day, a 29-yard score. In the closing minutes of the quarter, the Bears recovered a punt on the Bowdoin 23-yard line. On the drive, Kell hooked up with wide receiver Doug Johnson '07 for 25- and six-yard passes and with tight end Steve Cunningham '08 for 13 yards. Smith also added in 24 yards on six carries to sum up a 70-yard drive that concluded on a 24-yard Morrow field goal in the opening ticks of the second quarter.

But Bowdoin's 6-0 lead was anything but safe. On the very next drive, Colby drove deep into Bears' territory by accumulating 37 yards on the ground. Just as the Mules appeared primed to halve their deficit with a 27-yard field goal, the Bears blocked the kick and defensive lineman Dylan Brix '07 recovered the ball.

However, later in the quarter Colby charged back by collecting 50 yards on 12 plays, penetrating to the Bowdoin 15-yard line. But the Bears held the Mules to no gain on three plays, including two rushes, and Colby had to settle for a 37-yard field goal.

The game reached a new level of tension early in the third quarter as Bowdoin appeared to be on the



Courtesy of Bill Righter

Football team members pose with Mo Soule, wife of the late Phil Soule; Head Coach Dave Caputi; and the CBB trophy.

march. Starting with good field position after a great kick-off return by Mike Curtis '07, the Bears chewed their way to the Colby 42-yard line. However, Smith fumbled on a rush and Colby linebacker Paul Howanitz recovered the ball and ran it all the way back for a touchdown

to put the Mules ahead. With the wind knocked out of the Bowdoin sideline and stands, the offense was stagnant for the rest of the quarter as the defense held the line. Donahue thwarted a Colby advance again, this time by picking off a pass on the Bowdoin 23-yard line.

And then came the drive that will go down in Bowdoin sports history. Fourth quarter. CBB on the line. Down by four. With time wearing down on the clock, a field goal would be risky. The team needed a

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Final Four awaits field hockey Rugby takes second

by Emileigh Mercer
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Field Hockey Team continued its now 23-home-game winning streak over the weekend to earn a bid to the NCAA Final Four in Geneva, New York.

On Saturday, the Polar Bears were an offensive force, scoring five goals against Wellesley College (16-5) in a 5-2 win. The first two goals came from converting back-to-back corners where Gail Winning '07 sent a hard ball out to Val Young '08, who placed it for Julia King '09 to drive into the corner.

When asked what made the corners clique to result in scoring, King simply responded, "Practice."

But, the undeniably lethal corners have become a strong suit for the Bears in the playoffs, and much of their success has come from execution of these set plays. It is no surprise that two of the Polar Bears involved in the corners have been named All-NESCAC as Young, the stick stopper, and King, were two of four players honored.

With a 2-0 lead from the corners, Wellesley forced Bowdoin into defense mode as pressure from Wellesley resulted in a few corners for the Blue. The Polar Bears, though, deflected these attempts and moved back down field to play



Courtesy of Brian Board, Creative Images Photography

Burgess LePage '07 handles the ball at the Final Four in Geneva, New York.

by Clara Cantor
STAFF WRITER

The women's rugby team's nine-hour bus ride to Batavia, New York, was well worth it. The women left the weekend's two-day Northeast Regional Playoffs 1-1, but were awarded the second seed to April's National Championships because of point differentials.

On Saturday, despite rolling hills on the pitch and steady rain, Bowdoin crushed Rutgers University 36-0. Krystal Barker '08 scored the first try of the match after intercepting a pass and cruising into the try zone. Co-captain Margaret "Munny" Munford '07 converted the try, which was soon followed by another by Emily Skinner '08, also converted. Another try for Barker and a final score by wing Alivia Moore '09 ended the half at 24-0.

In the second half, the Bears were pleasantly surprised by the fact that they were now scrumming downhill. Scrum-half Jeni Kennedy '08 dove under a ruck to touch the ball down over the try line after a goal-line stand by Rutgers. Moore completed the victory with a long sprint down the sideline for her second try of the match. Another conversion sealed the final score at 36-0.

Muddy conditions made intricate play difficult, but the Bears were tremendous defensively, attacking the Scarlet Knights behind their gain

line again and again.

Rookie Catherine Jager '09 played in top form, filling in for co-captain Margaret Griffith '07, who came down with the stomach flu the day before the Northeast regional tournament. Nicole Borunda '08, Lizbeth Lopez '09, and Jessie Walker '09 replaced the front row and helped to hold scrums for the Bears. Kalyne Bickerman '07 and Hannah Larson '10 each had strong runs at winger.

With the win over Rutgers, Bowdoin advanced to the Northeast Regional Championship game against Norwich University, a team the Bears beat in the NERFU Final Four the previous weekend, 18-7. But in an extremely tough game Sunday morning, Bowdoin suffered a 20-10 loss to the Cadets.

An early try by Norwich set the game off, followed by a penalty kick by Munford. A late score for the Cadets ended the half at 10-3. A similar second half followed with two tries by Norwich. Between the tries, Erica Camarena '10 fought through the Norwich defense and, after several strong runs by other members of the back line, scored a try, which Munford converted. But Bowdoin could not score again, and the match ended with a 20-10 Cadet victory.

Like the day before, conditions were extremely muddy and slippery, making scrumming and rucking dif-

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Polar Bears start up winter season this weekend

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

Women's Basketball

Bowdoin has been eagerly anticipating the return of arguably the best women's basketball team in the country since the final whistle of last year's NCAA Elite Eight loss. Opposition should be frightened by the assertion that this year's group is "a great class" according to Head Coach Stefanie Pemper, especially considering the fact that she has accumulated an astonishing 156-20 record over the past five seasons. But the new year will commence without the help of All-New England Center Justine Pouravelis '06, who won the NESCAC defensive player of the year in three of her four seasons with the Polar Bears. This loss will be less damaging because the team returns First Team All-American Eileen Flaherty '07 and New England Rookie of the Year Jill Anelauskas '09.

What to watch out for: The women's team will look to continue its 70-game home win streak, which is one of the most impressive runs in the school's athletic history.

Men's Basketball

The Bowdoin Men's Basketball Team will try to repeat last year's success without the assistance of Kyle Petrie '06, one of the most dynamic players the school has ever had. The team finished last season with an impressive 11-1 home record and an overall record of 16-9 on its way to the NESCAC playoffs. The Bears will rely on a healthy balance of experience and youth in their mission to steal some of the glory away from the women's team. The new season begins with a game against Salem State in the Roger Williams Tip-Off at Roger Williams tonight.

Depending on their fortunes tonight, the Bears will either play in the final or consolation of the tournament on Saturday.

What to watch out for: Bowdoin should expect good results from upperclassman unit (Kevin Bradley '07, John Goodridge '07, Andrew Hipert '08, and Andrew Sargeantson '08) that is full of chemistry and experience.

Men's Ice Hockey

The Bowdoin Men's Ice Hockey Team will rely on a squad full of speed and youth as it begins its 2007 campaign with two games at Dayton Arena this weekend. The team was left with many holes to fill as All-Americans Jon Landry '06 and George Papachristopoulos '06 graduated, as well as Adam Dann '06, who won the Joe Concannon award for the best American-born hockey player in Division II or III in New England.

That impressive group of seniors led last year's group to the NESCAC finals where the Polar Bears lost a tight game to the eventual Division III champions, Middlebury. The Bears' first game is at home today at 7 p.m. against UMass-Boston, and then they will welcome a top-25-caliber team in Babson at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

What to watch out for: The versatile role of defender/forward Tim McVaugh '07 will be crucial in the success of the Bowdoin system.

Women's Ice Hockey

Heather Farrell's first season at the helm for the Bowdoin Women's Hockey Team should inspire a lot of optimism around Brunswick. Last year's coach, Michele Amidon, left the Polar Bears to become the first ever director of USA Women's Hockey. She will lead a team ranked eighth in the preseason poll. The group is full of talent as it returns the

eight top scorers from last year's squad. Its attempt at making it six consecutive years in the NESCAC championship game will commence tonight at Connecticut College and then Saturday at Amherst.

What to watch out for: The Polar Bears return First Team All-American Kristen Cameron '08 who will look to add to her impressive 12-goal, 20-assist sophomore season.

Squash

Expectations for the men's side are very high as they return first pair player Matt Dresher '07 to a squad full of depth. The team opens its season with a set of games at Dartmouth this weekend. The first is against Navy on Saturday, and on Sunday, the Bears will challenge Connecticut College and Dartmouth.

Even with the loss of two-time All-American and Bowdoin's all-time winningest player, Niki Clement '06, the women's side will try to repeat its success of last season when it placed 11th at the Nationals with a young team. The new campaign begins with two games at Dartmouth this weekend. The first will be against Connecticut College, and the second, on Sunday, will be against host Dartmouth.

Swimming and Diving

The men's team will try to improve on last season's eighth-place conference ranking without the help of Roger Burleigh '06, the NESCAC butterfly champion. The team will compete against M.I.T. and Babson at the M.I.T. invitational this weekend.

The women's squad will also face M.I.T. and Babson at the annual M.I.T. Invitational this weekend. All-NESCAC freestyle swimmer Katie Chapman '07 hopes to help the team find success after the painful loss of All-American diver Victoria Tudor '06.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sabrina Cote '10 and Caitlin Hynes '10 practice in Morrell Gym on Thursday.



Courtesy of Frank Pizzo

Rob Parish '08 and Katie Auth '08 sailed for the Bears in the B division.

Sailors finish second at Newport tournament

by Kelly Rula
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin varsity sailors finished strong in the fall season's final regatta, taking second in the Atlantic Coast Tournament, held by Salve Regina in Newport, Rhode Island.

The tournament, held over the weekend, included the remaining six teams from the NEISA as well as teams from up and down the eastern seaboard that did not qualify for the Atlantic Coast Championships.

A-division teammates Mark

Dineen '08 and Kelly Pitts '08, struggled with the strong current yet still managed to secure top fleet finishes. Skipper and crew Rob Parish '08 and Katie Auth '08 dominated their fleet in the B division, obtaining third overall in their division with the help of the seniors Simon Bolmgren and Kelly Rula in the final set.

With the conclusion of the fall season, and the departure of six juniors for study abroad programs, the team looks forward to a spring focused on underclassman performance.

Men's XC takes second of 45 in Division III Championships

by Ross Jacobs
STAFF WRITER

Maybe in the year 2574 we'll have robots on planet Zyborg programmed to run a certain distance in a certain amount of time compete against each other for the Intergalactic Champion-Chip. But that would hardly be as exciting as Bowdoin men's cross-country's second-place finish at the Division III New England Championship over the weekend.

Cross-country runners are human. No training program, formula, or algorithm will ensure 100 percent success. Nowhere is the undeniable truth more visible than in the unpredictability of who will score for Bowdoin and finish first through fifth for the team.

This week, Archie Abrams '09 surged at the end to claim fourth in the 300-runner field in a time of 25:50 on the hilly course. Thompson Ogilvie '10 finished second for the team and 22nd overall in a time of 26:24.

Nate Krah '08 finished 28th, John Hall '08 finished 30th, and Owen McKenna '07 claimed 41st, in times of 26:29, 26:30, and 26:42, respectively. The finishes contrasted with the top fives at the NESCACs two weeks ago, when they finished in the order of Abrams, McKenna, Hall, Ogilvie, and Ken Akihi '08.

Hall believes this year's team

members push each other to succeed.

"Compared to the past two years, our team's performance at this year's New England regional was certainly the strongest," he said. "We ran with great composure and heart. We were confident we could finish in the top two, and we proved ourselves on the course."

Krah took Hall's comment a step further and described the team as "modern-day Spartan warriors. [They were] brave, and they did not take shots from anyone. The race went out fast, but we held our own in battle, and accomplished what we set out to do."

The Bowdoin cross-country runners ran through their pain to capture second overall in the 45-team field behind NESCAC rival Williams.

Besides enduring pain and showing heart, the cross-country fans, and their influence on the runners, keeps the excitement of the championship a tier above the Intergalactic Championship.

Runner and cheerleader Michael Julian '09 described the race setting as "energetic and intense with fans everywhere literally in armies. There was body paint, banners, and [it was] ridiculously loud."

At every sighting of the Bowdoin runners on the five-mile course the "Bowdoin fans cheered

in unison, doing the chop motion and chanting "AR-CHIE, AR-CHIE" or "NATE KRAH, NATE KRAH." Our fans did a lot to energize the runners."

The success of the regional meet, however, is now history for the Bowdoin runners who are making their journey to the national meet in Ohio this weekend. Runners typically "taper," or significantly reduce their mileage, the week leading up to the race as they train themselves to peak at nationals the week before Thanksgiving.

Krah will always have fond memories of the training as he "raced moose through the commons, and fought Wolverines on Farley Field," but highlighted that "this team works harder than anyone else and it will pay off next week in Ohio."

Hall echoed Krah's excitement and said, "I am so psyched to have the opportunity to go to Nationals as a team. It's a goal that has been on the radar for a while, and I'm glad we made it happen this year. I can't wait to fly out to Ohio to run against the top runners in the nation."

Bowdoin's top seven runners bring their excitement, focus, and cardiovascular superiority to Ohio next week for the biggest race in the Division III cross-country world—a race that a world of robots would envy.



Courtesy of Brian Beard, Creative Images Photography

Kate Leonard '07 hugs co-captain Susan Morris '07 in the pouring rain.

Field hockey to compete in NCAA Final Four

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offense. A feed from Lindsay McNamara '09 set Hillary Hoffman '08 up for the third goal, which she fired into the corner before the half.

Coming out strong after the break, McNamara scored when she deflected a shot by King. A few seconds later, McNamara tipped the ball to Sarah Horn '07, who slapped home the final Polar Bear goal. Wellesley continued to fight hard and managed to score two goals, but Bowdoin held off its late attempt to move onto the Elite Eight on Sunday.

"The strength and cohesiveness of the team has undoubtedly improved with each game. Our first games of the season were a bit choppy," said junior Meghan Maguire. "When we made changes in our levels of communication and trust in one another, the connectedness and fluidity across the field improved. Because we have been able to continuously strengthen our game, we have been successful this postseason."

In the Division III regional final on Sunday, the rain did not stop Bowdoin from dictating the game and beating William Smith (18-4) 3-1. Again Bowdoin found offensive opportunity off of a corner, this time when co-captain Burgess LePage '07 tipped a shot from King past the William Smith goalkeeper. The game was back and forth, with Bowdoin and William Smith having a few chances each, but the Polar Bears held a 1-0 lead at the half.

After the half, William Smith had a number of scoring opportunities, but the Bowdoin defense denied them. Finally, William Smith converted on a corner, tying the game at 1-1. With plenty of time left in the second half, Bowdoin continued to push offensively, and was able to regain the lead when McNamara collected a rebound and scored off an initial shot by King.

Bowdoin added another goal with under 15 minutes left to insure its lead at 3-1 when LePage was able to turn and slap a ball into the goal off a

shot from further out by McNamara.

After a strong regular season, a NESCAC championship, and now NCAA playoff success, it is no surprise that Bowdoin grabbed four All-NESCAC selections. McNamara, who leads the league with eight game-winning goals, has been unstoppable in her first two seasons, scoring 31 goals in all. Along with McNamara, Young, a surefire defender with assists too, and Kate Leonard '07, the last wall of defense with a .56 goals-against average, were all named to the first team. King, who has been a force in the midfield with speed, agility, and an exceptional drive, was named to the second team.

Head Coach Nicky Pearson was also honored with Coach of the Year for the fifth time, as she has led the Bears to a 33-2 record over the past two years and back-to-back teams into the NCAA Final Four.

"Going into this season, it seemed as if we had a lot going against us," said LePage. "Coming back to field hockey after a whirlwind year. 'I think many of us were a bit nervous about how we were going to fill the hole we couldn't ignore. With that said, I am so proud of the team that I saw playing this past weekend to return to the Final Four. Not only did we never give up, but we pushed ourselves to play harder than we knew possible. We play for each other and it showed.'"

After a successful weekend, Bowdoin will travel to William Smith College in Geneva, New York, for the Final Four as the top seed at the tournament. The team will play Messiah College (17-4) at 2 p.m. today in a rematch of last year's NCAA semifinals, which the Falcons won 2-1.

Looking to the championship weekend, Pearson said "when we went to the Final Four last year, we were new to the atmosphere and schedule. This year, we know more, so it is like a business trip. We are set to play hard and play our game."

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Rain, rain (don't) go away

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



You can sing and you can dance. You can play and you can run. And you can strut and you can laugh. You can do each of these things in all types of weather; but if you do them in the rain, odds are you'll get wet. So when it rains, most of us tend to remain indoors, lest we end up more soaked than Warren Sapp after a 10-year sprint.

In most cases involving rain, our actions become limited, confined solely to places under a roof, thus inhibiting our freedom. Should it come as a surprise that we sing the tune, "Rain, Rain, go away, come again another day..." yet when that other day actually arrives, we continue to repeat the verse? In no venue is this more evident than in sports, with most games contingent on dry settings.

I remember when I was in third grade, playing Little League Baseball games at least twice a week for my Minor A-studded Boston Red Sox (bad karma I guess). On the mornings of games, I would always ask my mother, college counselor/expert meteorologist, the weather report before hopping on the bus to school, praying fervently that she, like Blind Melon, would respond with: "No Rain." Obviously, this was seldom the case, for I unfortunately went on to experience several postponed games in my youth, effectively taking the wind right out of my sails. With rain there is no baseball. The hockey player cannot skate if the ice melts. And the new NBA ball is far too slippery when wet. I think S.C.L.S.U. head football Coach Kline said it best to all-star linebacker Bobby Boucher: "Water sucks! It really, really sucks!"

This Sunday, the 4-4 New York Jets reluctantly arrived at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, to battle the division-leading 6-2 New England Patriots; a place where they hadn't won a game in four years. The Patriots had their last seven meetings against the Jets, their most recent loss coming in December 2002. And even though Gang Green was hungry for revenge in hopes of regaining some pride, they must have known that coming away with a victory would be a daunting, seemingly impossible task, especially after recently falling to an atrocious Cleveland Browns squad.

The Patriots were at home; the Jets were away. The Patriots had Tom Brady; the Jets had Chad Pennington. The Patriots had the teacher, Bill "Lombardi" Belichick; the Jets had the student, Eric "Pizza Delivery Boy" Mangini. Basically, the Jets attempt at winning would be like George Costanza's attempts at getting fired by the Yankees: futile. But all of a sudden, the heavens opened up, and it quickly became a new ball game.

The Jets could actually compete! Not only were they frustrating Brady on defense, but they were putting together solid drives with timely passing and power running on

offense. Amongst the mud and slop, New York suddenly looked like a different team, all thanks to Mother Nature, who pelted the field with water without mercy, ultimately helping the Jets shock the Pats, 17-14, now trailing their AFC East rival by just a game; their first win against a team over .500 this season.

Now, it's true that the Pats were missing a few studs, like safeties Rodney Harrison and Eugene Wilson, but it's undeniable that the improbable defeat left many New Englanders scratching their heads. Look no further than the water, my friends, for that, and not some mental error, was the main reason wide receiver Doug Gabriel fumbled on a crucial play in the first half that shifted the momentum in favor of Mangini & Co.

Water is the great/notorious equalizer, depending on which side of the divider you hail from. Simply put, it has the ability to make good teams worse and bad teams better. The favorite and the underdog are then seen in the same light, on the same level. It has its respective nuances in each of the four major sports: In hockey it affects speed; basketball, balance; baseball, concentration; football, passing. But it holds the most control over momentum.

Take this year's MLB Playoffs, which was bombarded by a massive total of four rainouts, tied for most all-time since the wild-card format began in 1995. After Game 1 of the ALDS when the New York Yankees and "the best lineup ever (yes, ever!)" beat the "JV" Detroit Tigers 8-4, Game 2 was postponed because of... you guessed it! Rain!

We all know the story after that. Detroit didn't lose again until Game 1 of the World Series, after inclement weather successfully thwarted the Bronx Bombers' momentum, and spun it in favor of the Tigers. Or for all you physics majors out there, if momentum = mass x velocity, then the rain effectively exhausted New York's current pace and disrupted its inertia, ultimately eliminating them in Game 4.

The same went for the St. Louis Cardinals, who lost Game 4 of the NLCS on a Sunday at home to the New York Mets, evening the series at two, giving Mr. Beltran's boys the upper hand. But a rainout the following evening relinquished all momentum from New York, putting both teams back on that level playing field. The Cardinals then swooped in when play resumed on Tuesday, won Game 5, then the series, and finally, the 2006 World Series.

For all the good that water does for us, it honestly gets a pretty bad rep. With our nonstop complaining combined with the disappointment and regret that we associate with it whenever it starts plummeting from the sky, we must remember that without it, there would be no oceans, lakes, rivers, canals, hygiene, swimming, Sea World, Jet skis, Kool-Aid or...us. And that dramatic scene from "The Notebook" wouldn't have been nearly as significant for teenage girls had there been no rain.

So next time your favorite team goes up against the Goliath of the league, just pray for some water, heed the words of the artist formerly known as Lizzie McGuire, Hilary Duff, and let the rain fall down, and never underestimate the power of high quality H₂O.

FOOTBALL

School	W	L	W	L
Williams	8	0	8	0
Trinity	7	1	7	1
Middlebury	6	2	6	2
Amherst	5	3	5	3
Tufts	4	4	4	4
Wesleyan	3	5	3	5
BOWDOIN	2	6	2	6
Colby	2	6	2	6
Hamilton	2	6	2	6
Bates	1	7	1	7

SCOREBOARD
Sa 11/11 at Colby **W** 13-10

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE		
F 11/17 vs. Salem State (at Roger Williams)	8:00 P.M.	
Sa 11/18 Consolation or final (at Roger Williams)	TBA	
Tu 11/21 at U.N.E.	5:30 P.M.	

MEN'S SQUASH

SCHEDULE		
Sa 11/18 v. Navy (at Dartmouth)	3:00 P.M.	
Su 11/19 v. Conn. College (at Dartmouth)	9:00 A.M.	
Su 11/19 at Dartmouth	12:00 P.M.	

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD		
Sa 11/11 v. Rutgers (NRU semifinals at Batavia, NY)	W 36-0	
Su 11/12 v. Norwich (NRU finals at Batavia, NY)	L 20-10	

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD		
Sa 11/11 N.E. D-Ills (at Springfield)	2nd of 45	
SCHEDULE		
Sa 11/18 NCAA Championship (at Wilmington, Ohio)	11:00 A.M.	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE		
Sa 11/18 v. Smith	7:30 P.M.	
Tu 11/21 at U.N.E.		

WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCHEDULE		
Su 11/19 v. Conn. College (at Dartmouth)	9:00 A.M.	
Su 11/19 at Dartmouth	1:00 P.M.	

SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCHEDULE		
Sa 11/18 at MIT and Babson (at MIT)	1:00 P.M.	

FIELD HOCKEY

SCOREBOARD		
Sa 11/11 v. Wellesley (NCAA second round at Bowdoin)	W 5-2	
Su 11/12 v. William Smith (NCAA third round)	W 3-1	

SCHEDULE

F 11/17 v. Messiah (NCAA semifinals at William Smith College)	2:00 P.M.
v. winner of Lebanon Valley or Ursinus, if applicable (NCAA finals at WSC)	1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD		
Sa 11/11 N.E. D-Ills (at Springfield)	11th of 48	

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

SCHEDULE		
F 11/17 v. UMass-Boston	7:00 P.M.	
Sa 11/18 v. Babson	4:00 P.M.	

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

SCHEDULE		
F 11/17 at Conn. College	7:00 P.M.	
Sa 11/18 at Amherst	3:00 P.M.	

- Compiled by Adam Kommel.
Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

Women's XC takes 11th

by Laura Onderko
STAFF WRITER

In contrast to the strong winds and pelting rain of the NESCAC championships, the New England Division III Women's Cross-Country Championships, held at Springfield College, featured sunny skies and mild temperatures. In its final meet of the season, Bowdoin finished 11th out of 48 teams and placed eighth out of the NESCAC teams, beating both Wesleyan University and Trinity College.

Junior Laura Onderko was the first Polar Bear across the finish line, gaining All-New England honors by placing within the top 35, with a 33rd-place finish.

"It was such a great accomplishment for Laura to be named to the All-New England team," said Coach Peter Slovenski. "She had outstanding intelligence and courage in the races all year, and this race was her best. She ran right on the heels of several All-American runners."

Fellow junior Courtney Eustace, and seniors Alex Knapp and Kristen

Brownell worked together over the 6k course, all finishing within 15 seconds of each other. Eustace captured 55th with a strong finishing kick, while Knapp and Brownell were close behind in 66th and 69th, respectively. Sarah Podmaniczky '08 rounded out Bowdoin's top five and led the next pack of Polar Bears to the finish, taking 82nd overall.

"Sarah had a fantastic meet and overall, an amazing season. She improved tremendously from last year," said co-captain Knapp.

Courtney Martin '09 finished just five seconds behind Podmaniczky in 87th, with first-year Lindsay Hodge capturing 93rd six seconds later.

"Our team's strength this year has come from our depth. Our top seven runners are usually separated by less than a minute. It's great during races, because we can run with each other, and work off of one other, like we do in practice," said Knapp.

The team's 11th-place finish allowed them to beat out rival team Wellesley and placed the Bears ahead of MIT, ranked 20th in the

national poll earlier this season.

"I think the way we raced at Division IIIs showed a lot about the character of our team," said senior co-captain Jamie Knight. "We've had injuries and illnesses and bad weather to contend with all fall, but last Saturday none of that mattered. Not one of our runners held anything back, and everyone on the course ran their best not only for themselves, but for their teammates. That's one of the best things about cross-country—the support and camaraderie of the team. I think the results, the improvement of so many of our runners, and the way we run in a tight pack speaks to our pride in teamwork."

The meet also marked the end of the team's three seniors' last cross-country season.

"Our seniors provided great leadership for the team in workouts and races. Alex Knapp, Jamie Knight, and Kristen Brownell all made important contributions to our practices and races," said Slovenski. "We'll miss their leadership next year."

Fourth-quarter heroics lead football

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touchdown to gain the lead. All season long the team has fallen short on touchdown drives, scoring only five in its previous seven games.

But this time was special. Smith chipped in 28 yards of his total 99 on the day. Kell powered on through the air and land to keep the drive going. The referees were even on Bowdoin's side, whistling a questionable defensive pass interference call to help advance the Bears' cause. The offensive line dominated the defense, Smith found

the end zone, and the Bowdoin fans in the crowd went wild. It was a fair-tale ending to what had been a trying season.

"It was a culmination of the season, of our four years," said co-captain Brendan Murphy '07. "The offense played great. They really dug it out. It gave us a lot of confidence, and we [the defense] knew we had to come up with a big stop. The offense won it on that play and the defense came out and secured the win."

The team will be graduating 17 seniors, including quarterback Tom

Duffy, co-captains Murphy and Regan, and eight members of the offensive and defensive lines that have been so dominant. The seniors went out in fashion though, bringing the team a CBB title that has eluded Bowdoin since 1998. A flurry of parents and fans congratulated players as the defensive line smoked cigars in memory of their late coach, Phil Soule, in the on-field celebration after the game. The team enjoyed one final moment as the season, the CBB, and the seniors' careers came to a close in spectacular fashion.

Women's rugby to travel to Elite Eight

RUGBY, from page 14

difficult and footwork extremely dangerous. It was a very tough game with both teams evenly matched. Each team held several long, hard, goal-line stands and the game was characterized by lots of kicking, with play going back and forth.

Despite the loss, Bowdoin beat out Siena for the second seed bid to the National Championship Tournament in Sanford, Florida, which will be held from April 21 to 22. It is the Bowdoin Women's Rugby Football Club's first trip to the Elite Eight. If successful in Florida, Bowdoin will advance to the National Finals at

Stanford University in May.

"[The Norwich game] was not the ideal way to end, but it doesn't eclipse the phenomenal season we've had," said Griffith. "We're making history here."

Skinner summed up the season, saying, "I am so proud to be a part of this team."

OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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The right questions

As he sat with an Orient reporter last week and reflected on the most important points in his adult life, Secretary of the College Richard Mersereau '69 recalled Professor Daniel Levine telling him something that he has never forgotten.

"It's important to ask the right question, because there are lots of questions," the now-emeritus professor of history and political science had said.

A week ago, Bowdoin launched an ambitious campaign to raise \$250 million to invest in the future of the College. At the campaign's kickoff ceremony, President Barry Mills announced that Bowdoin has already raised nearly 60 percent of its goal. Also this week, a reaccreditation team of educators from peer institutions offered a number of recommendations, as well as positive feedback, to Bowdoin's administrators. With the early success of The Bowdoin Campaign and the reaccreditation team's comments on the table, now is the time to ask the right questions. It is also the time to formulate the right answers to those questions.

In many respects, Bowdoin students, administrators, and alumni have already risen to this challenge. When Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) met with Mills on Wednesday, student representatives asked a number of poignant questions, including inquiries concerning the development of campus housing and the creation of new teaching positions.

As they ranked the College's priorities in preparation for The Bowdoin Campaign, administrators asked themselves, "Where is the need greatest?" Not only did they ask the right question, but they settled on the right answer as well, allocating the largest percentages of contributions to financial aid and the development of the faculty and academic resources for the benefit of future Bowdoin scholars.

In considering non-investment in Darfur, the trustees were right to ask whether moral imperatives should affect the College's fiduciary decisions. By approving Mills's recommendation, they honored the mission of service to the common good famously proposed by President William DeWitt Hyde.

Finally, Bowdoin alumni asked the right question when they wondered, "Might The Bowdoin Campaign be worthy of my generosity?" And once more, it appears as though they answered rightly, having already invested \$147 million in the future of the school whose lessons have guided them to prosperity—just as Levine's words of wisdom helped shaped Mersereau into a faithful steward of the College.

In the near future, the College will need to ask itself whether it is necessary to revamp Bowdoin's advising system, a move recommended by the peer accreditation group and, seven months ago, by this page. We hope that thoughtful consideration of this worthy question will lead to commendable answers, and actions.

Now is an exciting time for Bowdoin. Moving forward, students, staff, faculty, administrators, and alumni will think of many new questions to ask. We must continue to ask the right ones, and work to discern the right answers. Mersereau never forgot Levine's message, and neither should we.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Arabic music director left memories

To the Editors:

We'd like to remember Al Gardner (also known as Alan Shavarsh Bardezbanian), director of the Bowdoin Middle Eastern Ensemble, who passed away on Thursday, November 9. Al was a nationally renowned oud virtuoso as well as a master of other Arabic instruments and jazz. For the past year, Al has coached a small group of students and community members in music from the Arab world, Turkey, Armenia, and Greece. In doing so, he provided us with a unique opportunity to experience a culture that would otherwise be completely foreign to students of a small college in Maine. We will remember him for his great sense of humor and patience. Our

concert on December 11 will be dedicated to his memory.

Sincerely,
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Informed voters key to democracy

To the Editors:

In the recent elections, young voters turned out in record numbers, shifting the tide in elections everywhere in the country. This is certainly a very encouraging trend for our beloved democracy, but I'm concerned with how informed young voters are. The lack of knowledge about

issues is clearly seen on our very campus. This year, a certain political party on campus found it necessary to place advertisements for who you should vote for on every dorm room's door the night prior to elections. I find it embarrassing that students of one of the premier colleges in the country are so ignorant that they need organizations to tell them who they should vote for. If people don't know enough about issues to know who to vote for themselves, they do not deserve the right to vote.

We should keep in mind that these elections actually affect the lives of the good people of Maine. Political parties should not view elections as opportunities to fool as many people into voting for their platform. It should be an opportunity for thoughtful citizens to help make changes for a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Jeff Jeng '09
Jeng is an officer of the Bowdoin College Republicans.

The other November holiday

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve
Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Around this time of year, families gather together to celebrate a great day in the history of our country. I'm talking, of course, about November 20: Traffic Light Day.

When autumn coaxes the leaves from their arboreal summer residences and we are plunged back into the infinite darkness of Standard Time, I find myself reminiscing about Traffic Light Days past and eagerly anticipating this year's celebration.

It really gives you pause, thinking about how we celebrate historical events, which may have seemed inconsequential at the time, so long after they have faded into the past. We all know the history of Traffic Light Day: how Garrett Morgan—"Ole Blinky," as we all affectionately know him—patented a design of the traffic light—which was operated by hand-crank—on November 20, 1923. But while many believe that Ole Blinky invented the auto-traffic semaphore, we insiders know that he wasn't even the first to

patent it!

Way back in December of 1868, British railway engineer J.P. Knight had gas-lantern traffic signals installed outside British Parliament. Rumor has it that he did this to help guide the drunken Lords Temporal from area pubs to the Parliament building, much like a lighthouse ushers wayward ships into port through a deep haze. The signal exploded after a year, causing a brief but influential populist movement when the only politicians to show up for legislative sessions were the Commuters.

The first American traffic light was introduced in Salt Lake City in 1912 by policeman Lester Wire. As the legend goes, the innovation briefly alleviated traffic concerns before being condemned as sorcery by the city's Mormon population. City residents also resented its implicit allusion to the city's infamous red-light district, whose lascivious courtesans had been expelled only a year earlier.

Every family does it differently, I guess, but we have a few Traffic Light Day traditions in the old Kolowich household. We'll wake up in the morning to the smell of the customary green, yellow, and red "Semaphrast" roasting in the oven. This traditional culinary treat consists of three parts: at the bottom of the arrangement, spinach and

kale; in the middle, corn, potents, and yellow rice; and at the top, blood-red roast beef.

That's right, friends, it's cleverly designed to resemble a traffic light. I can't believe you've never heard of this. Traffic Light Day break must be so boring for you.

Not only does the succulent dish look like a traffic light, but it requires that you treat it like a traffic light as well as you eat it.

You see, you start eating at the bottom. The healthy greens—with their vitamin A, iron, and potassium—will give you the energy to GO, as in continue eating. The dietary fiber absorbed during this part of the meal will also cause you to GO, as in urgently need to use the restroom later on, or oblige you to GO into another room to avoid subjecting the rest of the family to your suffocating flatulence.

Quickly, you'll arrive at the yellow middle. The rice and corn will supply you with the carbohydrates you need to SPEED UP if you're a risk-taker, but at the same time, they will fill your stomach in a hurry, so you might think it wiser to SLOW DOWN and be cautious. This might elicit loud honks from those behind you, but these are probably just early effects of that fiber-rich first course.

Finally, you'll reach the rare, red roast beef course. If you are wise, you will choose to STOP shortly after tucking in. In years past, some members of my family have attempted to speed through this treacherous final course. More often than not, they are side-swiped by a rush of nausea, causing them to break down and spew fluids all over the place. A tip: always bring road flares to Traffic Light Day dinner.

After dinner, my family and I usually set up lawn chairs down at the old intersection, "Oooooo"-ing and "Ahhhhh"-ing as we watch the lights change. It's quite an impressive display.

Traffic Light Day gives us a chance to reflect on our history and give thanks for what we have: an automobile culture regulated by automated traffic semaphores. So as you sit down to your Semaphrastrs next week, remember William Bradford and his band of pilgrim pioneers, and how they had to survive without traffic lights (or Traffic Light Day).

And give thanks.

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Race-baiting: The ugliest tactic in American politics

by Frank Chi
CONTRIBUTOR

Like past election cycles, 2006 showed us that there will always remain those in politics tempted to pick the scab of this nation's original sin to stir our bigotry rather than our better angels. Across this country, Republican strategists confirmed the hushed rule that says race matters in American politics only if used to divide us. In a country where we urge compassion and values for our children, we stand as inept witnesses while those who ask for our vote appeal to our most visceral instincts to remind us of who is white and who is not. Amid the vicious politics that dominated these past two months, the subtle ways in which race was once again used as a wedge issue proved that in certain areas of the country, it still matters whether those we choose to represent us are white or not.

On election night in Tennessee, Democrat Harold Ford Jr. stood as the lone member of his party not to

win a contested Senate race. Two weeks prior, he was tied with his opponent, gaining momentum as he surprised his state with his faith, charisma, and political values. Ford stood to be the first African-American elected to the Senate from a southern state since Reconstruction. But suddenly, the question that so many had refused to ask was brought to the front by Ford's Republican opponents.

In rural Tennessee, the Republican Party's subtle political literature read "preserve your way of life," a slogan made infamous by men in white cloaks. On the radio, a Republican ad slammed Ford's "liberal record," accompanied by the sound of jungle drums in the background. But it was on television where the sting of race-baiting resonated most. The Republican Party's ad that portrayed a half-naked blue-eyed blonde saying, "Harold, call me" sought to strike the fear of miscegenation into select white voters frightened by the taboo of interracial sex.

What exposed such race-baiting was not just the ad's innuendo, but its targeted audience. The Republican Party bought this television spot during the broadcast of family shows, perhaps praying that the vulnerable white father they wished to persuade was watching the ad with his daughter at his side. After Republicans aired the ad, Ford began to slip in the polls, losing whatever momentum he had on the real issues at stake while voters were suddenly reintroduced to their base instincts and reminded once again that Ford was black.

Even in Massachusetts, a blue state, voters were not spared television ads tinged with racism. The Republican candidate for governor, Kerry Healey, produced an ad portraying a suburban white woman walking in a dark garage. Suddenly, the face of Deval Patrick, her African-American opponent, appears while a voiceover suggests that Patrick is supportive of rapists.

Healey's ad sparked an outrage that echoed perhaps the most racial-

ly provocative ad in American history, George H.W. Bush's 1988 "Willie Horton" commercial. Bush sought to portray Democrat Michael Dukakis as "weak on crime" by showing an African-American who was supposedly freed by Dukakis and consequently went on a raping and killing rampage. What mattered was not the false information in the ad, but the threatening picture of an African-American man whose direct target was the base instincts of select white suburban voters. The ad worked: Michael Dukakis lost his 17-point lead, and George H.W. Bush became president of the United States.

For sure, politics is a cutthroat arena where most ridicule the concept of an "ethical campaign." And from what history has taught us about elections, it's that race-baiting works almost all the time. While many are disgusted, race-baiting somehow always ends up on the winning side of an ugly campaign and written down in some sinister textbook for others to replicate.

Decades later, these ads are left for academics and social critics to scrutinize and wonder "how could we?" in the classes they teach and the crowds they command.

For as many times as we might shake our heads when we learn of the brutality of race-baiting politics, we forget that they work. They remind those most vulnerable that there are differences between us, dividing us along the most sensitive and misunderstood lines that prove to be no value to the real issues we face as a nation, together. Who is white and who is black matters not to energy independence, the Iraq war, public education, healthcare reform, or the plethora of daunting challenges we face.

But then again, what does that matter, just as long as you win, right? And people wonder why so many of us hate politics and politicians in this country.

Chi '07 is the former president of the Bowdoin College Democrats and the advertising director for the College Democrats of America.



STUDENT SPEAK

What are you thankful for?



Elsbeth Paige-Jeffers '10
"I'm thankful for Star Wars."



Sam Dinning '09
"I'm thankful for Pablo."



Julie Sylvester '09, J. Pat Brown '08, Shelley Barron '09
"I'm thankful for the 2006 midterm elections."



Ike Irby '09
"I'm thankful for my banana."



Wyatt Dumas '05
"I'm thankful for eating almost an entire pie."



Katie Chapman '07
"I'm thankful that I didn't get mauled by squirrels today."

WEEKLYCALENDAR

November 17-21

Friday

Flu Shots

Free flu shots will be available to students.
This is the last chance before break.
THORNE HALL DINING ROOM,
12 - 1:30 P.M.

Common Hour

Listen to a performance by the Bowdoin Chamber Ensemble featuring pieces by Bach, Haydn, and Mozart.
TILLOTSON ROOM, GIBSON HALL,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

Dance 'til Dawn

Support cancer research at this fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Includes live music, dancing, and prizes.
JACK MAGEE'S PUB,
9 P.M. - 2 A.M.

"Charade"

The Bowdoin Film Society presents this 1963 mystery starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn.
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"Shakespeare's Villains"

An independent study in theater by senior Bari Robinson.
WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
7 P.M.

"Our Responsibility to Protect?"

Professors from the University of Texas and Mount Holyoke College will discuss the practicality of American engagement in humanitarian crises. Sponsored by Americans for Informed Democracy.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7:30 P.M.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient
Senior Erica Michel serves herself some cider at Thorne Dining Hall's Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.

Saturday

"Charade"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"Shakespeare's Villains"

WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
7 P.M.

Sunday

"Birds, Bees and Polar Bears"

An open discussion on the relationship, dating, and hookup scene at Bowdoin.

RUSSWURM HOUSE,
8 P.M.

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

Women's Swim Meet

Root for the Polar Bears in their first home meet, against University of Maine-Orono.
LEROY GREASON POOL,
5 P.M.

Tuesday

Last Day of Classes



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sophomores Chris Lew, Hilary Imai, and Birgitte Polson grab slices of pie in Thorne Dining Hall at Thanksgiving dinner.

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Campus considers activism's impact

Student campaign focused on heightening awareness, raising money

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

Recent efforts to raise awareness about the human rights crisis in Darfur have taken many forms, ranging from divestment to film screenings. Students have succeeded in persuading President Barry Mills and the Board of Trustees to agree not to invest in companies with business interests in Darfur. In addition, the Darfur Coalition organized Darfur Week, a campus-wide educational and fundraising campaign.

Nevertheless, the question remains: Were these efforts effective?

According to Assistant Professor of History David Gordon, the answer depends on how you define efficacy. Gordon, who is from South Africa and teaches African history at Bowdoin, thinks efficacy takes various forms, including raising awareness, instigating institutional or

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WHEN EVERYONE'S SHOWN EVERYTHING, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AWKWARD.

NAKED PARTIES

AN EXPOSÉ

All the fun with none of the clothes:
Naked partygoers bare it all for the Orient.

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE, ORIENT STAFF
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY TOMMY WILCOX, ORIENT STAFF

It's nerve-racking enough to open the door at a party and find a security officer on the other side. Imagine opening that door naked.

That's what happened at the first annual naked party in the spring of 2004, when Anna Trojansky '06 answered the door for a female security officer. Consistent with the theme of the party, Trojansky was

completely naked.

The security officer simply asked, "Can you turn the music down?"

"I remember peering around the door, reassuring them that we would turn the music down," Trojansky said. "I think they were surprised, as well, to be greeted like that, but I don't think they realized at that point that there were another dozen naked

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Demand high for counselors

Increase in requests means many students must wait for services

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Feeling blue? Need to talk to someone about it? Get in line.

With a 37 percent increase in services provided to Bowdoin students by the Counseling Service in the 2005-2006 year, an earlier-than-usual waiting list developed and has required students to wait up to three weeks in some cases.

"There seems to be more comfort and less stigmatism in students about coming for sessions," said Director of the Counseling Service Bernie Hershberger. "Having a waiting list signals that people are really ready and willing to use counseling services. So, we are going to have to figure out how to distribute our resources, maybe in a more thoughtful way."

Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett said that this is not the first time a waiting list has developed. She said she feels confident in the way the Counseling Service deals with students and their well-being.

In order to screen for emergency cases, counselors review intake forms filed by the students to check

COUNSELING CRUNCH

An increase in demand for counseling services has led some students to be placed on a waiting list.

- The Counseling Service currently has two consulting physicians, five permanent staff, and two masters-level interns.
- Director of the Counseling Service Bernie Hershberger says that he does not expect to see an increase in the size of the staff.
- According to Hershberger, 21 percent of students sought counseling last year, though that figure may increase to 25 percent this year.

for warning indicators, such as suicidal thoughts or behavior. Any emergencies are handled immediately and around-the-clock, while others are placed on a waiting list for one-to-two weeks.

Currently, the Counseling Service consists of two consulting psychiatrists, five permanent staff, and two masters-level interns. Hershberger does not expect to see an increase in staff at this time, so various groups, such as those for sexually assaulted women and abusers of alcohol have been created to help deal with the waiting list.

One Bowdoin student, who

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First years preparing for cross-campus move

Renovated dorms have similar layout to Hyde Hall, Appleton Hall

by Adam Kommel
ORIENT STAFF

Maine Hall and Winthrop Hall residents are preparing for the move to the renovated Moore Hall and Coleman Hall, respectively, at the end of the semester.

Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli said Wednesday that all plans for the move are going well.

Maine and Winthrop residents are looking forward to the move to the renovated dorms.

"Students are kind of excited for the move—to be in a new dorm next semester," said Winthrop Head Proctor Kristen van der Veen '07.

Pacelli said that the inside of the renovated dorms look much like Appleton and Hyde.

"The hall-style layout of Moore and Coleman are intact, but other than that, the buildings are virtually unrecognizable from before," she said. "Most specifically the buildings have elevators, laundry, and better common space than before. The bathroom configurations are virtually identical to Appleton and Hyde."

"In Coleman and Moore the rooms on the end of the building are bigger than the ones in the center," she said, so five rooms will house five students each. Every other room in the dorms will be a quad.

The new arrangement necessitates new roommates, since doubles and triples currently make up Winthrop and Maine.

"Students will keep their same roommates," explained Pacelli. "By and large, students are pairing up

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"It's a continuing balancing act..."



Tommy Wilcox, Bowdoin Orient

The Children's Center on South Street was constructed in 2002. With tuition at more than \$900 a month for an infant, the center may not be affordable for all Bowdoin employees.

Spots coveted at kids' center

POPULAR, PRICEY

• The College says that the Children's Center's tuition may make it difficult for some employees to enroll their children.

• Despite the price, more students are on the waiting list than are enrolled in the center, which is considered one of the state's best.

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

There are few waiting lists at Bowdoin as long as the one for the College's Children's Center. There are 53 children currently enrolled in the center and more than 60 on the waiting list, turned away because of space limitations.

"It is a fairly long list," Director of the Children's Center Kristen Gold said. "And we add a new name to it almost every week."

Lauded as one of the best childcare facilities in the state, Bowdoin faculty

and administrators—and some local parents as well—are hoping to send their kids to Children's Center if and when a spot opens up.

The center has four different programs, each for children of a different age group: an infant program, a younger toddler program, an older toddler program, and a preschool.

The philosophy of the center is one aspect that contributes to its quality.

"We're all about learning through play and individual developmental milestones

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The annual December Dance Concert runs in Pickard this weekend.
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Support groups created to help reduce counseling demand

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wished to remain unnamed, said that she contacted counseling services earlier this year when her godfather passed away and she was not feeling like herself, but was placed on a waiting list.

"They said they would let me know when the first available counselor was, and it was two-and-a-half weeks until then," she said. "It was weird, because my initial feelings on the matter changed since then, and I didn't really need counseling anymore."

Hershberger said that the waiting list is attributable to increased demand from students, as well as their conflicting schedules with busy counselors. While 21 percent of the student body sought counseling during the 2005-2006 academic year, Hershberger suggested that figure could increase to 25 percent.

Hershberger stressed the importance of prevention programs in dealing with stress so that sleep issues, phobias, abusive behaviors, or worse do not develop as a result. For the past eight years, the Counseling Service has worked to set up programming, such as yoga, meditation, and Tai Chi, currently enrolling about 250 students. However, with the waiting list placing extra demand on staff, Hershberger said there is less time to develop such programs.

"I think we reach a point where if we get too stressed out, then we stop being as effective as we can be," he said. "I am concerned that the staff may in the end either get overworked or become less therapeutic with the students."

To help alleviate the problem, aside from the support groups mentioned above, the Counseling Service asks students for voluntary reductions in sessions. While Hershberger said he does not want to make students' problems seem unimportant by plac-

ing restrictions on sessions, the center does ask if students are willing to meet every other week to free up time slots.

For those who do not want to wait, the counseling staff also sets up appointments with counselors and therapists in Brunswick, though sometimes issues with medical insurance prevents students from doing so.

If demand grows and change becomes necessary, Hershberger said that he would like to work out solutions with the Bowdoin community, which might involve setting up a focus group of students, staff, and faculty for feedback. However, he stressed that the waiting list is still reasonable when compared to those at other universities or with real-world counselors.

To compare, Colby College and Bates College each have a counseling service within their health service centers. Like Bowdoin, Colby does not restrict the number of appointments students can make, while Bates offers eight free appointments, with additional sessions available through insurance payments.

In the 2005-2006 year, 17 percent of Colby's students sought counseling, while 42 percent of the graduating class had received counseling during their time at the college. The Bates center sees 25 percent of the student body each year, with eight part-time psychological counselors and a one-week wait list at peak times.

With a lower proportion of students seeking counseling than at Bowdoin, Director of Counseling at Colby Patti Newmen said that there is not a waiting list. Emergency cases are seen right away, returning students contact their counselor directly to set up individual appointments, and new students are asked to call back another day if there are no openings in the week ahead.

"We all struggle this time of the semester to meet the demand," Newmen said.

As for the future of Bowdoin's

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counseling supply, Senior Health Programs Administrator Caitlin Guthrie said that it is premature to make predictions yet.

"We've had high demand for services in other years, including wait lists similar to the size we're seeing now," she said. "Historically we've managed the demand with the staffing that was available without sacrificing quality. We'll need to see if this year marks a significant enough increase to cause us to change operations."

Staff Clinician Alison McGrath said the future will require reflection on what counseling services are needed, raising some important questions.

"It depends on Bowdoin's perspective as to their responsibility to students in regard to counseling," she said. "What services should be provided? To what extent? What are people's views about counseling in general and their place at an academic setting? What is the mission of the College? What are students' needs and how can and should these needs be met?"

Some say students can get 'bombarded,' 'disaster fatigue' from calls for activism

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global change, and fund raising.

According to its organizers, the goals of the Darfur Coalition are both to educate the student body and to raise money for organizations that help the people of Darfur. In an informal Orient survey, student responses were mixed as to whether this goal has been achieved.

"In terms of awareness, they did a really good job," said Oliver Cunningham '08.

Another student said he noticed the many Darfur Week pamphlets on tables in the Moulton Union Dining Hall.

Others said they had heard about the events but had been too busy to attend, while some students said the week did not teach them anything new.

"It's hard to say how effective the week was because I already knew about Darfur," Cait Hylan '09 said.

Bari Robinson '07 agreed. "I already knew there were serious problems."

Robinson also mentioned that the impact of the campaign was weakened because students are "bombarded" with calls for activism on campus.

Professor of Government Christian Potholm expressed a similar outlook. He believes students can get "disaster fatigue" from thinking about all the problems in the world at once.

In order to combat the lack of sensitivity among students toward problems like the Darfur crisis, the Darfur Coalition has planned a variety of events such as a documentary showing, an art show, and a debate, meant to appeal to a wide range of students.

Joe Bandy, associate professor of sociology and advisor to Global Justice, an organization involved in the Darfur Coalition, said that addressing an issue from a variety of perspectives is helpful.

Bandy finds debates especially effective, as they portray all sides of an issue and draw more than "just the choir." He noted that controversial issues such as Darfur can become more publicized and draw more students.

He added that unlike national political issues, which can split students with opposing views, everyone can agree genocide is a terrible thing.

"Polarization generates conflict," he said. "There is not much polarization around the moral tragedy of genocide, which may constrain vocal debate."

Vanessa Wishart '07 agreed, saying that "there is not a lot of controversy on campus because we assume everyone is liberal."

Bandy said he believes that Darfur Week was effective in educating the campus, but he added that the administration could also play an important role in the Darfur issue.

"There could be more contentious discussion about the most effective means for institutions such as Bowdoin to help stop the genocide," he noted.

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Gordon said that raising awareness is important, but that student activism has the greatest effect when directed at the College and its policies. He cited the Board of Trustees' decision to divest from Darfur as an example of a product of this type of activism, but questioned whether divestment was enough, especially since Bowdoin does not have any current investments in corporations in Darfur.

"Student activism has to transform the institution's priorities," said Gordon. "Does a symbolic gesture effectively engage the institution with the issue?"

Liz Leiwant '08, head of the Darfur Coalition, shared Gordon's sentiment.

"The College has more than a financial obligation in situations like this," she said. She added that she hoped to see greater institutional involvement in "educating the student body toward issues in the world."

Gordon believes the development of a curriculum relevant to current events is ultimately more effective than either divestment or student-run campaigns in educating the student body. Like Leiwant, he believes the College has an important role to play in educating students about global problems.

"Darfur is not a conflict that is going to go away," he stated. With better-trained leaders, he believes the United States will be "in a better position to engage effectively and diplomatically" in international affairs.

"Bowdoin's role is in training that new generation of leaders," he said.

Gordon believes a current events fellowship, bringing experts to campus to speak and teach about conflicts like Darfur, would "greatly enhance our understanding of these conflicts" and prepare students to deal with them in the future. He also proposed the creation of a Middle Eastern studies department.

Leiwant agreed that Gordon's proposal for a new department was important, but said that "student groups shouldn't necessarily put all their energy into petitioning the College for that. That's not the role of student activism."

Instead, she believes the current role of student groups in educating the community and bringing speakers is "an important one, and I wouldn't want to see that change."

Pacelli says housing situation 'not as dire' for returning juniors

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with one other room and moving into a new room together."

Not all students are excited about the move, though.

"I really enjoy living in a double, and I think I'd prefer living in a two-room double than a three-room quad," said first-year Bryce Spalding of Maine Hall.

Others worry that the move will interfere with their preparation for finals.

"It's comfortable here," said Shavonne Lord '10 of Maine Hall. "I don't want to pack up all of my stuff."

Residential Life has hired a moving company to move students' belongings to their new residences to alleviate that anxiety.

"Res Life appears to be organized and they are doing a great job with communicating information about the move with us," said Winthrop resident Nate Allukian '10.

Once the exodus is complete, work on Maine and Winthrop will commence. The renovation is scheduled to be finished over the summer, in time for use by the Class of 2011.

Pacelli also addressed another concern regarding spring housing.

"Thankfully the housing situation for spring '07 is not as dire as it was last spring and we have enough housing for students returning," Pacelli said, referencing last year's spring housing crunch, when several returning juniors had to move into open



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

First years will move into the renovated Moore Hall after Winter Break. A moving company will help students transfer their belongings.

rooms in first-year dorms.

"Students will be scattered throughout campus in rooms that are being vacated by fellow juniors

who are departing for a spring semester abroad," she said.

Lydia Deutsch contributed to this report.

BRIEFLY

Quinby raises more than \$400 in dinner date night

Quinby House raised \$402 for charity in its dinner date charity fundraiser last week.

According to house historian Darren Fishell '09, Joshua's Tavern, Shere Punjab, The Great Impasta, and Pedro O'Hara's all donated at least 10 percent of all profits they made from Bowdoin students on November 3.

Fishell said that the event was very successful.

"All of the restaurants were very excited to see such a high turnout, which was a large motivation for their extended generosity," he said.

Proceeds from the event went to the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program, an organization that provides "food assistance, nutrition, education, and referral services to households living at or below poverty in the greater Brunswick area."

-Nat Herz

Joyce: Dems' agenda could ease burdens

Student aid director still skeptical about feasibility of proposals

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

The political power shift in Washington following the Democrats' reclamation of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives could mean less debt for Bowdoin students and their parents in the near future.

Among the top priorities House Speaker-designate Nancy Pelosi has set for the House, which will become Democrat-controlled when the new representative-elects are sworn in next January, is making a college education more affordable to middle- and low-income students.

The Democrats will aim to do this, Pelosi has said, in three primary ways: by increasing the cap on Pell grants—a form of need-based federal aid for college students—from \$4,050 to \$5,100; cutting federal interest rates on student loans in half; and imposing a 100 percent annual tuition tax credit for up to \$3,000, which Democrats claim would save middle-income families more money than the current system of credits and deductions.

Bowdoin Director of Student Aid Stephen Joyce told the Orient that an increase in the cap for Pell grants would benefit the College by “replacing Bowdoin dollars with federal dollars.” This would allow the College to be “more flexible” with the money it has set aside for tuition grants.

The freeing up of Bowdoin grant money would help the College remain need-blind in admissions, thereby increasing its accessibility to underprivileged applicants, Joyce said.

Joyce expressed enthusiasm about the fact that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, will be taking over as chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Historically, Joyce said, Stafford loans—federal loans for college students—were issued through private lenders, which were often large banks. When he was president, Bill Clinton introduced the Federal Direct Student Loan Program (FDSL), allowing students to borrow money directly from the Department of the

Treasury and sidestep private lender fees.

Joyce said that in recent years, Republicans have not been promoting direct lending. Kennedy announced last week that when the new Congress convenes, he plans to introduce a piece of legislation called the Student Loan Sunshine Act, designed to make dealings between colleges and private lenders transparent.

Kennedy's preference for the FDSL and suspicion of big banks' profit motives will increase competition between public and private lenders, benefiting students who are looking for loans, Joyce said.

According to his office, between 40 and 41 percent of Bowdoin students are currently receiving financial aid from the College, the government, or private lenders.

Joyce said that it will be “fantastic” if Democrats can cut interest rates down from the current 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent, as Pelosi proposed. However, he is unsure if doing so is economically feasible.

“The pessimistic side of me says there's no money to do this stuff,” he said, citing the Iraq conflict and President George W. Bush's tax cuts as budget restrictions. “I think it's going to be very tough.”

Joyce is not alone in his skepticism. In a November 17 Chronicle of Higher Education article, several experts expressed similar doubts.

“There's an enormous difference between campaigning and governing,” Terry W. Hartle, senior vice president for government and public affairs at the American Council on Education, told the Chronicle. “The Democrats now must figure out how they will accomplish the things they have been promising.”

The politicking that will influence the Democrats' actions in Congress leading up to the 2008 presidential election also makes Joyce wary.

“I worry terribly about a Congress that is (a) partisan and (b) terrified to act,” he said. “I think they'll be worried first about the election and second about changing policy.”

Joyce said that given the Democrats' razor-thin majority in the Senate and Bush's veto power, the Pell grant increase is the most likely to pass within the next two years. He noted that of the items on Pelosi's agenda, it has the widest bipartisan support.

BSG talks security, Darfur

by Travis Dagenais
ORIENT STAFF

Discussion with Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols and on Bowdoin's Darfur Resolution was the focus of Bowdoin Student Government's (BSG) meeting Wednesday.

Nichols visited BSG for an open discussion on campus safety, and students raised questions about security issues, particularly the recent alcohol bust in Baxter House.

As the Orient reported in its last issue, Bowdoin security officers confiscated hard alcohol in Baxter that they found during an impromptu search of a bar in a student room. Bowdoin's alcohol policy prohibits hard liquor on campus.

The officers had decided to search the bar after discovering hard alcohol on a table in the room.

“Our approach to having alcohol is very firm,” Nichols said during the meeting. “The walk-throughs are a routine thing.”

In an e-mail to the Orient, Nichols noted “security officers conduct routine property checks of the hallways and common areas of residence halls daily as time permits,” primarily looking for safety hazards.

“Officers are also alert to college policy violations, unauthorized people in buildings, and criminal activity,” Nichols added.

During the meeting, Class of 2009 Representative Ben Freedman asked Nichols about the intent of the officer's inspection.

“The officer was just walking down the hall, doing his own thing, and he actually did a double-take when he saw the alcohol,” Nichols said, emphasizing that the officer did not behave in an unauthorized way during the inspection.

“We do respect students' privacy,” Nichols said during the meeting. “We're not spying or conducting unreasonable searches. We're very conscious of being fair in our actions.”

While Vice President of Facilities William Donahoe '08 said he wondered if officials had such authority to enter a student residence, Nichols noted specific phrases in security policies that grant such authority.

“An officer has the right to enter a room to check on a fire alarm activated by a smoke detector. Even though the officer is present for that purpose only, if the officer observes an illegal substance in plain view it

would be confiscated and the matter investigated,” Nichols said.

“There would be no need to obtain a written search authorization to search the immediate area for additional contraband to ensure that the area has been made safe.”

The possibility of organizing a security desk in the lobby of Coles Tower was another popular discussion topic, initially raised by Inter-house Council Representative Emily Goodridge '08.

Nichols stated that the idea was a “very tentative arrangement,” but that it merited consideration.

BSG also discussed its Darfur Resolution, which, according to Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08, aims to begin a discussion with President Barry Mills and the faculty about a committee to identify human rights violations to which the College might have a moral obligation to respond.

“The College has already determined its course of action on Darfur and did not include this committee,” Brooks wrote in an e-mail to the Orient.

“This [the resolution] gives us the ability to negotiate,” Brooks added. “It's something concrete.”

However, many BSG members felt, however, that the resolution currently is unclear.

“In order for us to take this to the faculty, we have to have a sound idea of the purpose,” said Class of 2007 Representative Torri Parker.

Like Parker, Treasurer Rebecca Ginsberg '07 took issue less with specific wordings and more with the general idea of the resolution.

“I think a lot of this is doing something for the sake of doing something,” she stated, noting the lack of discussions with faculty despite the fact that the resolution calls for faculty to serve on a possible committee.

According to BSG Secretary Hannah Scheidt '10, this discussion ended with a 12-7-0 decision to table the proposal, which left some students disappointed.

“I'm afraid this will be another bill that we approve, and then nothing happens,” Donahoe stated.

President DeRay McKesson '07 added, “What we can't do is have the same conversation we just had next week.”

Finally, BSG discussed Bowdoin's Credit/D/Fail policy, introduced by Vice President of Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07.

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“The decision to move from Pass/Fail to Credit/D/Fail was a decision made without any polling or input from students,” LePage stated.

“I've heard... that the appearance of the D causes people to worry,” LePage continued, placing “an emphasis back on grades, when the point is for students to be able to explore new areas.”

Many members agreed with LePage.

“We need to acknowledge that the system isn't working,” Donahoe said.

“It just makes it a more miserable class experience,” Campus Activities Board Representative Rob Reider '07 stated. “It's nice to have a little break in my schedule.”

“It's not a matter of not caring, but students just need a little leverage.”

Class of 2009 Representative Sam Dinning '09, who serves on the Faculty Recording Committee, said that he felt that a Pass/Fail policy would have a negative impact in the classroom.

“The main concern among faculty is that students taking a class Pass/Fail don't try, and they disrupt the classroom,” Dinning said.

While Brooks concluded that the issue is too “huge” to cover in one meeting, LePage and Dinning both emphasized the need for more student input and discussion.

In business matters, a proposal from the Student Affairs Committee asking for a bus to and from the December 8 Colby hockey game in Waterville, with a proposed expenditure of \$350, failed.

Reider also noted that the proposal for Colby, Bates and Bowdoin to pool finances and schedule a joint concert with a major band will probably happen, “but we're not sure yet.”

Conversations about Johnson House and academic advising were postponed until next week.

Enrollment of students from private schools increases

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

Although recent trends show that more parents are sending their children to public high schools, the percentage of Bowdoin students from private schools has increased.

Over the past five years, with the exception of the class of 2010, the percentage of students coming from private schools has decreased, from 46 percent in 2006 to 45 percent in 2009. The class of 2010, however, has caused the trend to change directions, with 48 percent coming from private schools.

According to the Admissions Office, however, the differences between the percentages of public school graduates and private school graduates are slight, and mild fluctuations in the ratio occur

frequently, and by chance.

According to Logan Powell, senior associate dean of admissions, Bowdoin admits students who have been well-prepared for college, regardless of where they received their education. While the quality of education received at their secondary school is important, whether the institution is public or private makes no difference in the application process.

“We don't ever go out in the beginning of a year and have a number and a percentage in mind,” he said.

Powell maintains that the admissions committee does not go into the application process with the intention of increasing or decreasing either private or public school enrollment. Slight fluctuations in percentages per year can be attributed to the raw numbers of appli-

cants from each category, but most often the changes are simply due to chance.

“It's not because we designed it that way, and not that it was a goal; it just happened that way,” he said.

Recently, Bowdoin representatives have dramatically expanded the areas where they travel to recruit applicants. In addition to visiting schools in Europe and Asia, admissions officers have also been making an effort to visit large, public schools that do not typically send students to Bowdoin.

According to Powell, while the term “private school” may automatically bring to mind the image of a small, established, preparatory boarding school, the term actually encompasses a wide range of institutions. These include institutions ranging from small, parochial

schools to larger private schools.

“It is easy to think of them fitting a certain description, but they don't,” Powell said.

Although the rise in early decision applicants might also cause a greater increase in students from private schools in the class of 2011, this is not necessarily the case.

“We've always been of the mind that we're always going to make more offers to students who apply regular decision,” Powell said. Also, students will receive the same financial aid package through early decision as regular decision, though early applicants will not have the opportunity to shop around for other offers, he said.

Central to the debate is the question of finance. A recent Wall Street Journal article, “Opting out of Private School,” pointed out

that differences between a private school education and a private school education are in many cases becoming fewer and fewer. Consequently, parents are often choosing the more financially feasible option.

The article also suggests that the private-public school debate may be becoming irrelevant. Some public schools are considered better than many private schools, and public school students often test in the same range or better than private-school students. While parents and students may worry about a college's statistics during the admissions process, the differences between students are not apparent once on campus. However, even during the admissions process, Powell states the small differences between numbers from year to year should not be alarming.

Children's Center tuition remains high despite college subsidy

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for each child," Gould explained in an interview with the Orient. "We focus on what we call an emergent curriculum. We take what the children are interested in at the time and develop it into what our curriculum will be for a week, a month, or a few months depending how long their interest is active and they are having fun."

Formerly located in modular trailers, the Children's Center now occupies a new building, designed specifically for the center, on South Street.

According to its Website, "the Bowdoin College Children's Center was founded in the fall of 1988 in response to the strong need for a high-quality early childhood program for children of faculty, staff, and residents of surrounding communities."

Bette Spettel was the center's founding director and was in charge of the Children's Center for its first 11 years.

In the late 1980s, Bowdoin was getting a lot of pressure from faculty to open up a childcare center, according to Spettel.

"To their credit," she said, "they responded to it."

Spettel was brought in to start a childcare program, and the Bowdoin Children's Center opened its doors in September 1988.

As with any childcare center, figuring out the budget for the Children's Center was complicated, Spettel said in an interview with the Orient. She explained the difficulty as the "trilemma" of early childhood care.

"You want to get your costs affordable to the parents who need to be taking advantage of this center," she said. "You need to pay your staff well enough so that you can get quality caregivers and you need to provide a high-quality program, so your numbers can't be huge. So you've got these three things that are all tugging at each other."

In a field of work that pays very little, caregivers at the Children's Center are paid quite well and have an above-average benefits package, according to Gould and Spettel. In an industry that sees a lot of turnover, many caregivers have been at the center for years—some have even been working there since its inception.

According to Gould, the caregiver to child ratio is lower than state requirements—that is, each infant, toddler or preschooler gets more individual attention than mandated by law.

All these factors, as well as the center's philosophy, contribute to its high quality and long waiting list. They also add up to a relatively high tuition.

The 2006-2007 monthly tuition rate for a five-day slot for the infant program is \$909. A five-day slot costs \$881 and \$852 for the younger toddler program and older toddler program, respectively. Preschool costs \$738 a month.

"The Children's Center is an expensive model to operate," Vice President for Planning and Development William A. Torrey explained, "and we know that it is only possible, primarily, for faculty and administrative staff [to send their kids there], which we regret."

Torrey, who had two kids go through the center, oversees its operations and is on its advisory board.

As expensive as tuition may be, through subsidies, Bowdoin does help keep the cost of the childcare at the center down, Torrey explained.

"The College is probably subsidizing the center in the range of roughly \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year," Torrey said. Bowdoin also pays for utilities, maintenance, cleaning, and insurance, he added. The College also picked up the tab for the construction of new building in 2002.

"We feel that the subsidy that we have is the most we can afford to give the center at this point," Torrey said.

When recruiting faculty, it may be money well spent. The Children's Center is a resource to members of the faculty with young children and a potent recruiting tool for bringing professors with infants or toddlers to Bowdoin.

"There's no question that it's an added attraction for both faculty and staff," Torrey said.

When Assistant Professor of Government Laura Henry visited Bowdoin and interviewed for a job at the College, she was given a tour of the Children's Center and was very impressed. Not long after her family arrived in Brunswick, a spot in the young toddler program opened up and her son, Leo, was able to take it.

"We didn't have to be on a wait-list or anything—it was just good luck," Henry said.

Leo is now in preschool and, according to Henry, really enjoys his time at the center.

"We have really felt that the Children's Center is a great resource for childcare," Henry said, lauding the staff members and the creative activities that take

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place there.

Henry has found the center to be helpful in another way.

"The great unexpected benefit of the Children's Center is that it brought us into a whole community of faculty members and other people from the Brunswick community," she said.

"We have our own little community here," Gould said. "The sense of community Bowdoin provides is just great."

A benefit of having the center on campus is that it serves as a resource for students. As part of the psychology course Infant and Childhood Development, some students intern at the center.

The relationship is mutually beneficial, Gould said. Some students come in to the center to teach the kids.

Emily Goodridge '08 goes to the center every Friday and gives the preschooler mini-lessons in Italian.

"There is a really warm and friendly environment there," she said. "The center is a really fantastic place."

So fantastic, in fact, there are 60 kids lined up at the door hoping to get in.

"We've a wonderful problem in that we've got...one of the best staffs, one of the best programs, without a doubt, of any childcare facilities in the state and probably one of the best in New England—and people want to have their child go there," Torrey said. "It's a continuing balancing act trying to get as many kids into the program as you can."

Neither Bates nor Colby have a childcare center.

Teach-in reveals flaws with free trade pact

by Sam Waxman
STAFF WRITER

Do you know what NAFTA stands for? Though many students may not, a teach-in with Associate Professor of Sociology Joe Bandy on Monday revealed its relevant and lasting effects on the United States and Mexican economies.

NAFTA stands for the "North American Free Trade Agreement." Created in 1992, the purpose of the accord is to reduce trade barriers in North America. The plan phases in gradually, culminating in an end to agricultural tariffs in 2015.

According to Bandy, the agreement is actually a "free investment agreement," and its real purpose is to increase corporations' abilities to invest abroad through lowering trade barriers.

Bandy mentioned NAFTA's possible benefits, including augmented economic efficiency, modernization, and increased interconnectedness, but said that in practice, "as companies become more able to move overseas, countries seeking investment will lower standards to attract investment, [leading to] labor standard decline."

Environmental standards have also fallen as a result of NAFTA because of industrial dumping.

"The U.S.-Mexican border has become a cesspool," said Bandy.

Sophomore Shelley Barron, co-chair of the Democratic Left, which sponsored the event, said that NAFTA has created a "race to the bottom [where] firms compete for the cheapest production."

These conditions have led to a polarization of wealth in Mexico, where corporations with political ties make large profits while the actual wages and conditions of workers decline, according to Bandy.

Although some macroeconomic indicators, including inflation and total debt have improved, these changes have not helped Mexico because the industrial factories do not contribute to the country's economy, Bandy said. Rather, they export their goods and do not buy raw materials from Mexican suppliers.

Solving these problems is also difficult, because consumer boycotts of Mexican-produced goods could dissolve some areas' only jobs, further depressing local economies. Global labor standards, which might also help, would be almost impossible to implement.

According to Bandy, the only avenue for mitigation of these conditions is for consumers to work with foreign labor associations for a better work environment and less ecological degradation.

However, this policy would mean drastically rethinking the logistics of NAFTA, Bandy said.

Baxter House, illuminated



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Baxter House gets a head start on its holiday decorations. Hopes for a white Christmas may be bolstered by a chance of snow showers Sunday and Monday, though rain is expected to fall today.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 11/16 TO 11/29

Thursday, November 16

•A bicycle that was abandoned at Lubin Squash Courts was placed in storage. The bike is a red, 26-inch Murray Timber Mountain.

•A smoke alarm was activated in a first floor Hyde Hall room. Room residents indicated that a blow dryer was used too close to the sensor.

Friday, November 17

•A report was filed regarding a student's unsafe driving on South Campus Drive.

•A student reported the theft of a bicycle that was locked to a sign post in front of Brunswick Apartments E. The lock was still locked to the sign post. The bike is a blue women's hybrid K2 with street tires, a floral pattern, and a

breast cancer decal.

•A green Roadmaster bicycle that was abandoned in front of Sargent Gym was placed in storage.

Saturday, November 18

•A beer funnel located in the basement of Ladd House was confiscated.

•A student requested to be transported to Mid Coast Hospital for examination.

•An officer confiscated an empty unregistered beer keg from a basement bathroom inside MacMillan House.

Sunday, November 19

•A fire alarm at 16 Cleveland St. was activated by burnt food. Brunswick Fire Department responded.

•A student requested to be transported to Parkview Hospital.

Monday, November 20

•A Baxter House student carrying a case of beer into Baxter House was cited for an alcohol policy violation.

Tuesday, November 21

•A Chamberlain Hall student reported that his vehicle's convertible top was slit while it was parked at the Stanwood lot.

•A Maine Hall student reported that his blue L.L. Bean backpack containing a calculator, a notebook, and a textbook was stolen from Moulton Union.

Wednesday, November 22

•A construction foreman at the new recital hall site reported that there was an intrusion into the building overnight. Beer cans were found inside the hall, two copper pipes were stolen, and there were indications that

the intruders had been on the roof.

Saturday, November 25

•A security officer responded to Stowe Hall to investigate a fire alarm trouble alarm. Fire detectors in the elevator and in the sixth floor hallway had been tampered with. Related to this incident, an unregistered event on the sixth floor was dispersed and a student was cited for holding an unregistered event. The fire detectors were repaired.

Sunday, November 26

•An ill Appleton Hall student was escorted to Parkview Hospital.

•Two basketballs and a ball pump were stolen from a storage container at Sargent Gym.

Monday, November 27

•Vandalism damage was reported to the front door at 10 Cleveland St.

Tuesday, November 28

•A student was transported from Dudley Coe Health Center to Parkview Hospital for medical treatment.

•A Winthrop Hall student reported that approximately three weeks ago a pair of Express blue jeans was taken from a dryer in the laundry room at Maine Hall.

•An Appleton Hall student reported damage to his vehicle that was caused by another vehicle while it was parked at the Farley lot.

Wednesday, November 29

•A knife was confiscated from a Howell House student.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

FEATURES

"They themselves bring in an enormous amount from their professions, their walks of life."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Marion and Edward Ham are auditors in the course Science of Food and Wine. As Brunswick residents, they are able to audit classes free of charge.

Learning across the ages

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Nancy Pennell does all her reading and rarely skips class, but she has no interest in graduating from Bowdoin. After all, she already received a bachelor's degree in 1964 from Wellesley College.

Now she's back in school, and this time, she is here just for fun.

Pennell is one of the many members of the Brunswick community and the Friends of Bowdoin who audit classes here. Because these students privately arrange with professors to audit a class, there is no way of knowing exactly how many of them there are. If a professor agrees to admit an auditor, the auditor is welcome to attend class, free of charge.

Director of Institutional Research Christine Brooks Cote says about 30 to 40 auditors pay for the use of Blackboard and other electronic resources every semester, but she guesses that the total number of auditors could be as many as 80 each semester.

Philosophy of Religion, taught by Professor of Philosophy Scott Schon, is the seventh course Pennell has audited since she moved to Brunswick in 1987. Although most of these courses have been in the classics and art history departments, the philosophy course caught her eye this semester.

"I've always been interested in religion, like most people," she says.

In addition to her interest in learning, Pennell likes auditing courses because it gives structure to her week.

"You actually get more done when you have commitments," she says.

She also noted that it is fun to be

around young people.

"It's enlivening," she says.

Janet Laiapoulos, a member of Friends of Bowdoin from Freeport, has taken one course every semester since her retirement in 2000. Initially, she took art history classes because she is a docent at the Portland Museum of Art, and she wanted to hone her knowledge in art history. Laiapoulos has even taken a course with her husband. She gives rave reviews to all of her courses.

"Every one of them has been superb," she says.

Currently, Laiapoulos is auditing Professor of English Marilyn Reizbaum's course *The Irish Story*. She says she does not think that she should participate in class at the same level as the students.

"I don't feel comfortable taking time away from the students," she says.

But Reizbaum, who regularly has auditors in her classes, encourages them to participate actively.

"There's something that detracts from a cohesive group when you have one or two people sitting quietly on the edge of class," she says.

Last semester, Reizbaum taught a drama class that required students to put on plays. The three women auditing her class met with students on campus outside of class time to rehearse. Reizbaum says both the auditors and the students were happy to work with one another, and the end result "was marvelous."

The same three women who audited the drama class also audited the other class that Reizbaum taught last semester, *Modernism/Modernity*. Alumni who were still living in the area, as well as a German teaching fellow, also audited the class. Reizbaum describes this intergenera-

tional and international class as "a very productive group that worked very well together."

Although Reizbaum encourages auditors to speak in class, she says that she understands why different professors have different philosophies.

While Reizbaum does not think that not having auditors is a drawback, she does think that having students of a wide range of ages in class can be very advantageous.

"We have a very high caliber of auditors," she says. "They themselves bring in an enormous amount from their professions, their walks of life."

Like Reizbaum, Professor of French William VanderWolk says he thinks it is wonderful to have students of different ages "because they bring in a different perspective."

But, unlike Reizbaum, VanderWolk does not encourage his auditors to participate in class.

"I'm pretty tough on them in the sense that I don't let them talk," he says.

VanderWolk says that Bowdoin students take French classes in order to speak French, so every time an auditor speaks, it takes away from the time a Bowdoin student could be speaking.

"Usually I have retired people who want to talk a lot, and I'm not always able to accommodate them," he says.

However, VanderWolk does allow auditors to participate in discussion groups that meet outside of class, and he corrects their papers. He thinks that if the auditors are taking the time to do assignments, somebody should take the time to correct them.

According to VanderWolk, people audit lower-level language courses almost every semester. He says that

these courses are especially popular for people who are preparing to visit a country where the language is spoken.

This semester, VanderWolk has two auditors in his Intermediate French I class. One of them is Joseph Houde, 17, a homeschooled high school junior from Topsham. Houde says that taking French in a classroom environment has helped his pronunciation and oral comprehension tremendously.

While he says that he does as much homework as he can, he notes that it is convenient not having to complete all assignments.

"After all, I don't have to be worried about passing the class or not," he says.

Nevertheless, he does take tests and quizzes, and VanderWolk corrects his written assignments. Houde says this is "mostly just for my parents' sake, so that they have something to measure my success in the class by."

In addition to improving his French, Houde thinks that auditing a class has helped prepare him for college. Because he is homeschooled, he says that he has not often been in a classroom environment. He says that taking French at Bowdoin this semester is "kind of like getting a glimpse or small taste of the college world I'll be entering in less than two years."

Maura Cooper '08 is in Reizbaum's *The Irish Story* this semester, and she has taken other classes with auditors in the past. Cooper says that unless an auditor were taking a student's seat, she cannot think of any drawbacks to having auditors in a class.

"I appreciate that they're still trying to learn later in life," she says.

Before going away, make preparations

Ask Dr. Jeff

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Dear Dr. Jeff: Can I get travel shots at the health center for my study away? C.K.

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A few other issues need mentioning. If you take prescription medication, you'll want to pick up, before you leave, all that you'll need while away.

Depending on your health insurance coverage, you may need a waiver to obtain more than the usual one month supply. It's a good idea to carry prescription medications in their original containers, and also to have copies of the written prescription for each medication, listing its generic name.

If you've been getting your birth control pills or Nuva Rings from the health center, you can come in to pick up the packs you'll need while you're away.

All women should have their own emergency contraceptive pills on hand when they travel. You can pick those up as well.

Take along some condoms with you. STDs, especially HIV, may be far more prevalent where you're going than here at home.

If a regular health care visit will fall due while you're away (e.g. Pap smear or dental exam), you might try to take care of it before you leave. Similarly, if you have any chronic medical problems or conditions, you should come to the health center to discuss your care and needs while away.

If you have significant allergies, or chronic medical needs, consider getting a MedicAlert bracelet.

One final point about safety while traveling. In this country, we take for granted a great many safeguards, whether environmental, legal, or cultural. These safeguards may not exist in other countries. It only makes sense to follow your programs'—and the Department's—recommendations about safe behaviors and activities. Women may be particularly vulnerable to harassment and assault in certain countries.

Be especially careful about alcohol and drug use. All too many problems that students encounter while studying abroad, especially accidental injuries and criminal misadventures, occur with drinking. And, needless to say, you do NOT want to be busted in a foreign country on drug charges: think Midnight Express, and give it a rest!

Be well! Come in to see us! And bon voyage!

Jeff Benson, M.D.
Dudley Coe Health Center

Partygoers leave inhibitions and clothes at the door

NAKED, from page 1

people in the apartment. Who knows what crossed their minds."

At the inaugural naked party, Troyansky was one of only 12 people at the party that could have opened the door and given Security something to look at besides an unregistered keg. Now, the annual Bowdoin naked party thrives, with attendance reaching almost 80 people at the largest party.

"Basically, it started with us waking up one morning and deciding not to wear clothes," said Brendan Mortimer '06, who started Bowdoin's naked party tradition with Vanessa Lind '06. "But, there were pragmatic problems. We couldn't really leave the apartment without clothes on. So, we thought, 'Why don't we just invite our friends over?'"

Mortimer and Lind, who were also inspired by friends who sometimes declared "naked time" in Quimby House, held their party in Mayflower Apartments the same night as Troyansky's underwear party. Since both parties were relatively small and the underwear partygoers were halfway to Mortimer and Lind's theme, they joined the naked party.

"The proponents of the underwear party became the biggest proponents of the naked party," Lind said. "Parties tend to be pretty similar, and people love something novel in a party. It was an infectious thing, and everyone became more comfortable."

Lind explained that while there was a core of naked partygoers, mainly Ultimate Frisbee players, the party grew because of curiosity. There were the first-timers, and there were those who failed to show up but heard the party talked about enough that they were convinced they had to make it to the next one.

At the end of the spring 2006 semester, the entire senior class was invited to Mortimer and Lind's final naked party.

"It added to the anticipation," Mortimer said. "People talked the most when they had gone the first time or when they missed it. It was exciting to see."

At this year's annual naked party on November 11, partygoers, who asked to remain unnamed, agreed with Mortimer and Lind that after the initial five minutes, the nakedness was no longer awkward because everyone disrobed before entering the party and because there is an acceptance of everyone's nakedness, regardless of body type. As a condition for reporting this story, the Orient agreed not to disclose the location of the party.

"What keeps it from being awkward? The fact that everyone's naked and they don't want people staring at their genitals, so they don't do it to other people," said one.

"When everyone's shown everything, there's no need to be awkward," Mortimer said. "Most people have the realization later in the night that, 'Hey, everyone's naked and it's been like that.'"

"I think a lot of people feel much more comfortable with and confident about their bodies and feel very liberated after attending a naked party," Troyansky added.

The core of naked aficionados is accepting of newcomers and of all body types, stating that everyone embraces the diversity of the bodies walking through the door.

"There's a veteran community of naked people who welcome new participants without scrutinizing," one newcomer said. "They're actually very supportive, but not so supportive it's awkward."

One partygoer's comments didn't even necessarily pertain to nudity: "The most interesting thing about naked parties is that tattoos start showing up so much."

Minus the grinding and clothes present at most college parties, the naked party is just like any other party. There's music, beer pong, and yes, even keg stands.

"Miraculous things happen," one partygoer said of people who are on the fence about attending the naked party. "People get drunk and start thinking, 'What would that be like?'"

When pressed further as to what "that" was, he answered that students' curiosity often leads them to forgo their inhibitions

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Anna Troyansky '06

and strip down.

"You weren't curious when you came?" he asked. "You thought we might be cheating?"

A naked party is a hard theme to fake, and one that demands total participation to make it work. One house resident, who wasn't in the main party area, was naked in his room doing schoolwork.

"I'm naked in spirit," he said. "And, well, I'm actually naked."

A disrobing room outside the actual party made it so everyone kept the "no nudity, no entry" motto without freezing in the Maine weather. If it's difficult digging through coats in a crowd, it's hilarious digging through socks, shoes, boxers, and bras with five other people.

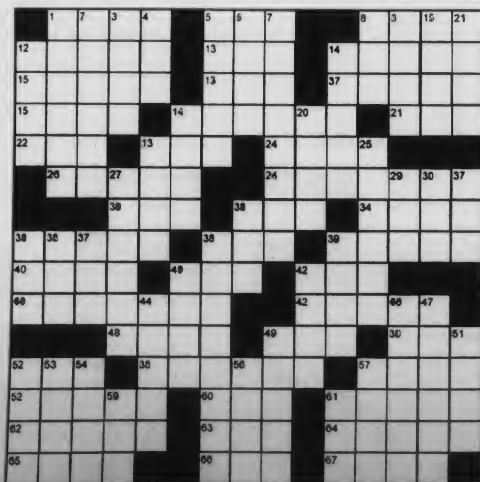
For a good portion of the partygoers, it was their first foray into party nudity. But, because of the support and the acceptance of all body types, that foray wasn't as difficult as many initially believed.

"There's always the next group that's convinced they have to go," Lind said, who has done interviews about the growing naked party trend for Canadian nudist magazine "Au Naturel" and "The Daily Free Press," Boston University's independent student newspaper.

If nothing else, according to Lind, "Being naked is a good way to keep Security from coming because sometimes they just don't want to deal with the consequences."

Just keep the music down and the clothes off.

Name Games

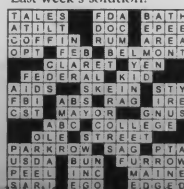


Puzzle by Adam Komme

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Last week's crossword puzzle contained two mistakes: 53-down (ASEA) should have held the clue "afloat," while 54-down (OBIE), which was missing, should have held the clue "off-Broadway award." The Orient regrets the error.

Last week's solution:



Mentoring programs 'energize' students

by Tara Rajiyah
CONTRIBUTOR

Groups of 12- and 13-year-old students pile into the Mt. Ararat Middle School cafeteria. Seven Bowdoin students stand at the entrance waiting for their mentees. One girl spots her mentor, Jenny Lam '09, and walks quickly to meet her. The first exchange of the day between the two is shy. Quickly, though, the two begin to share stories of the past week.

After the mentee gets her lunch, the two of them sit down at a table with four of the mentee's friends. The mentee speaks intently, barely losing eye contact with Lam, laughing and smiling. Occasionally she will stop the conversation to share a fascinating fact about her mentor. For instance, she tells her friends how Lam writes seven-page papers.

Asked what she likes best about having a mentor, the mentee smiles before exclaiming, "I can talk to my mentor and she won't tell anyone." This is just one of some 160 mentor relationships that Bowdoin students have formed this semester.

Mentoring is a relatively new addition to campus life. In the late '90s, Bowdoin coordinated a program with Brunswick Junior High School. However, the staff-run program, which was open to as many as 60 mentees, did not hold the interest of enough Bowdoin students and was terminated.

Four years ago, Josh Adams, a Bowdoin senior, was an in-classroom tutor for the American Reads and Counts Program. He was approached by one of the teachers and informed of the need for mentors at the schools. This sparked the idea for Falcon Friends, which started out as an informal program but has been sustained. It was also the start of solid mentoring programs on campus. Currently there are six student-run mentoring programs available to student volunteers: Bears and Cubs, Bowdoin Central, Falcon Friends, and programs at Mt. Ararat Middle School and Mt. Ararat High School, and SmArt. In addition to the student-run programs, the Big Brother Big Sister organization also provides mentoring opportunities through its Lunch Buddies program.

Two of the more recent programs on

campus are the Mt. Ararat Middle School program and SmArt. Both offer a wide variety of opportunities and have notable differences; at the same time, though, both allow students to make connections with the community directly outside of Bowdoin College.

Becca Ginsberg '07, founder of the Mt. Ararat Middle School mentoring program and co-head of the umbrella program for student-run mentoring programs explains, "A lot of kids don't even know that there is a college on the other side of the bridge [or] have any aspiration to go to college. [Mentors] can keep students engaged and show that learning is cool."

Two years ago, while interning for Big Brother Big Sister, Ginsberg realized that Bowdoin had yet to reach out to the Topsham school district. After contacting the assistant principal of the town's middle school, a program slowly began to take shape. Currently, the program offers 20 to 25 mentors for seventh-graders and students in the school's functional life skills program. The life skills program is designed to help underperforming students and students with learning disabilities.

At the beginning of each fall, Ginsberg and Andrew Stager '07, the other student leader, meet with the teachers of the seventh-grade classes to pair mentors and mentees up.

"What's really great is that it's not only at risk kids that get paired up with mentors," Ginsberg says. "[Teachers] select kids with high aspirations so they can have a strong role model and continue in the right direction."

Middle school programs differ vastly from elementary school ones. The Mt. Ararat program offers mentee-mentor pairs time to hang out independently with each other. On the other hand, elementary school-based mentoring programs such as SmArt allow mentor-mentee pairs to enjoy each other's company in the context of a larger group. Every Friday afternoon, SmArt's 14 mentors travel to West Harpswell. SmArt mentors students in kindergarten through fifth grade with art projects.

SmArt was started by Tam Do '06 during the summer before his senior year. Honora Dunham '07, one of the program's current leaders, says that the goal of the program is to spend time

with kids while engaging in art, ultimately building their self-esteem. Weekly art projects are decided based on what mentors remember enjoying as kids, and include pipe cleaner self-portraits, clay sculptures, and Styrofoam creatures.

Matt Nickel '07 fondly remembers when he and his mentee decided to make portraits of each other out of pipe cleaners.

"I remember my mentee gave me huge white teeth and one blue eye and another green one," he recalls. "When I asked him if that was what I really looked like, he confidently said yes."

"It's really great the improvement we see in our mentees," says Avery Forbes '08, the other leader of the SmArt program. "The principal and guidance counselors of the school have even come and told us that they've seen improvement in some of the mentees class work."

Dunham adds, "We're all so exhausted when we get on the van on Fridays, but [SmArt] energizes so much. It reminds me, especially, that there is a whole world living their lives outside of Bowdoin."

Has dating fallen by the wayside?

Talkin' About It

by Lauren
McGrath
COLUMNIST



I want to know what happened to dating at Bowdoin. Where did it go? I know you've probably heard this gripe before, but I'm serious. We need to bring dating back to Bowdoin.

The random "hook-up" phenomenon has become widely accepted as the status quo at most colleges. In other words, it's perfectly normal to hook-up with someone you just met. Ok, I can see the intrigue the first few times, but after that it just becomes so meaningless. Somehow I don't think that drunken sex with someone you hardly know is what the sexual revolution set out to achieve.

Maybe it's traditional of me to want dating at college to come back, but I don't think I'm the only one. My single friends are always complaining that no one goes out on dates at Bowdoin. I was sitting with my beautiful, smart, funny friend the other night at dinner when she revealed that, while she had hooked up with a bunch of guys, she had never been out on a date at Bowdoin...and she is a senior! One guy friend said, "It's too awkward to ask people out on dates at Bowdoin. I'm afraid they will think it's weird." It's not weird to ask someone out on a date, it's nice and it's civilized.

Getting to know someone before you engage in physical intimacy just makes sense, and a lot of the time it makes the "hook-up" better once you know the person. One of the biggest reasons why I think a lot of people are hesitant to go out on actual dates in college is because they're terrified of spending one-on-one time with someone of the opposite sex—sober.

You may argue that you're not looking to get to know the person, so going on a date isn't important to you. What you want is random, casual sex. I'm all for random hook-ups once and while, but doesn't that get old fast?

On the whole, it seems Bowdoin

is divided into two groups: the random hook-up crowd and the people who have been dating since their first-year pre-O trip who spend every waking hour together. There's not much in between, and I think that's part of what many people find dissatisfying about the dating scene, or lack thereof, at college.

While randomly hooking-up may feel good in the moment, there are often lots of uncomfortable aspects that you have to deal with the next morning. I've talked to students, both men and women, who often felt bad about what had happened the previous night, the morning after a random hook-up. It's really, really awkward to have to see this person, whose last name you may not have even known before you stuck your tongue down their throat the night before, around campus the next day. You bump into them in the dining hall, and you can barely make eye contact, or muster the strength to say hello. I won't lie—I've struggled with these post hook-up, sober interactions myself, and when I think about it, it's really messed up.

I know we're living in a post-sexual revolution society where both men and women can ostensibly enjoy unattached sex without any real stigmatization, but I'd like to ask students at Bowdoin this: Wouldn't you prefer to go out on a date before getting physical? I'd like to know if girls and guys hook-up without really knowing the person or spending time with each other beforehand because they want to, or because they think it's what the other person wants, and what they think the college culture we live in demands of them. We're all entitled to our own sexual opinions and choices, but I can't help but find the overall social culture in college dominated by the sexual desires of men, and not women.

In some ways, women today are told that we shouldn't want to go out on a date. We don't need men to take us on a date because dates are, no pun intended, dated. A lot of us have come to the conclusion that the date is just another form of male chauvinism, as it is often thought of as something men must both pay for and initiate. It's great we've come so far in

It's not weird to ask someone out on a date, it's nice and it's civilized.

our battle for equal rights and sexual choice, but are we happier, more fulfilled, more sexually satisfied as young women and men today than we were 50 years ago when "the date" was still going strong? I'm not convinced that we are.

For those women who are skeptical about "the date," believing it's just a way for people to delay the inevitable (sex), and for men who feel burdened by the societal pressure to have to be the one to ask the woman out, maybe we should consider reversing the roles a little more seriously. Maybe both girls and guys should be less timid about asking their crush out on a date. What's the worst that will happen if you actually get up the courage to ask your love interest out? They'll say no—not the end of the world. Or maybe the date will be bad—at least you'll have a funny story to tell your friends. In the end, the possible benefits of going out on date with someone you might really like greatly outweigh the slightly bruised ego that comes with rejection. So go on, ask a little class, a little poise, and show that cutie who sits next to you in class out on a date...nothing good in life comes easy, right?

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Concert dances into December with style



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Elizabeth Jones '09 performs during the annual December Dance Concert.

by Astrid Taran
CONTRIBUTOR

This weekend, there will be plenty to dance about.

The Bowdoin College Department of Theater and Dance presents its annual December Dance Concert at 8 p.m. this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Pickard Theater.

The dance concert, one of Bowdoin's most anticipated performing arts events, features performances directed by both students and faculty. It marks the final performance for all semester-long dance classes, and will feature a large variety of different dance techniques, including faculty-guided group performances and student creations that range from hip-hop-inspired jazz to classical ballet.

In the event's only solo dance piece, Sammie Francis '09 will open the show with a tap solo set to the powerful percussion of Japanese Taiko drummers. The performance will combine the Theater and Dance Department and Bowdoin's very own Taiko drumming club, which features rhythmic drums that were used in feudal Japan to motivate troops, help set a marching pace, and to call out orders or announcements.

Francis, who has been dancing since she was three, said that she is looking forward to her first dance show.

"It's fun to be able to have a venue

"Everyone has put their all into it."

Sammie Francis '09
Tap Dance Performer

to showcase what I do," she said. "Tap is my favorite style of dance, and because the dance department doesn't have any tap-focused classes, being able to perform in the show is really fun and exciting."

The department has been preparing for the annual show since early September. Led by Professor of Dance June Vail and Lecturers in Dance Performance Gwyneth Jones and Paul Sarvis, the department went through a series of large, open auditions before choosing which pieces to perform in the show.

"Everyone has put their all into it," noted Francis of the professors, who have been holding long practice sessions all week long.

"The professors in the department are people you really want to seek out and get to know," she continued. "The dancers as well are really supportive of each other. The whole department in general is such a cool, relaxed environment where everyone can talk and share great ideas."

Other exciting performances include several multicultural dance pieces, led by Vail's Dance 101: Cultural Choreographies course. The course explores how dance and

December Dance Concert
When: Today and tomorrow, 8 p.m.
Where: Pickard Theater
Admission: Free

movement activities reveal information about cultural norms and values that affect both American and international societies.

Her class will perform an English longsword extravaganza to music from the soundtrack of the popular German indie film "Run Lola Run."

Intersection, Bowdoin's Caribbean dance group, will perform a piece entitled "Amor Narcotico," which will put a Motown twist on its dance piece. The dance itself is expected to combine salsa, merengue and Dominican folkloric styles.

Gwyneth Jones' Dance 112: Beginning Repertory course will pay homage to the American West by performing to the music of the Comedian Harmonists' "Der Alte Cowboy" and David Byrne's version of "Don't Fence Me In."

The Advanced and Intermediate Repertory classes (Dance 212 and 312) will focus on the many talents of their individual members, with two quartets that will interpret the study of, according to the Bowdoin Web site, "the rhythms, non-linear narratives, and fleeting social relationships suggested by moving bodies."

The performance is open to the public and all Bowdoin students. Free, general admission tickets are available at Smith Union.

Yale grad misses mark in 'Society'

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

Diana Peterfreund's "Secret Society Girl: An Ivy League Novel" is one of those books you love to hate.

COMMENTARY While fast-paced and fairly well-written, its facile premise seems annoyingly obvious: the mysterious Rose & Grave society invites Amy Haskel, Ivy League student at the fictional Eli University, to join its elite ranks. Peppering her descriptions with sometimes strained literary allusions, the author, who graduated from Yale in 2001, attempts to give her gossipy narrative an intellectual veneer.

Like many chick-lit heroines, Amy Haskel appears to be an idealized facsimile of the author. Smart, perky, and self-conscious—a la Bridget Jones—Amy Haskel edits her school's literary magazine and hopes to one day work in publishing.

Upon learning that she has been recruited for the elite Rose & Grave society instead of the more literary one she had expected, she does what any chick-lit heroine in her place would do: She vacillates,

Jay-Z's 'Kingdom Come' not worth wait

by Boz Karanovsky
STAFF WRITER

Jay-Z, if not the greatest rapper ever, is at least the most celebrated street-hustler-turned-Def-Jam-CEO alive. His new

COMMENTARY album, "Kingdom Come," released on November 21, is a strange animal. It is a grown-up, tuned-down and very corporate perspective on life, appearing three years after Hova's retirement from the game in 2003. I would not call it bad, but is still unworthy of the status that "Reasonable Doubt," "The Black Album," and "The Blueprint" achieved.

The record is full of grand names—it was produced by Dr. Dre, Kanye West, The Neptunes, and Just Blaze. It even features Coldplay's Chris Martin. You know an album is still not enough if it features Chris Martin. The title track, "Kingdom Come," uses a sample by funk legend Rick James and is maybe the most polished track of the album.

Let's first discuss the lyrics. Jay-Z throws a sharp line here and there, but the content is generally very uninspired and pretentious. This is an album that is not only boring; amidst all the grand CEO-equals-God posturing, Jay-Z seems to be very bored with rapping. He seems more concerned with branching out in his business ventures.

In one of the tracks, he claims that he is still hustler gangster at heart. But let's face it, this was Jay

in the early '90s, 14 years ago. He does not quite know what to think of himself either. In the track "30 Something," he proclaims that "30's the new 20."

Shawn Carter is having a severe mid-life identity crisis. He is confused that he is making an album when he is 36 years old with nothing left to prove. "Kingdom Come" comes at a point in Jay-Z's life

when he is very comfortable with himself. He has no battles, no harsh realities. It's just him contemplating about how grown and great and grand he is. It's not an album about dreams, or the future, or energy; it is an album of laid-back comfort. And, again, it features Chris Martin.

No track shines through—the album is a sequence of one lackluster

ter posturing after another. Some tracks that are especially bad are the Neptunes-produced "Anything," Dr. Dre's-produced "Trouble," and Just Blaze's "Show Me What You Got."

At the end of the album, Jay almost reluctantly admits that there is something wrong with this album: "If the prophecy's correct,

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An evening well spent with chamber music



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Travis Duganais '08, Amanda Carpenter '09, Jarrod Powell '10, and Alison Weisburger '10 play an Antonin Dvorak string work during "An Evening of Chamber Music." The concert took place Wednesday in Gibson Hall.

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From the Beer Fever laboratory



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

THE NATURAL BULL—\$2.90 for...errrr...one at Uncle Tom's Market.

Drastic times call for drastic measures. With finals bearing down and the hours logged in at the library increasing daily, it is safe to say that these are indeed drastic times. Now I know everyone is feeling the same pressure that I am to get their work done so they can enjoy a restful, well-deserved Winter Break. But just to put things into perspective before we depart, bear with me for a second.

Just last night, as we settled in for our weekly ritual of "Beauty and the Geek" (my only vice, I swear), my roommates and I got to talking about the enormous amount of work that stands between us and our yuletide cheer. The television program afforded us the discovery that Ted in fact knows relatively little about government and American politics (his major) and absolutely everything about Clay Aiken and his rather ambiguous sexuality (his passion). What the conversation that occurred thereafter proved, however, was much more startling, and, I will admit, much less amusing.

In the course of the next two-and-a-half weeks, my roommates and I will be expected to pump out 154 typed pages between the four of us, on a range of topics from postmodernism and Margaret Mead's coming of age in Samoa (Ted) to hyper-consumerism and commodified identity in rap music (Tre); from dictatorial topics in post-Trujillo Dominican lit-

erature (Eric) to prostitution and early modern England's progressive class stratification. That is to say, by the time the cars are packed and the goodbyes said, we will each have averaged 38.5 pages of work and represented the liberal arts education at its finest—and that doesn't include studying for exams, video projects, and time spent begging professors for extensions. Now, project that figure across a student body of 1,700 kids, and we're talking 65,450 pages worth of final papers, lab reports, problem sets, and written confessions to your parents for why you had to drop out. Thus, it was with this startling figure in mind that I donned the surgical jacket and got to work at Uncle Tom's Market, creating what I

firmly believe to be the most revolutionary collegiate advancement of the 21st Century: The Natural Bull (in stores soon).

Brewed first in the "Beer Fever with Weaver" laboratory in the depths of Pine Street B, The Natural Bull combines the exquisitely refined taste of Natural Light with the current Bowdoin students' favorite water substitute, Red Bull. Hark! Fear not, my fellow sufferers, for a new age is upon us. No longer must we pay \$14 for a vodka-Red Bull or rely solely on a caffeine boost during that 3 a.m. push. What I have created will change the face of our caffeinated society forever! What I have created is the future. 38.5 pages is no match for a Natural Light-flavored Red Bull! Our brains will be well-oiled scholastic machines, our fingers will churn the keyboard like a pack of piranhas on a dead whale shark, our educational output will depend not on how many hours there are in the day or how

well prepared we are, but only on the amount of Natural Bull flowing through our veins!

As I type, I hear gasps of horror and sighs of doubt resounding all across campus: beer and caffeine? Surely this must be a sham! Think again, you ignorant simpletons. Natural Bull is a hybrid alcohol-energy drink that not only promises unbelievable academic focus and unparalleled results, but a sophisticated and rewarding taste as well. It hits the palate like a Natty, yet settles in like a Bull. After buying one of every beer that Uncle Tom sells and meticulously adding the right amount of Red Bull, I can assure you all that The Natural Bull represents the perfect combination.

To get the best results, I recommend pouring the entire content of each can simultaneously into a metal chalice that flares slightly at the base and boasts a naked and surprisingly well-endowed woman for a handle. Once done, grab a single chopstick, courtesy of China Rose (it adds the aroma of the restaurant), and stir until the froth has subsided and the smoke has cleared. You are now ready to experience the power of The Natural Bull. (Please note: You can also take alternating swigs from each can for pretty much the same effect.)

The days of the caffeine buzz are over, and those of The Natural Bull have just arrived. So as you gear up for long night in the library, don't forget to mix up a Natural Bull and toss it into your bag; for you, my friends, are the first of generations of satisfied drinkers to come. I crept perilously out onto the limb of common good for the betterment of our collective quality of life here at Bowdoin. I am confident that The Natural Bull is just what our sleep-deprived and overworked student body needs. 38.5 pages? Please. "Feeling Wildly Unsuccessful? Just Grab The Natural Bull!"



WBOR 91.1 FM DJs OF THE WEEK



Elena Snavelly '08, Matt Murchison '07, Theo Salter '07

What's the best album ever created?
ES: "Schwinny Bath Time Mix." It's a compilation.

MM: The Kinks, "The Village Green Preservation Society."

TS: "Dark Side of the Moon" by Pink Floyd—the only excuse to watch "Wizard of Oz" after sixth grade.

Who is the greatest living musician?
ES: Akon.

MM: Since rock no longer has musicians who are super impressive with skills while still being tasteful, I have to go bluegrass/blues and say either Sam Bush, David Grisman, or Jorma Kaukonen.

TS: Since the death of Rick James I have ceased to care.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

ES: The Hold Steady at Bowdoin. The entire night was magical.

MM: I saw the Strokes in high school, about a month before they got a lot of attention (a friend got me to go), in a tiny club in Hartford, and it was incredible because I didn't see it coming and it was so loud in the club.

TS: Phish with B.B. King at the Continental Airlines Center in Jersey.

What is the first album you ever bought?

ES: Eve 6.

MM: Not sure—either Smashing Pumpkins' "Mellon Colie and the Infinite Sadness," Bush's "Sixteen Stone," or Hootie and the Blowfish's "Cracked Rear View."

TS: Blues Traveler, "Four."

What's your music guilty pleasure?
ES: "Circle of Life," sung by Theo.

MM: While I've been known to despise everything that is '80s hits (as I really do), I will always love everything by the Cars.

TS: The "Moulin Rouge" soundtrack.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

ES: Anything by Mannheim Steamroller. National anthems should not be enjoyed by the people.

MM: Frank Zappa's "Billy the Mountain," because we'd be the most absurd little country, and because it's a 24-minute song, and to get an entire nation of people yelling the things in that song would guarantee good morale among the people while I remain dictator.

TS: "Shiny Happy People" by R.E.M.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

ES: "Welcome to WBOR Brunswick, 91.1 FM, you're listening to Beer and Freshmen."

MM: I would go into Raffi's rap song, "Brush Yo Teeth."

TS: "I have two mottos: No regrets and everybody wang chung tonight!"

Snavelly, Murchison, and Salter's show, "Beer and Freshmen," airs on Mondays from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

Considering Oscar-season hype



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Oscar season.

This inevitable end-of-the-year Hollywood ritual has begun. From now until the end of February, ads in the trade magazines, on TV and in-theater previews will barrage viewers and Academy members alike. But they will ask for nothing more than your consideration.

Filmmakers like Christopher Guest know that all too well. Under Guest's watch, no one is free from potential lampooning.

In Guest's latest film, "For Your Consideration," viewers are asked to consider "Home for Purim," a film about a dying matriarch, played by Marilyn Hack (Catherine O'Hara), who is celebrating her last Purim against the backdrop of her son's homecoming from WWII and her estranged relationship with her daughter (Parker Posey), who is now dating a woman.

The film is a small art house project, and the actors are happy to be there and working. They approach their dramatic roles with great verve, mocking Hollywood's preference for performances that drip with dramatic speeches, histrionics, and death. Historically in America, these scene-stealing performances do win awards over more subtle acting.

It's true that Hollywood is show business, and not show art. The great

number of people working on any given film means that artistic visions are more collaborative. This doesn't have to be a bad thing. But the disparate ideas often take apart genuine, unorthodox ideas, preferring more socially conservative mores, signaling Hollywood's obsessiveness with the bottom line.

These qualities are fairly standard, and have been true since the industry began. But once the word "Oscar" is whispered on the set of "Home for Purim," its intensity increases tenfold. Actors become jealous and nervous in equal measure as hierarchies emerge between gossiped and non-gossiped actors.

None of this benefits the actors' performances, serving to only to distract and complicate. Hack wants to remain focused on her performance, but is forced into TV interviews, which she hates, flustering her both on and off the set. The circus of "Entertainment Tonight" (with hilarious hosts Fred Willard and Jane Lynch), the gossip-mad-gospel, and lack of attention to the film's actual content become commonplace.

Also commonplace are fundamental changes to the film. Gone is Purim—instead, we have Thanksgiving. Gone is Hack's nervous, kind sensitivity—here is a botoxed, scantily clad desperate groveler. She turns into her namesake, a hack without legitimacy or integrity.

In theory, awards shows should have to do with merit. If this were the case, then no one would be more deserving here than Catherine O'Hara. She has

turned in dependable work in Guest's films for years, as well as more mainstream fare like the "Home Alone" films. She carries the most challenging part on her shoulders and is the most worthy of accolades for her incisive comedy that has a growing inner core of sadness.

But in truth, merit doesn't cut it. Year-end award shows prefer to operate using gossip trains rather than incisive critical analysis; that's the only way I can explain films like "Million Dollar Baby" sweeping through to Oscar glory, while much more challenging, original fare like "I Heart Huckabees" falls through the cracks. Hollywood's preference for self-congratulatory loving during Oscar season attempts to mask the majority of their mainstream product during the year, meant to be consumed and disposed of in rapid succession.

In the end, with so much out of the artist's control, one has to wonder what the point is. Filmmakers like Guest, thankfully, aren't in the business to win awards, but directors like Ron Howard, actors like Renee Zellweger, and notorious producers like Harvey Weinstein sure are. Does it get them happiness? A greater feeling of self-worth? No one can know with certainty, but this hollow charade won't bring anything lasting. After all, there's always the next awards show to win.

As for "Consideration," it remains to be seen whether Oscar voters are willing to see the comedy in a joke that hits so close to home.

Novel offers uninspiring view of college societies

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complains, and thinks only about how joining the society could harm her relationships with her friends.

The author's ubiquitous excuses for Amy's behavior (she was drunk, she had never wanted to join Rose & Grave in the first place, etc.) almost appear like Peterfreund is trying to defend her own actions. Amy's struggle to gain acceptance as one of the first female members of the society is similarly uninspiring. Like Elle Wood's animal rights crusade in "Legally Blonde 2," the heroine is given a cause that is virtually impossible to argue against.

Peterfreund's take on the more controversial issues of admission, privilege, and exclusion that arise within the novel is disappointingly ambiguous. Amy initially resents the influence that the society wields on the campus, disliking the privileged students who make up its ranks and laughing at the society's haughty and antiquated ritu-

als. However, she eventually buys into the connections that the society gives her, only to become horrified when an alumna, upset by her admission to Rose & Grave, takes away Amy's summer internship at a prestigious publishing firm.

Spending a summer without a brag-worthy internship is presented as a fate worse than death, which I guess tells you something about the students at Yale—excuse me—Eli University. But Peterfreund, content to focus on Amy's attempt to "save" her summer, fails to explore the negative implications of ambition and privilege. Yale's reaction to Peterfreund's presentation of its campus is similarly neutral; her book is simply listed in the Yale Alumni Magazine without comment.

A sequel, "Under the Rose," is set for release in June 2006. Let's hope by then Peterfreund realizes, you need more than an Ivy League setting wrapped up in a girly pink cover to tell an engaging story.

Jay-Z leaves retirement for 'Kingdom Come'

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then the child should have to pay / For the sins of the father / So I bartered my tomorrow's against my yesterdays... / I'm both saint and sinner... / I'm on permanent vacay / Life is but a beach chair / This song's like a Hallmark card until you reach here."

It is all about meditation and growing old, sitting on the beach and watching your bank account bulge and the New Jersey Nets scoring again and again, while you are contemplating the meaning of life. And this comes from a man who used to be known for gangsta hymns like "Hard Knock Life" and even "99 Problems." It is a shame.

SPORTS

Women's hoops starts perfectly XC grinds way to 17th at D-III Nationals

Women's basketball defeated its first five opponents and will face Rensselaer at home Saturday

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team started the season on a high note, winning its first five games.

Bowdoin (5-0) was ranked second in the D3hoops.com preseason poll, but thanks to the Polar Bears' hot start, they have now moved up to the No. 1 spot in the latest national poll.

On Tuesday night, Bowdoin won a tough early season test against a third-ranked University of Southern Maine (USM) squad. The Polar Bears beat USM 65-40 at home in part due to extraordinary play by the Bowdoin front court.

Senior tri-captain Filcen Flaherty scored 15 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to aid the Bowdoin effort. Sophomore forward Jill Anelauskas also netted 15 points to go with her eight rebounds.

Anelauskas played hard-nosed defense on star USM forward Ashley Marble, limiting her to just five points, senior tri-captain Julia Loonin said.

"We did lose to USM twice last year, which was really painful," Flaherty said. "I think before Tuesday's game there might have been a little bit of the 'payback' concept in our heads, but really, it was just another game in this new season that we wanted to win."

USM beat Bowdoin in the Elite Eight of last year's Division III tournament and eventually went on to the title game. USM returns 10 players this season and provided the Polar Bears a tough early-season matchup.

"[USM] was a tough game, and we still have a lot of room to learn and grow," Loonin said. "I think if we play again later in the season you will see two very different teams. The bottom line is, people did what they had to do and got the



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Jill Anelauskas '09 fights for the ball at Tuesday's 65-40 home win against the University of Southern Maine.

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Men's hockey starts 3-0, loses exhibition game

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

The majority of Division III hockey pundits felt that Bowdoin would be too young and small to have any real impact this season. These doubters believed that it would take too long for Bowdoin to integrate its enormous batch of underclassmen to compete effectively this year.

The skeptics appear to be mistaken, as the men's ice hockey team has managed to turn around its supposed weaknesses to propel itself to its torrid 3-0 start. The first-year class has been able to keep a goal-for-goal pace with the senior class to take the joint lead in goals scored per class with seven.

"This year is a great mix because there is no one class that has domi-

nated playing time," captain Bryan Ciborowski '07 said. "Each class has contributed equally."

The Polar Bears were able to ensure that all their fans would go into Thanksgiving with something to be thankful for as they secured two wins on consecutive days at Dayton Arena the weekend before Turkey Day. The opening match, a 6-1 blasting against University of Massachusetts-Boston, showcased the fantastic potential the first-year class possesses as Mitch Dillon '10 and Leland Fiedler '10 scored their first career goals.

Chris Rossi '10 also contributed by making 17 saves in his first career start between the sticks. Bowdoin outshot the Beacons 56-18 en route to its first victory of the year.

Saturday afternoon's matchup against Babson proved to be much more difficult, as the Polar Bears battled their way to a 3-2 victory. Mike Corbelle '10 opened the scoring in the first period and closed it in the third with his game winner. Nick Smith '09 made an impressive season debut with 26 saves.

While the rest of Bowdoin was away digesting Thanksgiving dinner, the Polar Bears continued their hot start to the season with a 10-1 feasting over Assumption on Saturday. It was the upperclassman who dominated the score sheet in this one as Ciborowski, Steven Thompson '08, and Tim McVaugh '07 scored two goals apiece. Paul DeCoster '08 made 14 saves in his season debut.

The men also had a great opportu-

nity to test themselves when they played the United States under-18 team to a 6-4 loss Sunday. The exhibition game did not count in the standing, but it did prove to the guys that they could skate with just about anyone. Ciborowski and Dillon each gave the team one goal leads against a squad full of NHL prospects. All three goalkeepers on the roster got some playing time in the tightly contested loss.

The three-man rotation in goal was the source of concern for many before the season kicked off. The team was left without the services of George Papachristopoulos '06 and his All-American status. Yet again this supposed weakness has developed into a major strength for this unit as all three net minders have contributed equally to Bowdoin's

Nate Krah '08 described it as "quickness," Ken Akiha '08 called it "soup," and John Hall '08 said it was "almost comical." Regardless of how they described the muddiness of the 2006 Cross-Country National Championship, Bowdoin's top seven runners grinded through ridiculous terrain to capture 17th place out of the 32 teams at the meet.

The runners ran on the course the day before the race to get a feel for the route.

Krah had heard "the course was going to be muddy," but sloshing around the course on the Friday before the big meet, Krah said he "couldn't have imagined how bad the course conditions" were going to be.

After checking out the course, the team selected one-half inch spikes for the race—longer spikes than some of the runners had worn in their entire lives.

Krah described the beginning of the race as a "free-for-all" with everyone going out at their own pace.

Archie Abrams '09 and Hall finished first and second for the Bowdoin squad in 27:28 and 28:12, respectively, earning 24th and 68th places overall. Co-captain Owen McKenna '07, Krah, and Tim Katlic '08 rounded out the top five, finishing 79th, 194th, and 247th overall.

First-year Thompson Ogilvie twisted his ankle in the first mile and made it to the fourth mile before he was encouraged to stop.

Entering the meet ranked 17th nationally, the team actually finished 17th. Michigan's Calvin College took first place.

"Going to XC Nationals as a team was one of the most significant athletic experiences of my life," said

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early success. The three of them are included in the top four of the NESACAC for save percentage.

Ciborowski said of the rotation, "Down the road we will want to have a go-to guy, but right now it is way too hard to pick because three have been up to the task."

The Polar Bears will be looking to improve on their No. 11 ranking in the latest national poll with solid performances this weekend against Skidmore College tonight and Castleton State on Saturday afternoon. These contests will provide Bowdoin with its first real test away from the friendly confines of Dayton Arena.

"Points from these two games will be extremely important down the road because our league is so competitive this year," said Ciborowski.

Field hockey out in NCAA semis

by Emileigh Mercer
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Field Hockey Team was handed its first loss in 13 games at the NCAA Final Four in Geneva, New York, two weeks ago. The loss ended the Polar Bears' season with a record of 17-2.

Early on, Bowdoin dominated offensively against Messiah College (18-4), but the Bears could not seem to find the back of the goal.

"The final four was an excellent experience; we showed we could play with any team," sophomore Kristen Veiga said. "We played our game against Messiah, but the ball just wouldn't bounce our way. We will be back next year though, hopefully with better bounces."

Before the half, the Messiah goalie turned away a number of Bowdoin shots, while senior goalkeeper Kate Leonard made a diving save to preserve the 0-0 score. Just a few minutes into the second half, though, Messiah managed to score the games only tally with a cross ball that was slapped into the Polar Bear goal. Following the Falcons' goal, Bowdoin was relentless on offense, out-shooting Messiah 10-1. A scoring opportunity came when a Messiah defender stopped a rocket by sophomore Julia King from going into the goal with her foot. Bowdoin was awarded a penalty stroke, but sophomore Lindsay McNamara missed wide left.

The Falcons, who beat Bowdoin last year in semifinal play, advanced to the Division III Championships with the win, but lost to Ursinus College 3-2.

Despite falling to Messiah, junior Val Young felt the Polar Bears "played a

great game and dominated every aspect of the game but scoring. Unfortunately we just couldn't catch a break. Every player gave it their all, and as a team we have nothing to regret about the final game or the season as a whole."

Along with the team's accomplishments, the evidence of a great season can be seen in the three Bowdoin players named to the 2006 NFHCA All-American Team. Leonard was named to the first team once again with help from her minuscule .64 goals-against average this season. With the sixth-best career average in NCAA Division III history, Leonard closes out a very successful campaign in goal for the Polar Bears. Young and McNamara also earned All-American spots on the third team for their defensive and offensive efforts, respectively.

Reflecting on the entire season, junior Meghan Maguire said, "I would say that the hardest thing to handle now is the fact that it's all over. It's really hard to put into words what happened this season. It was incredible. I could not be more proud of this team and what we were able to achieve together."

"We had challenges very few teams ever experience, and we were able to overcome and embrace them together," she added. "Of course it's normal to feel a sense of disappointment, especially after believing so hard that we were capable of winning it all. More importantly, though, is keeping in perspective the unbelievable accomplishment of earning our place in the NCAA Final Four for the second year in a row. For that, for winning NESCACs, for improving our play with each and every game, for staying committed and dedicated to one another, we are all so incredibly proud."

Squash visits Dartmouth

by Sarah Podmaniczky
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's squash teams had mixed results at their first tournament, held at Dartmouth on November 18 and 19.

The men suffered a tough 8-1 loss to Navy on Saturday, with sophomore Robert Lynn at the No. 8 spot gaining the team's sole win.

On Sunday, both teams faced Connecticut College and Dartmouth College, resulting in one win and one loss for each team.

The women defeated the Camels 6-1 with wins from sophomores Alex Franceschi and Biz Gillespie, junior Sarah Podmaniczky, senior tri-captains Lydia Pillsbury and Dodie Press, and junior tri-captain Emilie McKenna in a nerve-racking five-game set.

"She just kept fighting and digging," Press said of McKenna's match.

It was a lot of fun to watch such a good battle."

The men's team swept the Camels 9-0, winning all but one of every game in every match played.

But the Bears faced tough competition in the Dartmouth squash teams, as the men lost 7-2 and the women lost 6-1. Sophomore Chris Nehrbas at the No. 2 spot and first-year Thai Ha-Ngoc at nine claimed Bowdoin's wins on the men's side. Press took the women's sole win.

"Although we were missing two reliable players, Kate [Gormley '09] and Maddie [McQueency '09], the team competed well against tough opponents," said sophomore Jackie Deysler of the weekend.

The women travel to Wesleyan this weekend for their second tournament, while the men rest up for next weekend's matches against Williams and Amherst.

Men's basketball beats USM



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Kyle Jackson '09 takes a shot against the University of Southern Maine on Tuesday. The Polar Bears defeated USM 68-36 to give the men's basketball team a strong +1 start, though the team has yet to play a NESCAC game.



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Women's hockey starts season 4-0

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

The women's ice hockey team has not had just a strong start to its season—it's had a perfect start.

With a 4-0 record, the team—ranked eighth in the nation—notched two wins with back-to-back home victories against Neumann College this weekend.

Bowdoin came out strong in its 4-1 win on Sunday, its second matchup of the weekend against Neumann, to score twice in the first period, as Kristin Cameron '08 and tri-captain Meghan Gillis '07 both netted goals. Bowdoin carried its momentum over to the next two periods with senior Katie Forney scoring in the second period and tri-captain Katie Coyne '08 scoring in the third. First-year Samantha Schwager, in her fourth consecutive start, made a noteworthy 35 saves.

The Polar Bears had a slower start on Saturday, but still managed to pull off the 3-0 win. The team had a scoreless first period and was outshot by Neumann 11-2, but the squad came back in the final two periods, with Katherine Pokrass '10 scoring her first career goal and Gillis and Beth Battin '09 also scoring goals. Schwager had her first career shutout, making 14 saves.

"The team had a great pair of wins this past weekend," said Gillis. "While it is still early in the season, everyone has been working hard and pushing each other during practices and games. Our freshmen have stepped in and made an immediate positive impact on the team and will provide a lot of talent all over the ice."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The women's ice hockey team practices Wednesday for its weekend games against Elmira and Manhattanville.

Prior to its home wins, Bowdoin visited Amherst on November 18 in a NESCAC rivalry game in which the team came away with an 8-5 victory. Amherst came out to score the first goal, but the Polar Bears were not discouraged, as Battin, Gillis, Coyne, and Scooter Walsh '09 all scored goals in the first two periods. The score was 4-2 at the start of the third period but would change drastically as the final period saw a total of seven pucks fly

into the net. Cameron had two goals, Gillis scored on the power play, and Tanguay knocked in an empty-netter to seal the 8-5 victory over Amherst. Schwager had 21 saves in the game.

The team's first test of the season was against Connecticut College on November 17. Bowdoin came out strong with the first two goals of the game scored by Gillis and Meghan Tanguay '07. The Camels then rallied to score a goal, but Forney scored

back-to-back goals for the Polar Bears, making the score 4-1. Caroline Currie '08 also chipped in a goal, making the final score of the game 5-2. Schwager had 25 saves in her first career start.

This weekend the Polar Bears will face sixth-ranked Elmira on Saturday at West Point, New York, and then will visit seventh-ranked Manhattanville in Purchase, New York, on Sunday.

Women's basketball preserves 72-game streak

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job done."

To start the season, Bowdoin ripped off two straight wins over Smith College and the University of New England. The team then traveled to Wayne, New Jersey, to play in the Red Hawk/Pioneer Classic. The Polar Bears won the tournament, and Flaherty took the tournament MVP trophy, with wins over William Paterson and Montclair State.

Flaherty also won NESCAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the fourth time in her storied Bowdoin career. She averaged 20 points, 6.3 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game in the three Bowdoin wins last week. Flaherty is only 300 points away from the program's all-time scoring leader, Laura Schultz '96.

The Polar Bears play host to Rensselaer (0-2) on Saturday at 2 p.m. and look to run their current home win streak to 73 straight games. The streak is already the longest current streak in any division, and the third-longest streak in NCAA Division III women's basketball history.

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The Coolest Cowboy

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



Call me Romo. Some years ago—four precisely—having little or no money in my wallet, and nothing but throwing to interest me on land, I thought I would sail about a little and see the southern part of the country. It is a way I have of driving off the spleen, and regulating the circulation. Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly April (Draft Day) in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before defensive tackles, and bringing up the rear of every drive I meet; and especially whenever my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral coach to prevent me from deliberately stepping onto the field, and methodically knocking people's hats off—then, I account it high time to get to Texas as soon as I can. This is my substitute for grocery and bag. With a philosophical flourish Drew throws himself upon his sword; I quietly take to the huddle. There is nothing surprising in this. If they but knew it, almost all men in their degree, some time or other, cherish very nearly the same feelings towards the football with me.

On April 21, 1980 along the gorgeous shorelines of San Diego, a boy named Antonio Ramiro Romo was born, and came into the world roughly about the size of the infant Paul Bunyan. Or so they say. Antonio and his family soon moved to Burlington, Wisconsin, a pleasant town of just under 10,000 people, nestled midway between Milwaukee and the Illinois border: an ideal place to raise someone as special as Antonio. Being submerged into Packer nation for most of his childhood, the young boy soon developed a love for the game of football, especially the quarterback position, lettering three times for the Demons of Burlington High School. The talented, flashy Californian then graduated, leaving his roots and heading due south for Division I-AA Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, home of the Panthers, where he was poised to explode.

After redshirting as a freshman, Romo took the reigns as EIU's starting QB his sophomore year, shattering several school and conference records during his career, finishing first all-time in TD passes (85) and second and third in school and conference respectively with 8,212 passing yards. On December 19, 2002, Romo became the first player in Eastern Illinois and Ohio Valley Conference history to win the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the nation's best offensive player at the DI-AA level. Yet on draft day 2003, even with the prestigious honor under his belt, every single NFL team passed on The Kid Who Only Threw Touchdowns.

Okay, so maybe Romo wasn't a

Matt Christopher character, but he certainly deserved a chance. And thanks to another guy named Payton, he would soon get that chance.

Then-Dallas Cowboy quarterbacks coach Sean Payton—now head coach of the New Orleans Saints—advised the front office to sign the talented, undrafted rookie and bring him to training camp, which they did. And for those of you that have been paying attention, you know the story after that. Amongst the chaos surrounding Quincy Carter's alleged problem with cocaine, followed by the failure of St. Louis Cardinals hurler Chad Hutchinson, leading to the resurrection of Vinny & Bill, then Drew & Bill, like Andy Dufresne in The Shawshank Redemption, there was Romo. Tony Romo: the most recent Cowboys starting quarterback as of October 29, 2006/coolest guy in the NFL.

Some of you now are probably sifting through players in your head, in hopes of finding a more suitable fit for the label in the latter part of the title that I have given Mr. Romo. If you weren't doing that before, you're definitely doing it now. Sure, you throw out names like Tom Brady and his three rings, watch-commercials, and Bridget Moynahan. Or LaDainian Tomlinson, with his visor, abbreviation, visor, speed, and visor. Two birds have prevented Mike Vick from being nominated, Ochico Cinco isn't his real name, and Randy Moss is always in a bad mood. So the truth remains and I'll say it again: Tony Romo is the coolest guy in the NFL.

You wish you were Tony Romo. You wish you were a 6'2", 225-pound starting QB that wore No. 9—same number as Gordie Howe, lives a cat has, innings in a baseball game, times J. Lo has been remarried, and World Series rings A-Rod will have at the end of his career (minus 9). You wish you were a good-looking, 26-year-old starting dude who could sling the ball like Nomar-the-shortstop used to. Simply put, you wish you could be that cool.

This past Thanksgiving, I was feeling extremely annoyed when I saw Dolphins QB Joey Harrington on my television screen for the fifth straight year despite leaving Detroit for Miami. I was absolutely dumbfounded as to how this could have happened. Luckily however, a second game followed: Cowboys vs. Bucs, a game that coincidentally featured Tony Romo. 22-of-29 passing for 306 yards later in a 38-10 annihilation of Tampa Bay, and the guy who had sat on the bench for the past three-and-a-half years, starting just his fifth game ever, had accomplished something that Troy Aikman had done once (he needed overtime), and something Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach had never done: throw five (yes, five) touchdown passes in a single game.

"The sky is the limit for the guy," said the normally selfish, disgruntled Terrell Owens of Romo after catching eight balls for 107 yards and a score last Thursday. "He's poised back there in the pocket. He makes things,

FIELD HOCKEY

SCOREBOARD					
F 11/17	v. Messiah (NCAA semifinals at William Smith College)	L	1-0		

MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 11/18	NCAA Championship (at Wilmington, Ohio)	17th	of 32		

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 11/18	v. Smith U.N.E.	W	98-51		
Tu 11/21	at U.N.E.	W	76-39		
Sa 11/25	at William Paterson (Red Hawk/Pioneer Classic)	W	69-55		
Su 11/26	at Montclair State (Red Hawk/Pioneer Classic)	W	86-46		
Tu 11/28	v. Southern Maine	W	65-40		

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/2	v. Rensselaer	2:00 P.M.			
Th 12/7	at Colby-Sawyer	7:30 P.M.			

MEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 11/18	v. Navy (at Dartmouth)	L	8-1		
Su 11/19	v. Conn. College (at Dartmouth)	W	9-0		
Su 11/19	at Dartmouth	L	7-2		

M. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 11/18	at MIT	L	175-99		
Sa 11/18	v. Babson (at MIT)	W	169-113		

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/2	at Tufts	12:00 P.M.			
W 12/6	at Bates	6:00 P.M.			

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	W	L	T	W	L	T			
BOWDOIN	2	0	0	3	0	0			
Colby	2	0	0	3	0	0			
Middlebury	2	0	0	3	1	0			
Amherst	1	0	1	3	0	1			
Hamilton	1	0	1	1	0	1			
Conn. Coll.	1	1	0	1	3	0			
Williams	1	1	0	1	3	0			
Trinity	0	1	1	1	2	1			
Wesleyan	0	1	1	1	2	1			
Tufts	0	1	0	2	2	0			

SCOREBOARD					
F 11/17	v. UMass-Boston	W	6-1		
Sa 11/18	v. Babson	W	3-2		
Sa 11/25	v. Assumption (at Colby)	W	10-1		
Su 11/26	v. U.S. Under-18	L	6-4		

SCHEDULE					
F 12/1	at Skidmore	7:00 P.M.			
Sa 12/2	at Castleton State	3:00 P.M.			

WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD					
Su 11/19	v. Conn. College (at Dartmouth)	W	6-1		
Su 11/19	at Dartmouth	L	8-1		

W. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 11/18	at MIT	L	154-133		
Sa 11/18	v. Babson (at MIT)	W	197.5-69.5		

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Trinity	1	3	0	2	3	0			
Wesleyan	1	3	0	1	3	0			
Colby	0	2	0	1	2	1			

SCOREBOARD					
F 11/17	at Conn. College	W	5-2		
Sa 11/18	at Amherst	W	8-5		
Sa 11/25	v. Neumann	W	3-0		
Su 11/26	v. Neumann	W	4-1		

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/2	v. Elmira (at West Point, New York)	7:00 P.M.			
Su 12/3	at Manhattanville	2:00 P.M.			

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SCOREBOARD					
F 11/17	v. Salem State (at Roger Williams, Roger Williams Tip-Off)	L	74-64		
Sa 11/18	v. Maine-Fort Kent (at Roger Williams, Roger Williams Tip-Off)	W	104-54		
Tu 11/21	at U.N.E.	W	81-75		
Su 11/26	at Thomas	W	84-63		
Tu 11/28	v. Southern Maine	W	68-36		

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/2	v. Bates	7:00 P.M.			
Th 12/7	at Colby-Sawyer	5:30 P.M.			

- Compiled by Adam Kommel.
Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

happen on the run. He makes great decisions and he's managing the game. He's exceeding expectations right now."

Exceeding expectations is an understatement. Before stealing the starting job away from Buffalo Bills legend Drew Bledsoe, Romo was heavily criticized by football experts and talk-show hosts alike for his inexperience and unpredictability in the pocket. Since he's been under center however, Dallas has regained control of first place atop the NFC East, and Romo has thrown for over 1,650 yards with thirteen touchdowns and five interceptions (just two in his last four games) earning him the highest passer rating in the NFL (110.8) as well as comparisons to one Tom Brady. Now you're all really upset.

Sure, Brady has Bridget Moynahan, but I'll take Jessica Simpson every day of the week and twice on Sunday. Romo and Nick Lachey's bodacious, blonde ex are now rumored to be dating; this coming merely two weeks after Tony was dumped by his ex-girlfriend. He declined to comment on whether or not the rumors were true this past Sunday on NBC's Sunday Night Football, but don't be surprised if his new introduction song on gameday suddenly becomes "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'."

Tony Romo is the starting quarterback for America's team, arguably the best squad in the NFC. He's not only pleasing, but also gaining the respect of two of the most critical figures in professional sports: T.O. and his head coach, Bill Parcells. He's 4-1 as a starter, an avid golfer, (the next Tom Brady!?!), and he's reportedly got the girl. And through all of this, he sits comfortably, hat backwards, smile beaming, as the greatest thing since Hot Pockets. Oh yeah, and he doesn't have to play with Mike Vanderjagt anymore either.

At this point, I can't help but think that Tony Romo may have actually been the subject of a late Seinfeld episode, "The Stall." At the beginning of the show, Elaine alludes to her new boyfriend, Tony, whom Jerry calls a "pretty boy," fixing up his collar, while cynically acting "hip," mimicking Tony himself. Shortly thereafter, George, who evidently has a non-sexual crush on Tony, enthusiastically calls him "such a cool guy!" Rolling his eyes, Jerry sarcastically asks his currently infatuated friend, "Cool guy? What're you like in eighth grade?" To answer for George and the rest of us, yes, we are all in eighth grade when it comes to upperclassman Tony Romo. And he's the coolest kid in school.

Men's XC runs to 17th of 32 at D-III Nationals

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Hall. "My mental preparation involved visualizing myself having fun running in the mud, and that attitude definitely helped during the race.

"Our biggest team strength is our depth," he added. "We have a very tight pack of men, and if we all stay healthy and become faster I think we can accomplish great things again next year."

With only one member of the top seven graduating this year, the team's prospects look exciting.

That one senior, McKenna, reflected with nostalgia on his Bowdoin cross-country experience.

"I am supremely proud of the team and what it has accomplished this season," he said. "The men on the team are some of the greatest people that I have ever met and I am looking forward to following their success next season."

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OPINION

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Federal student aid

Shortly after the Democrats won back majorities in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in November, party leaders laid out their agenda for the 110th Congress. Near the top of the list was making college more affordable to students who can't pay today's astronomical tuition costs. Specifically, the Democrats say they want to substantially lighten the ceiling on Pell grants, halve federal interest rates on student loans, and decrease federal tax liability for families who are paying tuition.

These are ambitious goals. Many think them unrealistic. After all, the money for these proposals must come from somewhere, and college graduates aren't the only ones up to their ears in debt; the government is, too, with a federal deficit that continues to grow at an alarming pace. As American Association of State Colleges and Universities Senior Vice President for Government Relations and Policy Analysis Edward M. Elmendorf recently told the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "If they want to put more money in education, someone else's ox has got to be goled."

This page has argued many times in the past—most recently with regard to the College's prioritization of financial aid in its capital campaign—that increasing accessibility to higher education is an important goal. Our government must make it a priority to make sure that qualified candidates—no matter their family's economic class—can benefit from the nation's educational resources.

When access is limited to the nation's most privileged, and promising minds of a generation are denied access to a college or university that could unlock their full potential because they can't afford it, that damages America. A country in which 10 percent of families control 70 percent of the nation's wealth (according to estimates by Federal Reserve economist Arthur B. Kennickell) runs a big risk of passing over the reins to a generation of leaders that has been picked from a dangerously shallow pool. This country will be strongest when positions of power—both in office and in the voting booth—are held by those with the best minds, not the fattest wallets.

So if increasing accessibility to higher education by reducing tuition burden on the middle and lower classes means goading someone else's ox, then so be it. Surely, money can be grafted from projects less essential to the future of the country to help heal the wound of education inequality.

For these proposals to become policy, members of Congress will need fortitude. Democrats need to show that they're willing to lead, and we urge Rep. Tom Allen and Rep. Mike Michaud to make the issue of student aid a priority during the next year. Sen. Susan Collins recently recommitted herself to this issue by urging the White House to increase the maximum Pell grant award. We expect Collins and Sen. Olympia Snowe to rally their Republican senatorial colleagues behind Pelosi's House proposals for the sake of the national interest, and equally, for the sake of justice.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

International students bring diversity, goals

To the Editors:

International students make a positive contribution to the U.S. economy. Chief negotiator for the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, Kim Jong-hoon, noted that the balance of payment from education services reached a net deficit of \$3.33 billion last year, far outpacing any surplus earned by South

Korean automobile manufacturer Hyundai or Kia. And there are 87,000 Korean, 68,000 Indian, and 54,000 Chinese students studying in the United States, according to a report by the Department of Homeland Security last March. Each spends a minimum of \$20,000 annually for college tuition, text books, boards, housing, and insurance.

International students not only contribute to the U.S. economy, they enrich diversity of the student body and bring unique perspective to the classroom discussions. In doing so, students face enormous challenges in learning for-

eign language, culture, flying halfway around the earth paying \$1,800-plus for the flight ticket, and adjusting to 14 hours of time gap every winter and summer. While students from Asia strive to embrace culture that can be too "liberal" compared to their Confucianism values, students at a nation's premier college need reciprocal respect toward their fellow classmates whose goal may not be to "marry an American and get a green card," but to go back to their home country and advance their nation's financial system.

Sincerely,

Jisoo Kim '06

The case for Barack Obama

by Alex Locke
CONTRIBUTOR

The one thing presidential candidates have in common is that they make great caricatures. Ross Perot's ears, Bill Clinton's nose, John Kerry's droopy chin, George Bush's uncanny resemblance to a chimp, Al Gore didn't lose because of hanging chads; he lost because there was nothing distinctive enough about him—visually or politically—to caricature. Wasn't his most frequent criticism that he was boring? Of all the candidates who are expected to run in 2008, Obama makes the best caricature out of all of them. McCain's chubby cheeks have nothing on Obama's big ears. Giuliani's horse teeth can't compare to Obama's goofy grin. And the drawings of Hillary make her look so terrifying that readers just want to forget them as fast as possible. Barack Obama already has the makings of a great caricature, and cartoonists across the country will have a field day if he decides to make a presidential run in 2008. Unlike a certain blandly handsome John Edwards, voters will remember the big-eared guy with the weird name, even if they never hear him say a word.

Those who have heard what Barack Obama has to say have called him many things: articulate, charismatic, even captivating. Says Stephen D. Levitt, the author of *Freakonomics*, "When he spoke, I wanted to believe him. I can't remember another politician ever having that effect on me. One friend, who knows Barack and who also knew Bobby Kennedy, said he had not seen anyone like Kennedy until he met Barack."

Obama's keynote speech was called the highlight of an otherwise lackluster Democratic Convention in 2004, and he has continued not just to inspire audiences, but to entertain them. On a recent episode of "The Daily Show," Jon Stewart asked him if he worried about the hype. With a straight face, Obama replied, "Yes, I do worry about the hype. The only person more overhyped than me is you."

Obama is making a name for himself not only as a politician with a sense of humor, but also with a sense of candor. While promoting his book "The Audacity of Hope" (which beat a John Grisham thriller to reach the No. 1 spot on *The New York Times* booklist), Obama was asked if he thought the fact that he admitted to drug use in the book would be problematic in the future. He replied, "When I was a kid, I inhaled. That was the point." This was a not-so-subtle jab at President Clinton's desire to have it both ways when it came to the truth; Hillary Clinton, of course, is the current fron-



ILLINOIS SENATE CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA

A 2004 political cartoon by Taylor Jones, courtesy of NewsCom

Barack Obama's biggest competition in the Democratic primary. One of the biggest questions is whether or not Obama can overcome the Clinton political machine to win the Democratic primary. However, Obama detracts significantly from what Hillary expected to be her two biggest bases: blacks and women. It means something when Oprah Winfrey said on "Larry King Live," "Take your energy and put it in Barack Obama... That would be my favorite guy." According to *The Washington Post*, she also asked Obama if he would announce his candidacy on her show. Without exaggerating, it can be said that Oprah is one of the defining tastemakers for women across America. If she is supporting Barack Obama and not Hillary Clinton, it will have an effect on her viewers.

Anyone who wants to compete with Obama will immediately cite his lack of experience. But as Howard Kurtz from the *Post* put it, "Experience? Who needs experience? That just makes you more vulnerable to negative ads." Obama's home state of Illinois is particularly good at electing inexperienced nobodies as president—perhaps you've heard of Abraham Lincoln? Obama's comparative lack of foreign policy experience is no worse than that of, say, a governor—and out of the last five presidents, Bush, Clinton, Reagan, and Carter were all governors. Besides, anyone familiar with names such as Mark Foley, Jack Abramoff, Scooter

Obama's outsider status refreshing. The failed campaigns of senators McCain (in 2000), Kerry, and Lieberman all show that voters have little interest in experience, especially when it comes to the Senate. In fact, the last senator to make the jump to the White House had only one term under his belt before winning the Democratic primary. In the general election, he was called unelectable because of one of his inherent characteristics; the country wasn't ready for such a man to be president, his detractors said. Yet in spite of his Catholicism, John F. Kennedy went on to become one of the most beloved presidents in recent history.

Barack Obama has already made a trip to Iowa, where the first caucus will be held in 2008 to see who will win the Democratic nomination. On December 10, he will be visiting New Hampshire, which will hold the country's first primary. Though Obama has not yet officially announced his candidacy, he is definitely making a serious test of the waters. If experience is all that's holding him back, though, conservative columnist David Brooks has already said everything Obama needs to hear: "It would demoralize the Democrats to go through a long primary season with the most exciting figure in the party looming off in the distance like some unapproachable dream."

The headline puts it more simply: "Run, Barack, run."

Alex Locke is a member of the class

Professor's views misguided

by Dale Butland
CONTRIBUTOR

As a new Orient subscriber, I read with interest the views expressed by Professor of Government Jean Yarbrough in her November 9 op-ed concerning the recent national elections. Clearly, the professor expects little good to come from the Democratic take-over of the House and Senate. She is, of course, entitled to her own opinion. She is not, however, entitled to her own facts.

There is, for example, not a shred of evidence for Professor Yarbrough's suggestion that the Democrats might "get too carried away with new entitlements" inasmuch as no Democratic leader in either the House or the Senate has proposed even a single new entitlement. Indeed, the only recent new entitlement (the \$700 billion Medicare prescription drug program) was proposed and pushed not by Democrats, but by President Bush and his Republican congressional allies. And because that law forbids the federal government from negotiating the lowest possible drug prices with the pharmaceutical companies (as is routinely done by private insurance companies and every other industrialized nation on the planet), U.S. consumers and taxpayers are now footing literally billions of dollars in unnecessary costs. One would expect Professor Yarbrough to welcome the Democrats' pledge to amend the law to require negotiations and reduce costs.

Why Professor Yarbrough seems disdainful of the Democrats' plan to raise the minimum wage is not self-evident, not only because the public overwhelmingly supports an increase, but also because the current minimum wage hasn't been raised in nine years and now has the lowest purchasing power (in constant dollars) that it's had in 35 years. Surely the good professor believes that people who are willing to work full-time deserve a living wage.

Equally puzzling is why the professor believes that any upcoming

Congressional investigations (even with respect to no-bid contracts and war profiteering, which have led to the disappearance of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars earmarked for Iraqi reconstruction) would "only waste time." Surely Professor Yarbrough recognizes that oversight is among Congress's most important responsibilities. And surely she will admit that Congress has shirked that responsibility over the past six years. After all, the same Republican-controlled Congress that compelled more than 140 hours of sworn testimony concerning (I'm not making this up) the Clinton Administration's Christmas card list has seen fit to take less than 12 hours of sworn testimony concerning torture and prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib prison. Accountability, anyone?

Which brings us to Professor Yarbrough's views on the Iraq war: "If the Democrats are smart," she writes, "they'll emphasize winning it, rather than withdrawing... Stay the course" should be replaced by a resounding bipartisan agreement to "win the war." But "winning" the war is precisely what Republicans emphasized in last month's elections. How "smart" would Democrats be to echo a strategy that voters just overwhelmingly rejected?

For that matter, what, exactly, does Professor Yarbrough mean by "winning" the war? Certainly not eliminating weapons of mass destruction—since we now know there were none. Not averting 9/11—since we also now know there was absolutely no link between Iraq and those terrorist attacks. And she can't mean eliminating the pre-existing ties between al-Qaeda and Iraq, since even the administration now admits that no such ties existed prior to our invasion. Maybe by "winning" Professor Yarbrough means bringing "democracy" to Iraq and ending the insurgency. Of course, that will be difficult indeed in a country that has no democratic political culture, but only religious, ethnic, and tribal loyalties. Which explains why civil war and sectarian death squads (rather than democ-

racy) are now growing in Iraq—and why 16 different U.S. intelligence agencies recently concluded that the war has actually increased the number of terrorists and reduced, rather than enhanced, U.S. national security. Even Henry Kissinger—who heretofore has been a vocal cheerleader for the war—recently concluded that a military victory in Iraq is no longer possible.

Even more important, the American people themselves have rejected Professor Yarbrough's counsel. Poll after poll has shown that a solid and growing majority no longer supports the war and believes the time has come to start withdrawing American troops. If there is one lesson we all should have learned from Vietnam, it is the folly of trying to sustain a war that the public does not support.

The sad but inescapable truth is that the Iraq war will go down as one of the greatest foreign policy blunders in American history. By taking a baseball bat to a hornet's nest, we have incurred costs—not just in lives lost and treasure spent, but also in damage to our international alliances and stature—that are certain to haunt us for decades to come. "Winning the war"—however defined—is now off the table. The only option left is finding a way out that does not make the chaos we precipitated even worse. Among other things, that will mean securing the assistance of regional powers like Syria, Iran, and Saudi Arabia, which have vested interests in stabilizing Iraq and preventing its disintegration. Iraq was a war of choice that should never have been fought. With due respect to Professor Yarbrough, it does little good at this late stage to stubbornly cling to thoroughly discredited neo-con fantasies.

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Calif. taser incident required response

by Darren Fishell
CONTRIBUTOR

Mostafa Tabatabaiejad, a senior at the University of California, Los Angeles, plans on formally accusing a university police officer, Terrence Duren, of using brutal excessive force during a security check on November 14. Tabatabaiejad was hit with a taser several times after refusing to show his school ID to campus police because he thought he was being singled out because of his Middle-Eastern appearance, according to a Los Angeles Times report published on November 17. A video recording of the event was uploaded on YouTube on November 15 and remains the most incendiary piece of evidence in the case.

The L.A. Times has followed progress of the lawsuit, the 90-day suspension of the officer, and will focus on issues of racial profiling, restrictions on the use of non-lethal force, institutional impacts for UCLA, and adding all of this together to measure the height of this case's profile. Disputations and podium-pounding declarations of injustice have emerged, especially on YouTube and Facebook message boards. The indignant statements currently posted range from outraged disbelief to interpretations of this incident as a microcosm of the "police state" active in the U.S. today. One lonely comment reads: "No one tried to stop them from torturing this guy???" This message received no responses.

From the poorly shot video it is hard to tell much, but the well-recorded audio of Tabatabaiejad screaming with each Taser shock shows, indisputably, that he is experiencing a great deal of pain and that he did not pose a specific or immediate threat to the officers. The officers' actions were upheld, however,

by a horribly outdated security policy that allows the use of tasers in cases of passive resistance. The extreme abuse of this policy is evident, but we will leave those matters to the courts.

What is most startling about the event is the lack of student intervention. One of the few things that is clear from the video is that there were plenty of witnesses. Some students are armed with camera phones, some can be heard demanding that the officers disclose their badge numbers, and many observe. These onlookers had the agency to intervene and did nothing. The prospect of direct intervention may be intimidating, but, in this situation, it is imperative.

Tabatabaiejad's exclamations during his apprehension seem, out of context, entirely tactless, but he presented a strong accusation of the onlookers: "Am I going to be the only martyr?" It is clear that he was not envisioning virgins in the afterlife. Tabatabaiejad's resistance spawned from his belief that he was a victim of prejudice, and his fellow students should have resisted alongside him as witnesses of this injustice; the excessive force used against this nonviolent protest provides a separate and overriding obligation that is more foundational and immediate than the issue of prejudice. The challenge raised by this event is significant for us directly as students, as leaders of our generation, and as those with the agency to prevent such atrocities: Has our generation the courage and collective strength to stand together and act directly against such immediate instances of injustice?

It is only that some of the best educated of our generation failed to respond that I am concerned.

Fishell '09 is a member of the Bowdoin College Democrats.



STUDENT SPEAK

Compiled by Nick Crawford '09 and Morgan MacLeod '09

What's your favorite way to procrastinate?



Hilary Imai '09

"I like to whip it good (the eggs, of course)."



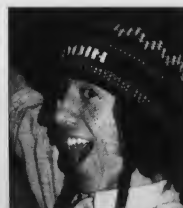
Nate Lovitz '08

"Lying on the couch in my onesie pajamas."



Micha Grueber '08

"What's procrastinating?"



Drew Trafton '10

"Noodle ninja fights in the hallway."

WEEKLYCALENDAR

December 1-7

Friday

"Where Does All the Money Go?"

Senior Vice President for Investments Paula Volent will lead a discussion on where the endowment goes and how it is managed.
HUBBARD HALL,
2:30 P.M.

Bruce Cole Lecture

Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities will give a lecture titled "A Liberal Education for a Free Society."
Free and open to the public.
ROOM 016, DRUCKENMILLER HALL,
4 P.M.

"Love Actually"

The Bowdoin Film Society presents this 2003 holiday film starring Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, and Emma Thompson.
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

December Dance Show

An exhibition of dances choreographed by students and faculty, varying from hip-hop to ballet. Tickets are free and available at Smith Union Information Desk.
PICKARD THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
8 P.M.

The Toughcats

A free performance by a bluegrass band from North Haven, Maine. Sponsored by the Bowdoin Outing Club.
SCHWARTZ OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP CENTER,
8 P.M.

The Red Dance

Sponsored by the Latin American Students Organization.
JACK MAGEE'S PUB,
10 P.M.

Saturday

"Love Actually"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"SADAR"

An action-packed drama about Kazakhstan's history by filmmaker Bolat Kalymbetov. A discussion led by Professor of Russian Jane Knox-Voina will follow the screening.
This event is open to the public.
WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
7 P.M.

December Dance Show

PICKARD THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
8 P.M.

Junior-Senior Ball

An early New Year's Eve celebration for upperclassmen. Tickets are on sale for \$3 in Smith Union and will be \$5 at the door.
THORNE DINING HALL,
10 P.M. - 1 A.M.

Sunday

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

"Carved in Stone: Two Views of Inuit Art"

Exhibit by anthropology students.
Open to the public.
ARCTIC MUSEUM, HUBBARD HALL,
6 - 7 P.M.

Tuesday

President Mills's Office Hours

The president encourages students to drop in with any questions or comments.
SMITH UNION,
3 - 5 P.M.

Polar Jazz Big Band

Directed by Frank Mauceri.
Free and open to the public.
HUBBARD HALL,
2:30 P.M.



Coles Tower residents warm up at a pre-Thanksgiving s'more party.

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Thursday

"Again, and More"

Annual exhibit by students from the course Sculpture II.
ADAMS HALL,
7 - 11 P.M.

Wednesday

"Sex 101"

River Huston will give a lecture on safe sex.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.



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EXCLUSIVE

Mitchell says he'd consider U.N. post

Democrat maintains White House unlikely to nominate him

by Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

Former Sen. George Mitchell '54 said it was "very unlikely" he would be tapped by the Bush administration for the post of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, but said he would "consider it" if asked.



Mitchell '54 says the U.S. needs a wider perspective on the Middle East.

"The president has the right, and I think appropriately, to nominate someone who is closer to him and his administration," Mitchell, a Democrat, said. "I expect that's what will happen." Mitchell made the remarks in a telephone interview with the Orient on Wednesday.

The current U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, resigned on Monday and will leave the position when his temporary appointment ends in January. Mitchell, who served as Senate majority leader from 1989 to 1995, has been cited by some news sources

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XC skiers take advantage of early flurries



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Nick Crawford '09, left, and Assistant Nordic Skiing Coach Wyatt Dumas '05 ski on the Quad following snowfall on Monday. The National Weather Service predicts a chance of snow showers on Saturday.

Pay tops in state, less than peers

President's compensation lower than similar U.S. News-ranked schools

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Some Bowdoin officials received substantial pay raises during the 2004 fiscal year, public tax documents show.

Though President Barry Mills's salary became significantly higher than what the presidents of Bates and Colby colleges earned, it was still lower than presidents at comparable top liberal arts colleges.

In its second annual compilation of administrator pay, the Orient compiled data from tax documents filed for the 2004-2005 academic year. Mills's compensation represented an increase of \$44,936 over the 2003-2004 academic year, when his compensation was on par with that of Colby and Bates's presidents.

Mills received \$300,000 in pay and \$43,538 in employee benefits, totaling \$343,538 for the 2004 fiscal year. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, Colby College President William Adams received total compensation of \$309,244, while Bates College President Elaine

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A-Board OKs combined concert

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin students often trek to Colby or Bates to see their team clash with their rivals. In coming years, they may also make the trip to see their favorite bands perform.

Bowdoin's Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the student programming boards at both Bates and Colby have agreed to move forward

on a plan to pool their resources and hold a joint concert, with the intention of making this "CBB concert" an annual event. Though the original idea was to schedule the first concert in this series for next semester, the schools' student planning boards decided this week to delay the inaugural event until next fall.

"The effort of planning an event on this scale proved to be more of an undertaking than initially anticipated," Colby Student Programming

Chair Meaghan Fitzgerald told the Orient.

"Each school has their own way of operating which creates a few speed bumps," Bates Student Programming Board co-chairs Mike Springer and Ky Winborn wrote in an e-mail. "In the spring there are sports in each of our venues as well

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BSG: College needs response committee

Deans Foster and Hazlett attend meeting to discuss Johnson House

by Travis Dagenais
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) will urge the College to create a committee that would consider responses to humanitarian issues around the world, the body decided Wednesday.

Despite previous skepticism by some members of the body, the proposal calling for the Community Response Committee was approved unanimously.

Vice President of Student

Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 opened the discussion on the creation of the committee by saying that the proposal had been revised based on the comments made during last week's meeting, when the proposal was tabled by a 12-7 vote. At the time, many members said they felt that the wording of the proposal was questionable and did not feel comfortable committing to the document.

Most students felt the new proposal was significantly improved. Vice President of Student Affairs Carolyn Chu '07 stated that it was "excellent," while others praised its clarity.

At-Large Representative Kata Solow '10 pointed to a number of

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IT to introduce new e-mail system

New program features greater capacity and backup capability

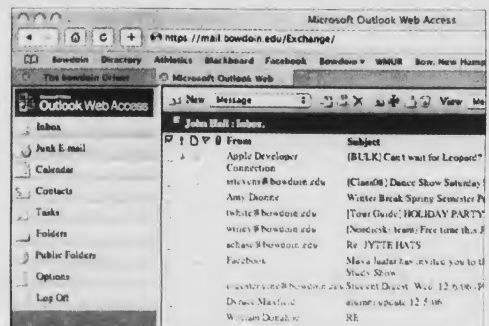
by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

This January, students will no longer have to resort to Gmail to send each other the party pictures they don't want to post on Facebook.

Under Bowdoin's new Web-based Microsoft Outlook e-mail system, students will have two gigabytes of storage space, an amount greater than or comparable to many Web-based providers like Google or Yahoo Mail. The new e-mail system also has many other new features, such as a pre-loaded college directory, a personal calendar and scheduling system, and a campus calendar of events.

Chief Information Officer (CIO) Mitch Davis said many features of the new system were a result of the input of students on the CIO Advisory council, which meets weekly with Davis to discuss technological issues pertinent to the student body.

"Innovation doesn't come out of IT," said Davis, explaining the need for a student council. "It comes from the people using the technologies."



Courtesy of John B. Hall

The new Outlook Web-based e-mail system includes an integrated calendar, scheduler, and college directory.

Davis said that the students specifically requested an increase in storage space. The current Web mail system provides only 30 megabytes, and students often complained of being unable to send large files over e-mail.

"I think it's way too small," said Justin Strasburger '07. "Unless you're really good about constantly deleting messages it's not enough space."

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NEW E-MAIL SYSTEM

The College's Information Technology department is phasing in a new e-mail system using the Microsoft Outlook Web-based program.

• Students will have two gigabytes of storage space, as well as an integrated scheduling system, calendar, and directory.

• In response to student requests, alumni will be able to use the system for up to two years after graduation.

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Senior Tim Kantor's Saturday recital will be a family affair.
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Mills's pay falls below most top liberal arts college presidents

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Hansen received \$302,298.

The U.S. News and World Report's survey of America's Best Colleges 2007 ranked Bowdoin seventh in quality of liberal arts colleges, tied with Pomona College. Pomona's president, David Oxtoby, received \$414,927 in 2004-2005.

The president of sixth-ranked Carleton College, Robert Oden, received \$446,586 last year, while Ronald Liebowitz, president of fifth-ranked Middlebury College, received \$412,376.

Compensation data was compiled from public tax documents that are filed with the Internal Revenue Service each year. In compliance with regulations for non-profit organizations, the College completes Form 990, which lists Bowdoin's expenses, revenues, net assets, and other financial data.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Katy Longley said that the Board of Trustees sets the president's compensation, but that the specific determinants of the pay are kept private within the board.

"We look at a wide variety of schools and competitors, beyond just the compensation set by Hates and Colby," she said. "The board looks at a group of peers and decides what's fair for Bowdoin in the marketplace and nation."

A 2005 article in the Review of Higher Education reported that, on average, presidents receive more com-

pensation with more experience and at higher quality institutions with better academic rankings, test scores, endowment funds, and retention rates.

According to The Chronicle, 40.1 percent of presidents of private institutions received \$300,001 or more in compensation last year. Nationwide, increased salaries are a growing trend.

Of the 853 colleges surveyed by The Chronicle, 112 presidents received \$500,000 or more in compensation, a 53 percent increase over the previous year.

Bowdoin's documents also disclosed the compensation of Longley and the five other highest-paid employees.

Senior Vice President for Investments Paula Volent received a base pay of \$300,000 and \$37,941 in employee benefits in the 2004-2005 year, a \$75,000 increase in base pay over the previous year. Last year, the Orient reported that Volent received a \$50,000 raise in the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Volent declined to comment on her compensation, saying the issue is private, though she did say that the market is becoming increasingly competitive for investments at private institutions.

William Torrey, senior vice president for planning and administration, earned \$190,550 in base salary and \$40,379 in employee benefit contributions.

Longley received \$185,000 in base salary and \$37,113 in employee benefit contributions.

Former Dean of Academic Affairs

Craig McEwen, who has since returned to the faculty, earned \$180,250 in base pay and \$34,664 in employee benefit compensation in the 2004-2005 academic year, and former Dean of Admissions James Miller earned a \$155,000 base pay and \$34,016 in benefit compensation.

Thomas Brackett Reed Professor of History and Political Science Daniel Levine, who was Bowdoin's longest-employed and highest-compensated professor, earned \$137,230 in base pay and \$30,710 in employee benefits. Levine is now a professor emeritus and retired from full-time service.

Overall, 271 Bowdoin employees received over \$50,000 in compensation in the 2004-2005 year, a 28 percent increase from the 2003-2004 year.

Bowdoin's tax documents also revealed the compensation of the five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. Bowdoin's legal counsel, Verrill & Dana, LLP, based in Portland, received \$241,683 in compensation, a decrease of \$36,442 from the 2003-2004 year.

Four out of the five highest-compensated firms were architect services, reflecting Bowdoin's planning, construction, and renovation projects across campus. Kyu Sung Woo Architect, Inc. received \$845,701; Machado & Silvestri Assoc., Inc. received \$651,673; Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, LLP was paid \$297,050; and Harriman Associates received \$224,530.

Mitchell calls for broad Middle East focus

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as a possible replacement.

Last year, Mitchell co-chaired the Task Force on the United Nations, a commission created by Congress to provide recommendations on U.N. reform.

"From the standpoint of the U.N. itself, as opposed to simply the U.S. representative to it, I think it's important that there be a series of reforms that will eliminate some of the bad practices that have occurred in the past and streamline the organization for the challenges of the 21st century," Mitchell said.

He added that the task force concluded that "an effective United Nations is very much in the American national interest."

Mitchell said that some of the practices that needed altering included poor management practices and the secretary general's "lack of sufficient authority and discretion" in dealing with personnel issues.

"The fact is that positions within the U.N. are distributed not on the basis of merit but on the basis of national origin," he said. "There are a whole series of management practices that are obsolete, outdated, and contribute to undesirable results."

Concerning the United Nations' role in Iraq, Mitchell said that one of the Bush administration's "fundamental errors" was its failure to include the organization from the start. Because the United Nations acts as a "force multiplier," its involvement would have allowed the United States to gain support of other nations, he noted.

"There is widespread hostility to the U.N. within the United States—it's a minority but it is a vocal minority—that doesn't exist in most countries," Mitchell said. "A U.N. resolution in many, particularly smaller countries, [is] seen as Good Housekeeping seal of approval and the governments are sometimes willing to take action on the basis of U.N. resolution, but not willing to do it on the request of a single country, like the United States."

Mitchell said that in order to help the situation in Iraq, the United States needs to stop "this laser-like focus" and deal with other issues in the Middle East.

"For the past four years, the administration has focused almost single handedly on Iraq—resources, money, manpower, attention—to the exclusion of the other intersecting issues in the Middle East," he said. "The reality is that even if Iraq turns out better than is even now expected, there will not be stability in the Middle East until the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is resolved."

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George Mitchell '54
Former Senator from Maine

Mitchell declined to comment on the current debate on campus about college involvement in humanitarian issues, such as the newly created non-investment policy in the Darfur region of Sudan.

"I'm reluctant to get involved in internal matters at Bowdoin, including investment policies," he said. "I'd leave that to the Bowdoin community to deal with."

Mitchell, who is chairman of the New York-based law firm DLA Piper, was elected by Maine voters to the U.S. Senate in 1980 and held the position until he left voluntarily in 1995. In 1994, he turned down an offer from President Bill Clinton for a nomination to the Supreme Court in order to shepherd through the Senate a healthcare bill, which ultimately failed to pass.

"I genuinely thought that we had a good chance to enact comprehensive reform in the healthcare system," he said. "That to me was a much higher priority than my own personal future."

He said that while he has no regrets on leaving the Senate, he does miss dealing with public issues and legislation.

"I was the principal author of much legislation that I thought, and hope still, were good for people in this country and around the world," he said, "and that's a very gratifying result that you don't get as readily in other activities."

After leaving the Senate, he led peace negotiations in Northern Ireland and founded the Maine-based George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute, which gives hundreds of scholarships to Maine students each year. Along with his work at Piper, Mitchell is currently chairman of the board of directors at the Walt Disney Company. He also is leading an investigation into alleged steroid use by Major League Baseball players.

Nat Herz contributed to this report.

Bowdoin to pool funds with Colby, Bates for spring concert

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as differing break schedules at each school."

In November, Bowdoin's CAB put the question of whether to have the joint concert to Bowdoin students, arranging an online vote. According to rough figures given by CAB Co-Chair Sarah Scott '07, only about a quarter of students cast votes. Of those who did vote, the majority favored the idea.

One of those "yes" votes belonged to sophomore Sean Murphy, a guitarist who plays in a campus band.

"What intrigued me is that we could potentially draw a bigger act," he told the Orient. "It's something we can at least try."

The ability to attract a bigger act by using the combined resources of the three schools was the primary "pro." Megan MacLennan, CAB co-chair, cited in a November 13 e-mail to all Bowdoin students. MacLennan and Scott told the Orient that the total budget for the concert would be \$90,000. Of that, \$60,000 would go toward a bid for a performer, which is three times the CAB's normal budget for a concert.

With that size of a budget, MacLennan's e-mail said, the schools could afford to bid for performers such as Snoop Dogg, Ben Folds, and the band Modest Mouse. An Orient review of the Web site www.concertideas.com, which the CAB commonly uses to find performers, found a number of other musical acts that fall within the \$60,000 budget, including Widespread Panic, Wyclef Jean, Third Eye Blind, String Cheese Incident, and Lil Jon.

"The biggest complaint we get is that we don't bring in bands that people know," said Scott. "This is an opportunity to get a bigger name."

Other pros listed by MacLennan's November e-mail include "Bowdoin

would have increased notoriety for popular concerts" and "Students from Colby, Bates, and Bowdoin would all be able to hang out together."

The "cons" listed in the e-mail include increased ticket prices due to transportation costs (when the concert is not held at Bowdoin), limited ticket sales, liability issues that may result from incidents of drunk-driving or vandalism, and violence between students of the rival colleges.

The pros and cons laid out in the student-wide e-mail worried Bowdoin junior Steve Smith, who voted against the concert proposal.

"It's generally a bad thing when all the money issues are on the 'con' side of the list," he told the Orient, adding that transportation would likely be a "logistical nightmare."

Smith was also skeptical about the e-mail's implication that a joint concert would improve long-term relations between students of the NESCAC foes.

"Those relations will fall to pieces as soon as [the hockey teams] step on to the ice at Dayton Arena," he said.

Fitzgerald, the Colby programming chair, did not think that the schools' rivalry would be an issue at a CBB concert.

"I see no indication that there will be any fights between the schools," she said. "While school pride does tend to surface during sports events, I can't imagine that such animosity would prohibit students from seeing the benefits of...an event that one school alone could not provide."

Bowdoin junior Zach Tcheyan, a music major, was critical of the idea because he doesn't think students will want to leave campus for a concert.

"It seems that Bowdoin students are not very interested in concerts to begin with," he said.

"I don't see how having a concert

"The biggest complaint we get is that we don't bring in bands that people know. This is an opportunity to get a bigger name."

Sarah Scott '07
Co-Chair, Campus Activities Board

off campus will make them want to go any more," he added.

Though no details have been solidified, Scott estimated that each school would be allowed to sell between 700 and 800 tickets, and that the host school might receive extra tickets. She estimated that most Bowdoin concerts draw, at most, 300 or 400 students, so they would be "giving a leeway of approximately double the normal number of people."

Bowdoin Director of Student Life Allen Delong said that on the occasion that the concert is held at Bates or Colby, the College would provide shuttle transportation, as it currently does for Bowdoin-Colby sporting events.

Delong added that he thinks the CBB concert is a "great idea."

"Talent is becoming increasingly expensive, and Brunswick is not a desirable routing destination for big acts," he said. "A collaborative venture allows three small schools to land a larger, more popular act with less financial risk."

Scott, the CAB co-chair, said that although the CBB concert idea is based on a three-year rotation, no long-term plans are set in stone. If the trial concert is a bust then the schools are under no obligation to continue it.

"We really just want to see how the first year goes," he said. "It's at least worth a shot."

New e-mail system to debut in January

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Another student request was to extend their Bowdoin e-mail accounts further beyond graduation. Currently, graduates' e-mail accounts are deleted six months after graduation.

Under the new system, all students will have their accounts for a year after graduation; after that they will be asked every three months if they would like to continue or cancel their accounts. After two years, all graduates' accounts will become inactive.

Other benefits of the new e-mail service include disaster recovery and redundancy. When the current e-mail system crashes, it is inaccessible until the problem is repaired. The new system has two servers.

"If one dies, the other takes over," Manager of Data Systems Bill Kunitz said. During this time, students and faculty would still be able to access their email accounts.

John Hall '08, who helped test the system, said that while the new system functioned better than the old

one on a PC, it was not as much of an improvement when used with a Macintosh. This was due to the fact that messages could not be "pre-viewed" on the same window as the inbox.

Julie Haugen, help desk manager, said that IT is anticipating a smooth transition to the new system, but just in case, IT is making Outlook specialists available on January 17, the day of the transition, to answer any questions.

Davis added that IT will be offering classes next semester that explain the many features of Outlook. IT employees have been testing the new system since mid-summer, and student testing began three weeks ago.

Will Donahoe '08, another of the student-testers and a member of the CIO Advisory council, said that the conversion from Web mail to Outlook went smoothly, and none of his files were lost. He was most excited about the increase in storage space.

"There is finally enough space to store everything," he said.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Land on this lot, next to the McLellan Building, may be turned into businesses.

Land near McLellan could be redeveloped

by Gemma Leghorn
STAFF WRITER

Development plans have been in the works for the southern edge of downtown Brunswick for the past three years, and developers hope that Bowdoin's McLellan Building will become an anchor for the multimillion dollar project.

Developments planned in the area known as Maine Street Station would return a train station to the site, as well as establish a stronger connection between Bowdoin and the downtown.

The McLellan Building, at 85 Union St., currently houses the Office of Communications and Public Affairs, as well as the Department of Human Resources, the Office of the Controller, Bowdoin Magazine, Upward Bound, and visual arts and photography studios. In the future, Bowdoin is considering centralizing all Information Technology (IT) functions in the building, since currently IT offices are located in numerous locations.

"One of things we've talked about is getting everyone in the same administrative facility," said Senior Vice President for Planning & Administration & Chief Development Officer William Torrey. "It's probably where we're headed, but we're not there yet."

Torrey also mentioned that Bowdoin is considering leasing some additional office space by the McLellan Building.

In the scheme of Brunswick as a whole, Brunswick Economic Development Director Matthew Eddy said he hopes that redeveloping the area of Brunswick adjacent to the McLellan Building will foster a stronger connection between the College and the town. The Master Development Plan for the area states that the redevelopments will attempt to "return this underutilized, blighted

brownfield site to active use as a distinctive part of the downtown's fabric," said Eddy.

Eddy mentioned that possibilities for businesses on site include services like hairdressers, as well as a theater, dance club, and other establishments that are not currently close to the College.

"We're hoping, certainly, that we have things that are of interest to students," said Eddy.

Though the master plan is extensive and has been in the works for several years, there is still work to be done before any redevelopment can begin. The site has been contaminated by coal ash, and therefore must be cleaned by a recycling company that will incorporate the ash in cement processing.

After the site cleanup is completed, construction can move forward, and will tentatively start in June of 2007.

In addition to providing further resources for Bowdoin students, reconstruction of the Maine Street Station site could benefit the community of Brunswick as well. Bringing a train station back to Brunswick is a main goal of the project, and the redevelopment of the site will "create a vibrant, public space that is fostered by a mix of residential and commercial uses," according to the master plan.

While the site is currently considered unattractive by some, developers hope to smoothly incorporate it into the town, as well as the College.

Developers might use the McLellan Building as an anchor for Bowdoin in the redevelopment site. Bowdoin is part of the ongoing discussions with developers, but no final plans have been made yet concerning the College's involvement.

"It's too soon to say what our role is going to be," said Torrey. "As far as what our specific plans are, we're not sure."

stated that the resolution would only consider human rights violations. The Orient regrets the error.

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Res Life ponders house status for Boody, Burnett

Affiliations, chem-free status are factors in decision

by Chris Marotta
CONTRIBUTOR

After three years of work, the College says it will complete the construction and renovation of first-year dorms by the fall of 2007. With the completion of the renovations combined with the construction of East and West halls, the total number of first-year dorms will rise from six to eight.

This brings to the forefront a question that has become increasingly salient for Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli: Should there be two new college houses to accompany the new dorms?

For the past few months, Pacelli has been consulting with various students, faculty, and administrators to determine what should happen.

"We have been deciding whether or not we should do it," said Pacelli. "Process is one of the things we are thinking carefully about."

Among the major concerns is the potential location of the two new houses. According to Pacelli, these new houses, if created, will be most likely occupy Burnett House and Reed House (formerly Boody Street).

"There really aren't any other possibilities," Pacelli said.

Another consideration is whether or not one of the new social houses should become a "quiet" house, similar to the idea of chem-free housing. As the applicants for chem-free housing rose to a record level of 110 applicants last year, Pacelli and the Inter-House Council (IHC) have been considering the possibility of creating a "quiet" first-year dorm that is not chem-free, but that is dedicated to creating a quiet and relaxed environment.

"I think there are a lot of people

who don't necessarily want to live in an alcohol-free environment, but want to live in a quiet environment," said Alex Lamb '07, president of the IHC.

Future affiliations between the first-year dormitories and college houses are also in doubt. The College violated the IHC constitution this year by changing the affiliations between first-year dorms and houses.

"There are lots of people who want to bring the affiliations back to what they were," said Lamb.

According to Pacelli, the switch was necessary because of the number of incoming first years that requested to live in chem-free housing.

"The capacities of the first-year buildings are smaller than they were before," she said.

For Pacelli, IHC has played a large role in the information-gathering process. Pacelli began consulting IHC on the issue at the beginning of the fall semester. Through focus groups and meetings, Pacelli has been using the IHC to gauge student reaction about the prospects of two new college houses.

"The Inter-House Council is a great conduit for me," said Pacelli.

According to Lamb, IHC reaction has been mostly positive about adding two new college houses.

"I think a lot of people feel it's important that every first-year dorm has a specific college house," Lamb said. "Splitting affiliations could get complicated."

There are, however, several concerns that Pacelli and the IHC have been discussing in relation to adding social houses. One of the most pressing problems would be losing one chem-free upperclass residence by changing Reed House to a social house. For Pacelli, having sufficient chem-free spaces is a priority.

Another problem being considered is the destruction of tradition and community developed in Reed House and Burnett House.

"I think a lot of people feel it's important that every first-year dorm has a specific college house. Splitting affiliations could get complicated."

Alex Lamb '07
Inter-House Council President

"We have thought a lot about how we'd be displacing the communities that exist there," said Lamb. "We'd be looking at these people as possible applicants to the College House System."

Many also have expressed concern that by adding two new college houses, the system will simply become too big.

"It could go from being dominant to being the only social scene on campus," said Lamb.

Pacelli emphasized that there are many decisions yet to be made, but expects to have a decision in time for the housing lottery. Pacelli hopes to gather more feedback during the time before the lottery, and urges students to e-mail her with their recommendations.

"I don't want to be the arbiter of the decisions," she said.

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, in an email to the Orient, also urged students to contribute their opinions.

"Do we want to continue to have a college house affiliated with each first-year Brick?" he wrote.

"Is there enough demand for another chem-free building or possibly quiet space? Is there interest in a wellness building that would focus on healthy lifestyles and feature programs like yoga, meditation, etc.?" Foster asked.

Foster recommended that students send their thoughts on the issue to Pacelli or Lamb.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 11/30 TO 12/6

Tree cut down, sending mountain bike to Security

Thursday, November 30

•A pellet gun and hard alcohol were confiscated from a Maine Hall student. Weapons of any kind and hard alcohol are not permitted on campus.

•The fire alarm at Hatch Science Library was activated by low water pressure in the sprinkler system.

Friday, December 1

•A staff member reported her purse missing from Lancaster Lounge in Moulton Union. Last seen at 1:00 p.m., the purse is black with a shoulder strap.

•A student reported that someone shattered a glass door at the north entrance to Chamberlain Hall. It appears that the door was kicked. The vandalism is believed to have occurred around 6:15 p.m.

•The fire alarm at Chamberlain Hall was activated, apparently by the use of a hair dryer too close to a smoke detector.

Saturday, December 2

•An intoxicated and disoriented

student was transported from Coles Tower to Parkview Hospital for treatment and observation.

•A student possibly experiencing a reaction to prescription medication was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Fire and Rescue.

Sunday, December 3

•A student who became ill after consuming hard alcohol was transported from Thome Hall to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•A security officer checked on the well-being of an Appleton Hall student at the request of another student.

Monday, December 4

•The fire alarm at Quinby House was activated by a faulty smoke detector.

•A staff member inadvertently set off an intrusion alarm at Banister Hall.

•A bicycle that was locked to a tree outside Winthrop Hall was placed in storage after a construction crew working on the building cut down the tree. The dark blue Hardrock Sport mountain bike may be claimed at the Office of Safety and Security.

Tuesday, December 5

•A Brunswick Apartments student requested to be taken to Parkview Hospital for treatment of an eye injury.

Wednesday, December 6

•A student reported having a verbal confrontation with a Safe Ride driver.

•A staff member inadvertently set off an alarm at Banister Hall when a box was dropped.

The Athletic Department and the Office of Safety and Security remind all fans attending Friday night's Colby vs. Bowdoin men's hockey game at Dayton Arena that alcoholic beverages are not permitted inside the arena.

As always, please represent Bowdoin proudly by using appropriate language as well as displaying good sportsmanship. Go U Bears!

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

CORRECTIONS

Wrong title, description

Due to an editing error, "BSG talks security, Darfur" (12/1) gave the wrong name and purpose of a resolution currently under consideration by Bowdoin Student Government. The proposed Community Response Committee Resolution would consider humanitarian issues. The article incorrectly

Committee would 'structure the College's response to clear humanitarian crises'

COMMITTEE, from page 1

other schools similar to Bowdoin that have similar committees, adding that these committees enhanced student activism.

The idea of matching the efforts of these schools provoked many members to speak in favor of the proposed committee.

Treasurer Rebecca Ginsberg '07, who had staunchly opposed the proposal last week, continued to raise questions regarding its necessity. She said she felt like it would be "a committee for the sake of having a committee," and that organizing a balanced committee would be difficult.

Ginsberg motioned to extend discussion after allotted time had expired, but despite her initial disapproval, she ended up voting in favor of the revised proposal, as did the rest of the body.

Ginsberg explained her change of mind in an e-mail.

"After listening to my fellow BSG members and discovering what the trend is among other schools concerning similar committees, I was convinced that my fellow students and faculty members would only hear true humanitarian crises," she wrote.

"That being said, I think it is important that the members be made up of a group of very objective individuals from a variety of backgrounds. I was impressed with the clarity of the presentation and discussion and, thus, sincerely hope its intended purpose is maintained," she added.

Unanimous approval of the proposal will lead to further discussion and development of the committee, according to President

DeRay McKesson '07, with the goal of "engaging the faculty and other student leaders in this discussion." He said he hopes to send a letter to President Barry Mills by Monday.

Once developed, the committee would, according to the official BSG resolution, "structure the College's response to clear humanitarian crises," and "would respond to concerns submitted to it by members of the college community and recommend possible actions to the president."

The document continues that these "actions could include, but would not be limited to, reallocating college resources, education initiatives and public awareness activities."

Prior to the debate over the committee, Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster and Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett opened the meeting by explaining the issues surrounding use of Boody-Johnson House, which currently houses a variety of multicultural and faith organizations, such as the Asian Students Association and Hillel.

Earlier this fall, the College announced it would relocate these groups to 30 College St.

"Space on this campus is always a challenging issue," Foster said, adding that Johnson House involves the particular issue of preserving the building's historic quality.

"Our ability to modify that space is constrained," he said. "We're a little bit hand-tied."

Foster expressed a desire to relocate the student groups to 30 College St. in order to "create a life in the middle of the campus that

we don't have now," adding that it would be easier to renovate 30 College St. than Johnson House.

Hazlett also felt strongly about the need for a central location for these groups, adding that maintaining the welcoming environment of Johnson House is equally important.

"Johnson House is a place where you can come in, take your shoes off, and feel like you're at home," she said.

Hazlett and deans Wil Smith and Stacey Jones have been discussing the situation with members of the multicultural groups.

"The point of those meetings was to notify the groups of the decision to have Johnson-Boody House move to academic affairs and to begin to brainstorm on a new multicultural space for Bowdoin," Hazlett stated in an e-mail to the Orient.

Hazlett has also sent a draft of a proposal regarding relocation to these groups.

"Once I hear back from students, I will...spend January break working with Facilities Management to find out what might be possible in 30 College St.," she said.

"This is a student space, so I want students to be front and center on the planning process."

While Foster briefly questioned the "mixed success" that Johnson House has afforded the organizations, Hillel Religious Chair Shelley Barron '09 spoke on behalf of Hillel regarding that group's connection to Johnson.

"We are excited to hear about the new ideas, but we really want to urge deans to consider how vital Johnson has been to our success," she stated.

"Hillel needs much more than an office and a common room to function," she added.

In an e-mail, Barron added that Hillel members "have used and continue to use every aspect of the space in Johnson."

"We understand that there is a housing crunch for academia on this campus, but 30 College St. really is not a comparable option to Johnson," she said. "In the past several years we have seen our membership increase exponentially, and in no small part is that success due to Johnson House."

Foster also indicated a variety of other campus changes that will complicate the decision regarding Johnson House. Adams Hall, which is to become the new home for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will be undergoing an extensive renovation.

Foster suggested that Johnson House could serve as "swing space" for those offices displaced during the construction.

BRIEFLY

Karen Gordon Mills to chair state council

Karen Gordon Mills, the wife of President Barry Mills, was nominated by Governor John Baldacci on Monday to chair the newly created Council on Jobs, Innovation, and the Economy, according to a press release.

The council is charged with coming up with a set of recommendations in response to a Brookings Institution report on the future of Maine that was released this fall.

The report concluded that while Maine's future is promising, it must resolve lingering economic issues like high taxes. Central to this, the report says, is investment in Maine's "quality of place" and "industrial clusters."

"Maine has the potential to build on its core strengths in a number of growing sectors and create world competitive businesses and jobs," Mills said. "The tools are there—now the work begins to make it happen."

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SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

How to pull an all-nighter—if you must (and why you shouldn't)

COMMENTARY AND REPORTING BY JOSHUA MILLER, ORIENT STAFF

If you plan your time well, you should never have to pull an all-nighter.

However, if you are a college student, chances are you have suffered through at least one.

All-nighters are unadvisable for countless reasons. Not sleeping for a whole night is deleterious to one's health, ineffective for completing academic work, and can lead to making some very poor decisions with regard to both one's schoolwork and one's life in general.

The truth is that even one all-nighter can be harmful to your health and studies have shown that undertaking many all-nighters will cause you great harm. Some of the effects of sleep deprivation include irritability, increased risk of getting sick, decreased cognitive functioning, and inability to concentrate.

In terms of academic performance, sleeping a few hours is always better than not sleeping at all.

"One study looked at whether sleeping after memorizing something

was helpful and it found that it definitely is," Director of Health Services Jeffery Benson says. "That it actually helps to sleep on something after you have done some work, and that it helps engrain the information in your brain and make the memory a little more permanent and a little more solid, that's really interesting," he adds.

Aside from hindering your ability to memorize facts, pulling an all-nighter will inevitably cause a "diminished ability to perform basic cogni-

tive tasks," according to a study published in the journal *Nature* in 2000.

Sleep deprivation also leads to mistakes. The Exxon Valdez oil spill has been attributed to exhaustion from lack of sleep, as has the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The mistakes that led to the Challenger space shuttle disaster have also been attributed to NASA employees' lack of sleep.

The lesson is, of course, to get some sleep.

If you make the unwise decision to pull an all-nighter, at least do it right.

1 STAY AWAKE

There are many rules that one ought to follow when pulling an all-nighter, but this is the only one that truly matters: If you are asleep, you are not getting your work done.

2 FOCUS ON WORK

Just because you are awake does not mean your paper-writing or studying is getting done. Although it may seem almost impossible, you must focus on the task at hand. If you decide to pull an all-nighter but end up socializing and then cruising around Facebook until sunrise, you may well find yourself in an unpleasant situation later in the day. Examining the profile of your long-lost friend from middle school will not help hone your paper's thesis or teach you about your upcoming exam. It will teach you, however, about how much your friend loves "24."

3 TAKE BREAKS

While you are studying, it is important to stay focused. But no one can stay focused on work for a whole night. "Do things to take a break from the intense intellectual and academic work," Benson recommends. "Take a walk outside, for example." Light cardio-

vascular exercise and fresh air will help keep you think more clearly. If you feel yourself dozing off, get up and walk around.

4 PICK A GOOD SPOT

Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes and study in a cool, well-lit environment far away from your bed. Even those students who possess immense willpower may have trouble resisting the urge to sleep for "just a few minutes" if their bed is nearby. And often, "a few minutes" can turn into a few hours. It thus behooves a person pulling an all-nighter to work in a locale a good distance from his or her room. If possible, study in a location with other people nearby—you will be less likely to fall asleep. The computer lab in Kanbar, which is open 24 hours a day, is as good a place as any. The computer labs in Coles Tower are also open all night, but the door to the Tower denies keypad entry after 1 a.m. if you do not live there. Moulton Union is also open 24 hours a day and pulling an all-nighter there provides the added benefit of breakfast accessible at 7:15 a.m. without having to step outside.

5 EAT WELL AND OFTEN

If you are not sleeping, you will need to eat more than usual. You should also eat well. Stay away from sugar

and simple carbohydrates, which will give you a short-energy boost but then cause you to crash. Stick with healthy snacks like fruits, vegetables, cheese, and yogurt. Nuts, a good source of protein, make a particularly good all-nighter snack. It is also important to stay hydrated, especially if you choose to use stimulants such as caffeine.

6 GO EASY ON THE CAFFEINE

Stimulants can certainly be helpful in the successfully getting through the night, but willpower and a positive attitude, carry as it may sound, can take you further than a cup of coffee, a Red Bull, or a No-Daz. Also, caffeine is a diuretic. Multiple trips to the bathroom may disrupt your train of thought.

7 NO PAIN, NO GAIN

You will likely find the hours between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. to be the toughest. Fight the immense and overwhelming urge to sleep. Taking a 15-minute nap is not a good idea. A short nap will likely cause what experts call "sleep inertia"—intense grogginess and inability to think clearly—for up to an hour after you get up, dramatically reducing your ability to engage in academic work.

8 DO NOT DRIVE

Studies have shown that after 24 hours without sleep a person's driving ability is impaired at similar levels to a person who is drunk. With little or no sleep, operating heavy machinery, nuclear power plants, space shuttles, etc. would also be a terrible idea. Unless you can be sure your thoughts will come out of your mouth coherently, you may also want to refrain from commenting heavily in classes.

9 FINISH THE JOB

Hand in the paper, take the exam, show off your final project. You have successfully completed an all-nighter. You probably did not ace your test or write a magnum opus, but at least it's done.

10 GET SOME SLEEP, BUT NOT YET

Once you hand in that final paper or finish your final exam, it is likely that you will want to immediately have a long visit with Hypnos. Resist the urge. Wait until a reasonable bedtime before finally snoozing. "Maybe, in the afternoon, take a short nap—but less than hour or 45 minutes," Benson said. Otherwise, he warns, you will likely mess up your sleep cycle more than you already have.

AIDS research takes senior to Malaysia

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

In her senior year, Sonia Alam is still conducting research that she originally began for a paper that she handed in three years ago.

For her first-year seminar in public health, Alam wrote a paper comparing the AIDS epidemic in Thailand to that of Malaysia. Now, Alam, a sociology major, is doing her senior honors project on the institutionalization of AIDS in Malaysia, and she points to the paper she wrote for her first-year seminar as the origin of her interest in the subject.

During her sophomore year, Alam spoke with her adviser about continuing her study of AIDS, and she received a reading list.

In October of her junior year, Alam applied for and received a grant from the Freeman Foundation to travel to Malaysia for seven weeks during the following summer. While there, she would study the institutionalization of AIDS. She chose Malaysia because it was a feasible destination, in the sense that she had relatives living there, and she would be able to conduct interviews in English.

In order to prepare for her research in Malaysia, Alam completed an independent study during the spring of her junior year in which she examined the response of the government and the general public to AIDS in Malaysia.

"I spent a semester understanding that process," she says.

As part of her independent study,

HONORS PROJECTS: ORIGINAL RESEARCH

EDITOR'S NOTE

Some seniors are finishing their Bowdoin education by creating original honors projects that help us see the world in new and interesting ways. This is the third installment in a continuing series that highlights these projects.

Alam found and contacted people that she would be able to interview during her stay in Malaysia. She was able to identify these people by reviewing Malaysian consensus reports on sexually transmitted infections, HIV, and AIDS epidemiology, which listed their participants.

Finally, after three years of studying AIDS and public health, Alam left for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital, in June. For the next seven weeks, Alam resided with her cousin and his family in the city.

"It's an interesting, really diverse country, and you really see that in the city," she says.

Each week, Alam would conduct one or two interviews with physicians, staff, and directors from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and administrative health government officials, all of whom spoke English. In all, she conducted 12 interviews, and she says that they were all extremely welcoming to her.

"They really did want to speak to me," she says.

Of the 12 people interviewed,

Alam had contacted six before her arrival to Malaysia. She found the remaining six through a snowball sample—asking each interviewee if he or she knew anybody else that would be helpful for her to contact.

"I met some amazing people," she says.

In the interviews, Alam asked about how the government was responding to the AIDS epidemic, and how the NGOs and the government interact. Among other things, Alam sought to understand how service, control, and prevention are organized, how this organization has changed since the onset of the epidemic, and how AIDS is being institutionalized in Malaysia.

Two of these interviewees were HIV positive, and all of them, Alam says, were "well-versed in understanding how to respond adequately and appropriately to HIV [and] AIDS anywhere, and especially in Malaysia."

And in Malaysia, AIDS is in the early stages of spreading. In fact, its prevalence rate of .4 per 100,000 is lower than the United States' rate of .6 per 100,000.

"It is important to examine the countries where it is spreading, but not up to that level yet," she says.

In August, Alam returned to Bowdoin before classes to transcribe her interviews. Since then, she has been coding them by five themes: the accuracy of statistics, the urban/rural divide in service, control and prevention, the evaluation of government response, the stigma and discrimination associated with AIDS, and the visibility or invisibility of AIDS.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sociology major Sonia Alam '07 is doing an honors project on the institutionalization of AIDS in Malaysia. She traveled to Malaysia during the summer to interview 12 Malaysians as part of her research.

Within these themes, she has also created sub-themes to build a deeper understanding of how the larger themes are played out.

Alam plans to finish the introduction and methodology for her project this semester, and she will continue to work on it through the spring. She anticipates enrolling in graduate school in the fall of 2008 to study international disease control and prevention.

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Stuff 101: A new club that's all talk

by Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

Joe Adu and Szymon Rus want to get people talking—about anything.

The two seniors have chartered a club on campus called Stuff 101. While the club's title suggests a basic-level course, its mission is intense: Adu and Rus want Stuff 101 to be a place where students discuss diverse issues, with the ultimate goal of enhancing knowledge.

"People have these sorts of conversations all the time with their groups of friends," says Rus. "But we want to spread it out."

It was those conversations with friends that led Adu and Rus to create the group. When they were on an intramural soccer team together, they realized that the diversity of



Joe Adu '07



Szymon Rus '07

the team led to great discussions during post-game dinners.

"We want as many perspectives as possible because we want to learn," Adu says.

Adu and Rus say they will not set a limit on the topics that can be discussed. At the end of each meeting, they say, club members will nominate and vote on topics for the next meeting.

The topics could be hot-button issues like race or politics, Adu says, or less controversial subjects, like campus clubs. Either way, anyone interested is welcome.

"This is a politically neutral

group," Adu says, noting that he wants to contrast with other campus events where a particular political point of view is put forth by organizers.

"We don't have an agenda," he says. "We want to just foster knowledge."

Stuff 101 will also encourage Brunswick residents to attend.

"We want as many perspectives as possible, because we want to learn," Adu says. "We can't just pretend that Bowdoin is a bubble."

Emphasizing the group's priority of dialogue, the founders say the club's first meeting will consist of a discussion about the club itself. Adu and Rus also say they want people to e-mail them with ideas about the club's direction, or let them know if they are interested in getting involved.

They expect the first meeting to

be held during the first or second week of the spring semester. Since Bowdoin Student Government's Student Organizations Oversight Committee has approved the club as a Charter I organization, the group is eligible to receive student activity funds.

Adu and Rus say they will use funding to bring in experts, such as faculty members or people from outside the College, to provide background knowledge on issues that they will be discussing. They ultimately hope to expand their perspectives by providing a place for students to learn about issues through discussion while speaking with a new and diverse group of people.

They point to a spring 2004 incident in which racially charged statements were made at a nighttime event in Jack Magee's Pub and on posters distributed on campus the

GETTING INVOLVED

Stuff 101 is a new campus club that will meet every two weeks to discuss issues chosen by members. Meetings will begin at the start of the spring semester. To join or to offer ideas, e-mail jodu@bowdoin.edu or srus@bowdoin.edu.

following morning.

"Issues like these may seem like isolated events," Adu says. "But they're views that exist on campus."

By providing a forum for people to speak about controversial issues, Adu and Rus say they hope that everyone in attendance will learn about each other's differences.

"People easily confuse this with a debate group," Adu says. "But that's not what this is."

"Let's just learn from each other," he says.

To have safe sex, consider all possible risks

Ask Dr. Jeff

Jeff Benson, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Jeff: I've been dating the same woman for over six months now, and we've both been tested for STDs. Do we need to keep using condoms? K.C.

Dear K.C.: You're raising a great question! I think there are a number of issues to consider.

STD testing can tell you whether or not you have chlamydia, gonorrhea, or syphilis. An HIV test can tell you whether you were infected with the virus at least six months ago, but is not as reliable for evaluating more recent possible exposures. If you've been vaccinated against Hepatitis B,

then you don't need to worry about that STD.

Then, there's herpes (HSV) and human papilloma virus (HPV). Both viruses can lay dormant and inapparent for long periods of time. There are no good blood tests for either of these viruses. Eighty percent of us have had HSV Type 1 (in the form of "cold sores" and "fever blisters"), and HSV-1 now causes about 40 percent of genital herpes infections (transmitted via oral sex). Most cases of genital herpes (whether Type 1 or Type 2) do not present with typical signs and symptoms. The majority of infections are not even recognized by patients or diagnosed by clinicians. In fact, one in five HSV infections causes no symptoms whatsoever. And because viral shedding does occur between outbreaks, most transmission of HSV takes place in the absence of warning signs or symptoms.

HPV is by far the most prevalent of the sexually transmitted infections. It

is thought that as many as 75 percent of sexually active people contract HPV at one time or another, even though the great majority never know it. At any given point in time, over 20 million Americans have genital HPV that is transmissible, and over 5.5 million people are newly infected annually. Over half of those new infections occur in the first six months of sexual activity, almost always through intimate contact with someone who had no idea they themselves were infected or infectious.

The consequences of herpes infections are generally minor and relatively short-lived. The vast majority of HPV infections are overcome by our immune systems and resolve within a year or two without treatment and without further complications. Infection with certain subtypes of HPV, though, can have more serious consequences, causing cellular changes which can lead to cancer. Fortunately, regular screening Pap

smears very effectively pick up early, pre-cancerous changes, and treatment at these early stages is curative. Equally fortunately, infection with the two most common cancer-causing strains can be prevented by vaccination with the new HPV vaccine, Gardasil.

So, K.C. It can be difficult to know with certainty that both of you are completely free of infection. Condoms will definitely help protect you both against these unknowns.

On the other hand, maybe you should think through the risks of unprotected sex, versus the benefits of safer sex, like we do other risks in life, such as driving a car. A certain number of us choose not to drive for fear of getting hurt in an accident. Most of us seem willing to accept some level of risk, and try to find ways to reduce it. We wear seat belts, maintain our cars, drive defensively, and avoid driving after drinking or in bad weather.

Safer sex is about figuring out your own "risk limits," and then avoiding activities that fall outside of them. Safer sex practices require self-reflection, at least some basic understanding of the risks and consequences of different infections, and a great deal of communication between partners.

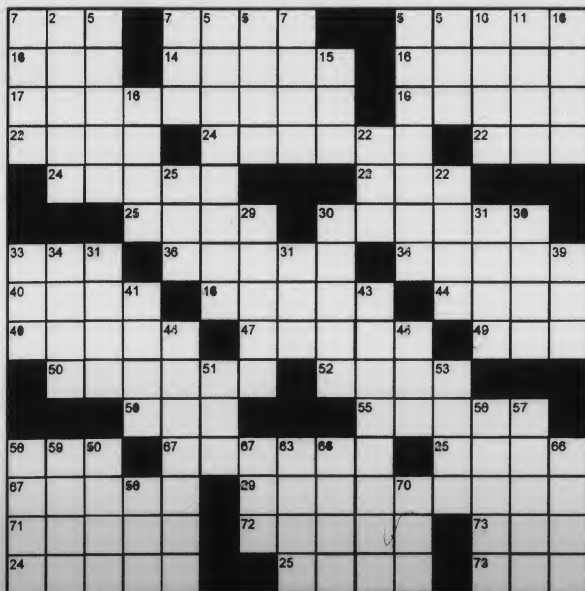
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Puzzle by Adam Kommel

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- 42 The devil has two
- 44 Harvard's rival
- 45 The real meaning of the holidays?
- 47 Computer memory units
- 49 Scarlet

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- 65 Deck the hall with boughs of holly...
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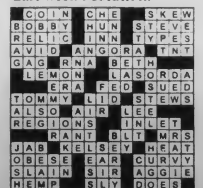
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Senior explores intricacies, challenge of violin



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Tim Kantor '07 practices the violin for his Saturday advanced lessons recital.

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

Tim Kantor '07 is a performer at heart.

"It's kind of what I've always done," he said. "I'm a violinist, not a composer. I know the intricacies of the instrument."

Kantor plans to showcase that knowledge and love of performing in his Saturday recital, the culmination of a semester of advanced lessons with Bowdoin violin instructor Stephen Keeskemethy.

"When I'm performing, right now I'm the medium that transmits the art to the audience," he said. "I like being able to look at the audience when I play the music—it's a rush."

Kantor has a long history with the violin, as he started playing when he was three. He is a music major at Bowdoin, and played with an Italian orchestra during his semester abroad in Bologna.

"I started very young, and my parents wouldn't let me quit. I didn't want to be a musician because my parents were, so it was because of that reasoning and an immature adherence to that rebellion," Kantor said.

"I wouldn't have wanted to go to

a conservatory," he continued. "Music is a big part of my life, but it would be really boring as the only part."

Kantor's mother, Virginia Weckstrom-Kantor, a pianist and teacher at the Cleveland Institute of Music, will accompany him Saturday on Brahms's "Violin Sonata No. 3 in D Minor."

"I've been playing with her my whole life," Kantor said. "We work well together, and it makes everything easier. In the piece, the piano and violin are very much equal partners."

In addition to playing the Brahms piece with his mother, Kantor elected to play two Paganini "Caprices" and Bach's "Partita No. 3 in E Major." The Bach piece offers a new challenge for Kantor because he will play it on a Baroque violin, which is the basis for his senior honors project with Professor of Music Mary Hunter.

Kantor's honors project will be to create a manual on how to play the Baroque violin. The project will also explore playing Baroque and classical styles, which left room for the performer to improvise on the piece. A Baroque violin, in addition to having a shorter fingerboard and bow than the standard violin, has

Tim Kantor Recital

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Tillotson Room, Gibson Hall

Admission: Free

gut strings rather than steel strings, making a piece half a step lower on the musical scale than it would be on a standard violin.

"It creates problems with intonation and finding pitches, and you have to adjust your ear to the differences," Kantor said.

Now that Kantor has gravitated toward studying music, he is considering studying at the Cleveland Institute. Along with his mother, his father, accomplished violinist Paul Kantor, teaches there. Most likely, Tim would study the violin under his father.

When asked whether father or son had a better handle on the instrument, Kantor laughed and said, "He's definitely better. You get better at it the longer you do it, and my dad's better. He better know more about it than I do if I'm going to be studying under him."

Combining the technical challenges of Paganini, the depth of Brahms, and the challenge of Bach, Kantor's recital will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Tillotson Room, Gibson Hall.

VAGUE questions dance show selection

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

For the student-led jazz dance group VAGUE, last week's December Dance Concert was not something to dance about. Along with the student-led dance groups Anokha and the Unity step team, the 12 members of VAGUE were one of five groups that failed to be selected to perform in the concert.

The Department of Theater and Dance states in its department guidelines that its main responsibility in selecting acts for the performance is "to create a lively, balanced, and diverse program from the audience perspective."

As the only jazz piece to audition for the concert, VAGUE members felt that they would have added both diversity and talent to the production. The group felt that their failure to be selected, in the words of co-captain Sheryl Stevens '07, demonstrated that "to the dance department, jazz does not represent diversity."

Co-captain Sarah Horn '07 felt that the inclusion of less skilled groups demonstrated the department's bias against jazz, citing how VAGUE also failed to be selected for the department's concert in the fall of 2005. "Three people who had an idea of a dance but had nothing rehearsed" were chosen to perform.

Lecturer in Dance Performance Paul Sarvis, who helped to organize and select performers, said that VAGUE's exclusion from the concert was the result of increased interest in dance at Bowdoin and subsequent competition for spots in the performance. While he recognizes the talent and professionalism

of VAGUE, Sarvis cannot guarantee a place to any auditioning group.

"VAGUE has been included in all but three or four dance shows over the past 12 years," Sarvis said. "And I have no reason to think that they won't be included in the future more often than not."

The members of VAGUE, however, feel that their exclusion from the performance has left them without a venue in which to perform. Problems with obtaining performance space for independent productions has made it difficult for the group to find a voice on campus. Horn said that in the spring of 2005, Theater and Dance Production Coordinator Joan Sand informed her and Stevens that Pickard Theater would be unavailable to the group for the rest of their time at Bowdoin.

As a result, VAGUE has received about \$2,000 from the Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC) to host a dance performance in Morrell Lounge at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. SAFC will provide an additional \$4,000 that will be used at a later date to make the floor of Smith Union safe for dancing.

VAGUE believes that difficulties stem from an overall prejudice against more traditional forms of dance within the department. The department does not currently offer classes in ballet, hip-hop, or jazz.

Raashi Bhalla '07, a senior tour guide, often faces questions from prospective students about the lack of ballet and jazz programs at Bowdoin.

"The fact of the matter is that students interested in dance cannot

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Courtesy of Adam Paltrineri '07

Seniors Adam Paltrineri, Dan Yingst, Anton Handel, and Nikolai von Keller, members of the sketch comedy group Ironic T-shirt, showcase their various talents and quirks. The group returns from a year-long hiatus on Saturday.

Ironic returns with skits, movie

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

Previewing their latest material with the four members of the comedy group Ironic T-shirt was slightly awkward at times, considering that their penis jokes were directed at the group member sitting next to this reporter.

As the posters all over campus announce, Ironic T-shirt is back. The group, made up of seniors Nikolai von Keller, Anton Handel, Adam Paltrineri, and Daniel Yingst, will perform Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. Their performance will consist of nine short skits, two to seven minutes in length, followed by a 28-minute video called "The Mystery of Brown Beard's Ghost: The Movie."

The new skits will certainly not disappoint those familiar with Ironic T-

shirt's phone sex, which provides the group's penchant for shameless sexual humor. An admissions tape from the Bowdoin of a bygone era, however, is an insightful commentary regarding race, class, and the dubious benefit of the College's association with President Franklin Pierce, class of 1824.

"The Mystery of Brown Beard's Ghost: The Movie" rounds out the skits with a treasure hunt that rivals the "Da Vinci Code" in its masterful depiction of labyrinthine complexity. Paltrineri should be especially commended for his authentic and well-researched portrayal of Netherlandic mores and customs as "Dutch Guy."

Students unfamiliar with their comedy, which recalls the obscure hilarity of "Family Guy" at its most obtuse, can find their work playing constantly on the Bowdoin Cable Network (BCN) or by searching for "Ironic T-shirt" on YouTube, where their notori-

Ironic T-shirt

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.

Where: Kresge, Visual Arts Center

Admission: Free

ous "Masturbation" skit has already been viewed almost 300 times.

This performance represents a revival of Bowdoin comedy after a one-year hiatus, during which many of the members were studying abroad. The members of Ironic T-shirt, who live together (in what they claim is a state of blissful creative and emotional unity), are happy to fill what Paltrineri calls a "comedy gap" in structured performances at Bowdoin. By scheduling their performance during the first Saturday of reading period, they also hope to provide a much-needed break for students.

Despite these preparations, Ironic T-shirt sometimes wonders whether

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Jazz dance group VAGUE discusses dance exclusion

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possibly be fulfilled with [what] the dance department offers," Bhalla said.

Horn said she feels that the department's prejudice extends to an overall discrediting of traditional forms of dance in the curriculum at Bowdoin. Stevens also mentioned how the hip-hop videos shown in dance classes often seem to illustrate the most sexist and objectifying forms of the genre.

"They teach that modern dance is the only form of dance that is not reflective of conservative views," Horn said. "But deep down inside, I think the department just doesn't like other forms of dance."

Given its limited resources, Sarvis said that the dance department has chosen to focus on modern dance because it "is most tied to a broad view of cultural history." In his classes, Sarvis stresses the connection between modern dance and literary and cultural trends.

The department has also made efforts to support other forms of dance. In place of formal classes in jazz or tap, Sarvis said that student groups receive generous budgets that often allow them to pay guest instructors as much or more as the department gives to visiting artists.

"Having a focus on modern dance," said Sarvis, "shouldn't be confused with devaluing or not supporting other forms of dance."

by Astrid Taran
CONTRIBUTOR

Bowdoin students will be able to take part in an old English tradition when the Bowdoin Chamber Choir, along with members of the community, present "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols." The service, which is comprised of Biblical readings, carols, motets, and Christmas hymns, will take place in the Chapel on Sunday. The concert will incorporate traditional English songs as well as better-known American carols.

This year's festival was organized by Mary Hartley Platt '07 and Marc Donnelly '07, who approached the Chamber Choir to perform for the event.

"They really put a lot of effort into teaching us the proper voice parts," said Luke Mondello '10, a member of the Chamber Choir. "Our rehearsals took place after Chamber Choir practice."

He added that Platt and Donnelly "have a really good dynamic."

The Chamber Choir, for this event, will also include many Bowdoin alumni. They have been practicing together for approximately six weeks.

"Everyone is excited," said Mondello. "We know the event has emotional significance for a lot of people."

Songs that are expected to be performed are "In Dulce Jubilo," "Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Marc Donnelly '07 directs members of the Bowdoin Chamber Choir during rehearsal for the Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Day," "Ding Dong Merrily on High," and "Sussex Carol."

The Festival also heavily relies on audience participation to go along with the season's celebratory vibe. The audience will be invited to sing along to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "The First Noel," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and other traditional Christmas carols.

The event has roots that begin at Kings College in Cambridge, England. The festival was first held on Christmas Eve of 1918 and was planned by Eric Milner-White, who was Kings College's dean at the time.

Milner-White was recruited for the task after his stint as an army chap-

lain, which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. The service traditionally begins with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City" and ends with the hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." The singing is divided into "carols," which are sung by the choir, and "hymns," sung by choir and congregation.

In the United Kingdom, the service has become the standard format for school Christmas carol services. The service was first broadcast on the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in 1928, and with the exception of 1930, has been broadcast annually, even during World War II.

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

When: Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Bowdoin Chapel

Admission: Free

Since the early 1930s, it has also been broadcast live to many other parts of the world on the BBC World Service, as well as in England on Radio 4. It is estimated that each year there are millions of listeners worldwide. The BBC also broadcasts the event on television in the U.K., although it is specially pre-recorded in early or mid December.

The Bowdoin Chamber Choir event, which is being recorded, begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

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DJs OF THE WEEK



Anna Conterato '07 & Jen Renteria '07

What's the best album ever created?

AC: "Odelay" by Beck, because I have a thing for hipster scientists.

JR: Some white album by some beetles...

Who is the greatest living musician?

AC: I've been listening to Joanna Newsom a lot lately, and she's pretty good.

JR: Morrissey + Vedder + Dirty Sanchez Folks + Manu Chao + David Gahan + Yorke + DJ Shadow + Ruben "Nru" Albarrán + De La Rocha = greatest living musician.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

AC: Front row seats to Radiohead in Copenhagen. It was spiritual, and I think Thom Yorke spit on me a little bit.

JR: Probably could have been the one my dear brother failed to invite me to: Manu Chao, VIP passes and front row tickets and all at the Hollywood Bowl this past summer—I'm still bitter. There was also the Radiohead show I was actually at, also at the Hollywood Bowl, that I won tickets to from a local L.A. radio station back in the summer of 2002. Glorious.

What is the first album you ever bought?

AC: Nirvana's "Nevermind." It went downhill after that because I think my next purchase was "Naked and Sacred" by Chynna Phillips.

JR: Does the Forrest Gump sound-

track album count? If not, I must explain that I spent the first several years of my life scavenging music off of the collections of my older bro and sis as well as getting mixed tapes from friends. It was at about the glorious age of 16 that I entered a music store and for the first time bought an album with my own dough. It was "Since I Left You" by The Avalanches. Since then, I've carried on with my old ways and have continued to scavenge music off the souls of others.

What's your music guilty pleasure?

AC: Kelly, Ashlee, and Lindsay, and I know the lyrics to most Coldplay songs.

JR: Never guilty, always pleasure.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

AC: Annie's "Chewing Gum" would be the national anthem of my country, while the country I'm at war with will obviously have "Heartbeat" as its anthem.

JR: "The World Is Mine," David Guetta.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

AC: "Not Mars."

JR: "¡Bienvenidos a Tijuana, Cabrones!"

Conterato and Renteria's show, "Painfully Hip" airs on Fridays from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

Finally, how to celebrate finals



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

SIERRA NEVADA CELEBRATION ALE—\$9.70 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's Market

I'm chalking up last week's article in the win column. I do this for two reasons besides the psychological advantage it gives me heading into finals period: First, I received an e-mail from the great guys over at Red Bull, who informed me that my article is being passed around their office faster than we'll be dish ing out Colby slurs at tonight's hockey game. In fact, they liked it so much, they're currently under negotiation with the makers of Natural Light to create a Natural Bull product line, complete with action figures, lunchboxes, and that elusive five-pack (because it doesn't really count as drinking until you've knocked back that sixth).

The second reason why last week's article was a success is because, after trying my first Natural Bull in preparation for the article, I have now become completely addicted.

Now I know what you're thinking—I'd probably be better off snoring Fun Dip than pumping my body full of cheap beer and super-concentrated caffeine. You may be right, but my addiction has proved beneficial in some ways as well. Most notably, my sleepless, convulsion-filled nights and mile-a-minute days have given me lots of time to ponder the perfect beer for heading into finals and finishing our fall semester. As brutal as finals may be, keep in mind that we are on the brink of something greater, something bigger than doing well on all our finals: that is, 35 days of not doing anything. So join me in celebrating our imminent spiral into

nothingness, and grab yourself a Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale.

To begin my expert analysis, I would like to first cite some facts about Celebration Ale. The official Sierra Nevada Web site asserts that "the long, cold nights of winter are a little brighter with Celebration Ale. Wonderfully robust and rich, Celebration Ale is dyed-hopped for a lively, intense aroma. Brewed especially for the holidays, it is perfect for a festive gathering or for a quiet evening at home."



Normally, these plugs tend to be a little overreaching. For instance, Budweiser is now claiming that it is "The Freshest Beer Around," while PBR contends that it is "The Best Beer Served Anywhere."

Now, we all love a \$1 draft now and then (like every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night), but we don't try and convince ourselves that we're paying for the best beer on earth with leftover change.

Want some truth? Try this on for size: Celebration Ale was the Gold Medal Winner in the 1994 U.S. Beer Tasting Championships, as well as first place in the Chicago Beer Society's 1996 Fall Beer Tasting Competition. In 2002, Celebration pulled in the Silver Medal at the Great American Beer Festival.

Celebration Ale has turned some heads over the past 10 years or so as one of the best beers around. Though I am hesitant to agree with the San Francisco Chronicle crowning it "the best beer ever made in America," I have to admit that it is one of the most refreshing beers I have ever tasted. Its aroma, like most beers, is the first thing that hits you. It is hoppy and earthy, and pulls you in so close that you swear you're tasting it already.

Once on the tongue, Celebration delivers the "robust and rich" taste it so promises by combining Chinook, Cascade, and Centennial hops. It finishes strong and pronounced, yet not overly bitter or heavy. Add to this its hearty 6.8 percent alcohol by volume, and it is well worth the money. I liken my first Celebration tasting to the feeling I had just last week after rifling a snowball so far down Ted's left ear that he couldn't hear for a week. That is to say, it is refreshing and rewarding, and leaves you begging for more.

I realize the dominant discourse regarding finals period is that they represent everything vile and disgusting that Bowdoin has to offer, but I propose we think of them differently starting right now. Instead of signifying all that stands between you and your Christmas break, why not look at the next two weeks as a celebration of the fall semester of 2006? Think of finals period, that is, as the Maine equivalent of Mardi Gras. But instead of crazy women to brighten your mood, there is only your mealtime break from the library, and where there should be colorful beads raining down on you from the heavens, there are now 20-page papers and final exams. I don't think it is that big of a stretch, and neither does the song I just collaborated on with Kool & The Gang.

There's some finals going on right here. A celebration to reward our holiday cheer. So bring your study guides and your pencils too. Cause we're gonna make you miserable, it's true!

OK, so that song is horrible, and so are finals, but take some comfort in the fact that there is a little brewery out in Chico, California, that is busy pumping out just what we need to get through the next couple weeks with a smile on our faces and a warm buzz in our heads. So put your head down, grab a Celebration Ale, and push on through. And know that, no matter how bad your finals may appear, the celebration is right around the corner.

Sample influential film classics over Winter Break



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

The holiday season is here with a raft of films, many vying for year-end awards. I've always found it funny how critics attempt to set up films for viewers before either one of them has seen it. For one, it lets the Hollywood buzz machines receive undue power. More importantly, it takes away the excitement of word-of-mouth. You decide you want to check out the film, instead of being told by the box office or awards groups.

So over winter break, with a month to sleep, relax, and pursue your interests more fully than is often possible at Bowdoin, check out those films that interest you. It doesn't matter if they're mainstream or art house, just let your own curiosities draw you to the theater.

What I'm recommending for you is a small sampling of films that have made the largest impact on me. With these films, I can't guarantee your enjoyment, but I can say you will find a movie that will challenge as you are swept up in its artistry.

And don't forget about the Bowdoin Film Festival. With all that free time over break, you'll easily be able to find the time to make a short

film to submit. No film will be rejected, and this is the way to continue strengthening the arts on campus. Any comments or questions, just e-mail me at mnugent@bowdoin.edu. Happy holidays, see you all in January.

"The Searchers"

Director John Ford is my top candidate for the title of premier American cinematic artist, though you'd never get him to agree with that. Over a career spanning more than 50 years, the variety and complexity of his oeuvre likely won't be rivaled. He went more places, and did so in an unostentatious American way. Over the course of time he directed many of the greats, from "Grapes of Wrath" to "The Informer" and "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." All have much to offer a viewer.

But the film that always seems to encapsulate a career that defies encapsulation is "The Searchers." There are many obvious reasons for this. It stars John Wayne, who Ford discovered; it is set in Monument Valley, Ford's favorite location for shooting; and it is a Western.

There are less apparent reasons, too. Wayne's five-year quest to rescue his niece from the Comanches tackles American racism at a profound moment in the country's history, and

does so with Ford's thematic ambiguity profoundly on display. Wayne's performance as Ethan Edwards stands tall in a career full of great, indelible performances from one of America's most loved actors. "The Searchers" has inspired filmmakers to this day, being a foundational influence on Scorsese's "Taxi Driver."

"All About My Mother"

One thing is for certain about Spanish director Pedro Almodovar: He never gives viewers a dull film. Often filled with sexually risqué characters and situations, this film is about a mother who recently lost her son and goes in search of her husband in Barcelona, who she has not seen in 20 years.

But plot summaries cannot do a great film justice. The joy is not in what they do, but how they do it, how they challenge you and do so in an artistically satisfying manner. On this count, Almodovar has few peers. His characters often celebrate unorthodoxy, as that is where the beauty, vibrancy, and diversity of life come from.

In "All About My Mother," Almodovar explores what it means to be a mother and the many different incantations that can take. From traditional mother to transvestite and

everything in between, his characters make decisions many others wouldn't agree with. But he knows that potentially making mistakes is the only way to truly celebrate life. You feel the vibrancy of his filmmaking in each shot, and combined with the world's greatest city, prepare to be enraptured.

"2001: A Space Odyssey"

Stanley Kubrick's film is considered one of the most important in expanding the art form, and is my favorite film (though that is not set in stone). With a minimum of dialogue, "2001" explores the nature of human intelligence from the dawn of man to the present.

Much has been made of Kubrick's monolith (you'll have to decide for yourself what it symbolizes), but even more interesting is the man vs. machine dichotomy between the astronauts and HAL. One of the most famous non-human movie characters, HAL allows Kubrick to explore the great possibilities and responsibilities involved with intelligence.

Along the way, Kubrick challenges viewers in ways that have scarcely been attempted since.

"Annie Hall"

The romantic comedy that has

inspired all current day attempts, Woody Allen's film shows the true meaning of the genre's title. The character of Annie Hall has become infused with Diane Keaton's persona, but you have to return to this performance to understand how fully she inhabits this character.

Allen's typical cynical New York humor is given much more poignancy this time around. His relationship with Annie is rocky, but full of affection that emanates from the screen. Allen makes use of a number of original tools in this film, including interspersed animation and talking directly to the camera.

Relationships have no easy guarantees, but the joy and the learning involved make the effort worth it. "Annie Hall" celebrates these fleeting moments—may we all meet someone as affecting as Annie.

A short list of films just as good as the ones above: "Days of Heaven," "I Heart Huckabees," "Psycho," "Hoop Dreams," "The Magnificent Ambersons," "A Clockwork Orange," "The 400 Blows," "Malcolm X," "Far From Heaven," "Sunrise," "The French Connection," "Cabaret," "Sunset Boulevard," "Talk to Her," "Coming Home," "Network," "Chinatown," and "The Seven Samurai."

Finding perfect holiday presents with books by Krakauer, Proulx

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again: hot cider, snowflakes, and the nagging feeling that the perfect present is out there somewhere. Socks wear out and boxes of holiday chocolates

are instantly consumed with nothing to show for it but poundage. However, books, particularly good ones, can be devoured without consequences and last forever.

"A River Runs Through It and Other Stories" by Norman Maclean is reminiscent of Hemingway in its simple but vibrant descriptions. The story is familial and haunting, immersing the reader in the nature of Montana. There, the reader returns to an American lifestyle that is no longer present in the new millennium. Parents or even grandparents will warm to the traditional pace of this modest collection.

"New Jack" by Ted Conover or "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer are both books that appeal to those interested in journalism or nonfiction. These authors submerge themselves

into two equally stressful but incredibly different environments. Conover writes about his experience as a prison guard at Sing-Sing, taking an inside look at the dynamic between inmates and their keepers. The narrative is engaging and sheds light on stereotypes and the toll that prison life takes for those on either side of the bars.

"Into Thin Air" sucks its readers straight up the dangerous slopes of Everest. It is the perfect book to open in front of the fire with a mug of cocoa and trays of Christmas cookies. You won't be going anywhere beyond the couch for awhile. For all of Krakauer's objectivity, his relationship to the event seeps through—it is a sobering human story of arrogance, achievement, and miscalculation.

"The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri is my favorite recommendation and unfailingly produces positive responses. Gogol is the son of first-generation Indians who settle in Cambridge. For many, the locale will be familiar, and maneuvering through the world with Gogol is wonderful. I think anyone would enjoy this book, but women might be

more receptive to it.

Around this time last year, the movie "Brokeback Mountain" caused considerable uproar. The film was based on Annie Proulx's short story from the collection, "Close Range." Her work is mesmerizing. The reader is immersed in the gritty lifestyle of Wyoming: everything about her stories is stripped down and raw. The flavor of her stories is unlike much of what is on the shelves, and it is impossible not to savor her characters who are consistently craggy, weird, real, and perceptive.

Finally, "Nothing But You" is a superb collection of short stories from The New Yorker, edited by Robert Angell. This is a wonderful gift for anyone with a soft spot for love stories or for phenomenal writing. Angell draws upon over 30 years of New Yorker fiction, assembling a riveting procession of love in all its arduous and blissful forms. The stories are by well-known writers as well as featuring some uncelebrated gems. When it feels like the worst December you can remember, this book has enough love to keep you warm.

Sketch comedy group Ironic T-shirt returns from hiatus

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these preparations will result in any lasting impact.

"People will forget us 10 minutes out the door," Paltrineri lamented. "They'll be looking for a cheap ticket on Maine Street."

Paltrineri's doubts aside, all members of the student body should attend

the group's performance at the very least for the sake of a certain reporter, who, attending under the threat of death or dismemberment, really doesn't want to spend a second evening alone with Ironic T-shirt and their penis jokes.

Besides, the skits are certainly more enjoyable than anyone you'd meet on Maine Street.

End of semester stress? At least you know you have a ride home.



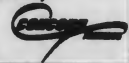
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SPORTS

Men's hockey prepares for Mule matches

The hockey team is looking forward to proving itself against the Colby Mules

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

Call it the Super Bowl. Call it the World Cup final if you prefer. Tonight's game against bitter rival Colby marks the biggest event of the year on Brunswick's athletic calendar.

Captain Bryan Ciborowski '07 called it "the best weekend of the year," adding, "there is nothing like beating Colby."

In any case, at 7 p.m., when the Bowdoin Men's Ice Hockey Team (3-0-2, 2-0-2 ECAC) takes on the Mules (3-2-1, 2-1-1 ECAC), Dayton Arena should be at total capacity.

The intense match up will be especially significant down the stretch because of the unbelievable parity among Division III ice hockey teams this year. Last weekend is a clear example of this increased competitiveness. In the



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

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Men's hockey practices for its twin showdowns against Colby this weekend. The Mules visit Brunswick at 7 p.m. tonight. The Bears head to Colby on Saturday.

Basketball teams sweep Colby-Sawyer

Women are still perfect

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team is No. 1—at least according to the latest Division III poll on D3hoops.com.

The team has shown itself to be worthy of the spot with a 7-0 record, its most recent win coming against a previously undefeated Colby-Sawyer (now 6-1) on Thursday night in New Hampshire.

The Bears dominated the whole game, leading the Chargers 26-19 at halftime. Colby-Sawyer would come within five points later in the game, but Bowdoin soon pulled away, finishing the game up 66-48.

Senior tri-captain Eileen Flaherty led the Bears in scoring with 16 points. Tri-captain Katie Cummings '07 scored 12 points and accumulated a game-leading four steals.

The team also displayed its winning ways last weekend thanks to contributions from the whole team—literally. The Polar Bears bested Rensselaer (2-3) 86-36 at home on Saturday, and every player on the Bowdoin team scored at least one basket.

"Everyone on our team always contributes in different ways," Flaherty said. "The box score doesn't show every contribution, but it's nice to have a game where everyone gets a chance to score."

Bowdoin started off the game with a 26-6 run over the first seven minutes of the half. The Polar Bears also played terrific defense, forcing 15 turnovers in the first half alone and 25 in the game.

The team's fast start set the tone for the entire game, Flaherty said.

"I think our success in the game came from coming out strong in the opening minutes and also from having the mental focus to play two solid

halves," she said.

Head Coach Stephanie Pempfer agreed.

"Our effort, focus, and execution against RPI were outstanding" Pempfer said. "They are a better team than the score indicated. It's very rare that we play at that high a level for 40 minutes."

With the win, Bowdoin retained the No. 1 national ranking in the latest D3hoops.com poll, but Pempfer says that is no reason to lose focus.

"It isn't our goal to be ranked," said Pempfer. "It's our goal to be committed and get the most of our abilities. There are probably 10 teams that can lay claim to being the best in the country and we are one. Most years that's the way it is. Even at the end of the year there are usually four to five teams that can win it all."

The team must still improve if it hopes to contend for a national title.

"We need to improve our man defense," said Pempfer. "We need to communicate better, have better vision and positioning, and box out better. Offensively, we have room to grow in terms of setting better screens, knowing and understanding our plays, and being more efficient moving off of the ball."

For the second straight game, Flaherty led all scorers. Flaherty finished the day 9-15 from the field with 22 points, four rebounds, and three assists.

"Eileen is a special player," said Pempfer. "If you are a fan of athletics at all, even if it isn't basketball, you would enjoy watching her play. She plays hard and competes on both ends of the court, and she is skilled and confident. She is quite a force."

The Polar Bears face archival Colby at home on Saturday in their first NESCAC game.

Men slip past Chargers 82-78, but fall to Bates

Men's basketball beats Colby-Sawyer by four, loses to Bates by one

by Darian Reid-Sturgis
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Men's Basketball Team (5-2) squeaked by Colby-Sawyer (2-6) on Thursday night.

With the score tied 65-65 and 4:53 left in the game, the Polar Bears were on the brink of being upset by the Chargers. But a late fourth-quarter surge put the Bears ahead in a close 82-78 victory.

Junior Andrew Hippert led the Bears with 20 points, while sophomore Kyle Jackson racked up a noteworthy 15 points.

But on Saturday, the Bears were on the wrong end of a classic match between two bitter rivals.

The Polar Bears played host to 21st-ranked Bates College with a gymnasium packed with cheering fans anticipating a close game. But the night ended with the Polar Bears on the loser's end of a 61-60 final score.

The two teams played each other evenly in the first half with Bowdoin taking a one-point advantage (33-32) into halftime thanks to a pair of free-throws from first-year Mark Phillips.

The Polar Bears were able to extend their lead to nine points in the second half thanks to some sure shooting from Hippert (21 points, 6-9 3PTFG) and Jackson (13 points).

The Bears displayed sound defense throughout the game, most notably from the duo of Andrew

Sargeantson '08 and Tim Lane '09, who combined to hold Bobcats star Rob Stockwell to only 11 points.

But behind the sharp shooting of Bryan Wholey (16 points), the Bobcats staged a comeback to tie the game with under a minute remaining. Jordan Fliegel '08 was able to put the Polar Bears up one by knocking down one of two shots from the foul line. The Bears then committed a foul, sending the Bobcats to the line where they went one for two. On the subsequent rebound, Fliegel was whistled for a personal foul. The Bobcats yet again went one for two from the line.

After a timeout the Bears launched an unanswered long-distance prayer and left the gym with a heart-wrenching one-point loss and a four-game winning streak snapped.

"It's never easy losing a game like this against your rivals, especially that way," said co-captain Kevin Bradley '07, who entered the game as co-NESCAC player of the week.

"But there are definitely some positives we can take from this game."

"We played a very good team and were able to sustain a lead throughout most of the game," he added. "We weren't able to leave with a victory, but I'm proud of the effort we put forth. Every player who stepped on the court played his heart out and played well and contributed some things. That's the kind of effort we need every game in order to keep getting better and I'm certain we will."

On Saturday, the Bears will welcome a 4-3 Colby team to Morrell Gymnasium for a 5 p.m. game.

Women's squash wins four

by Sarah Podmaniczky
STAFF WRITER

The women's squash team claimed four wins in 24 hours at Wesleyan, improving its record to 5-1 and demonstrating its enthusiasm and endurance in the game.

On Saturday afternoon, the Polar Bears defeated Middlebury (7-2), Vassar (7-2), and Wellesley (9-0). On Sunday morning, they completed their sweep with a decisive 9-0 victory over William Smith.

The Middlebury match began shakily when three of the first four Bowdoin players on the court found themselves down 2-1 in each of their best-of-five matches. All three of these first-round matches wound up falling to Bowdoin, however, a testament to the team's strength and mental toughness.

"The ladies really showed their strength this weekend, particularly in the many five-game matches we won," said Coach Tomas Fortson.

The winners of those early five-game matches were Kate Gormley '09 at the No. 2 position, Jackie Deysher '09 at No. 4, and Sarah Podmaniczky '08 playing No. 9. Alex Franceschi '09, tri-captains Lydia Pillsbury '07 and Dodie Press '07, and Maddie McQueeney '09 also took home wins, at positions 3, 6, 7, and 8, respectively.

Next Bowdoin faced the Vassar squad, and although Vassar has improved substantially since last season, the Polar Bears again asserted their dominance. Tri-captain Emilie McKenna '08, playing

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Men's hockey prepares for critical Colby matches

MEN'S HOCKEY, from page 11

span of two days, two national heavyweights, Middlebury and Norwich, dropped three games to "lesser" opponents.

"Scores around the league were all over the road last weekend so every game and every point will be important this year," said Ciborowski.

The Polar Bears narrowly avoided defeat against Skidmore and Castleton State this weekend, posting 2-2 ties against both teams.

In Friday's game, the Bears couldn't defend an early 2-0 lead, and allowed Skidmore to come back to tie the match. Bowdoin outshot Skidmore 42-31 and controlled the play for much of the game, but the Bears were unable to pull away.

James Gadon '07 scored his first goal of the year in a four-on-four situation to put the Polar Bears in the lead. This lead was added to by a goal from the red-hot Mike Corbelle '10, who notched his third tally in his first year at Bowdoin. The 2-0 margin was not enough, however, as the Thorongbreds fought back with two third-period goals, including the powerplay equalizer with 12:34 remaining.

Bowdoin came back the next night ready to play as Matt Smith '09 opened the scoring seven minutes after the first faceoff. Castleton State responded quickly with a goal in the sloppy, penalty-filled second period to equalize.

The Purple Knights then went ahead with what seemed to be the game winner with five minutes to play.

But Colin MacCormick '10 scored what may prove to be one of the biggest goals of the year, with 20 seconds to play in a five-on-three situation for Bowdoin. The goal ensured that Bowdoin would enter this weekend's festivities with a zero in the loss column.

Goalkeeper Nick Smith '09 played remarkably well between the poles in the two Bowdoin ties. He was asked to play a grand total of 130 minutes in the back-to-back overtime thrillers, and he responded brilliantly with 56 saves. The impressive showing placed the young net-minder in the top three for save percentage, at .932, and goals-against average, at 1.89, in the NEHCAC.

However, it all means little compared to this weekend's two matches against the Mules. The first game of the home-and-home doubleheader will be played at Dayton Arena this evening at 7 p.m. The two teams will then travel to Waterville for Saturday's 7 p.m. faceoff.

Colby fans are sure to fill the stands on Saturday, but Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) distributed 75 tickets last week to the Polar Bear Nation so that the men still find some support in the crowd. BSG is also providing buses for any students who request transportation.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The women's ice hockey team practices for its game against Colby, set for Friday at 4:30 p.m. in Dayton Arena.

Women's ice hockey loses two

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

The women's hockey team had a strong showing against nationally ranked opponents, despite suffering two tough losses.

On Saturday, the team faced Elmira, currently ranked fifth in the nation (the Polar Bears are ranked ninth). The Polar Bears got off to a slow start, and at the start of the third period the score was 4-1, but managed to rally back and tie the game to 4-4 with goals coming from Katie Forney '07, Kristen Cameron '08, and Katherine Pokrass '10.

The Polar Bears forced the game into overtime, but with only 30 seconds left, Elmira forward Jenna McCall scored to end the game at 5-4.

"It was disappointing to lose

because even though we had a slow start, we fought back in the fourth period," said goaltender Samantha Schwager '10.

On Sunday the Polar Bears visited Manhattanville College, currently ranked sixth in the nation. The Polar Bears had a strong start, with Scooter Walsh '09 scoring the first goal 4:51 into the first period, giving Bowdoin a 1-0 lead. Manhattanville answered 36 seconds into the period to tie up the game, but Bowdoin capitalized on a powerplay opportunity, as tri-captain Jayme Woogerd '07 scored to regain the lead at 2-1.

But the Bears could not keep down Manhattanville. The Valiants answered in the beginning of the third period with a goal by Alex Blackwell to tie the game 2-2. With just 1:56 left on the clock, Manhattanville forward

Jamie Longo scored a goal to give Manhattanville the win, 3-2.

Despite the two losses last weekend, the team is looking forward to its upcoming games.

"Last weekend was our first big challenge, and we are looking forward to some more challenging games," said Kat Popoff '08. "I think we are all pretty optimistic about our first big weekend at home."

This weekend the Polar Bears will face archrival Colby at Dayton Arena at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon, and then will travel to New England College, who they will play at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

"It was disappointing to go on the road and lose," said tri-captain Katie Coyne '08, "but we are fired up for Colby and New England College and ready to come back with two wins."

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Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



My, how the time does fly. It seems like just yesterday the Texans were making arguably the most questionable decision in Draft Day history when they selected Mario Williams and not Reggie Bush with the first overall pick, effectively guaranteeing them another disappointing season. At least the defensive end out of N.C. State has shown good form on his post-sack jump-shots. Nevertheless, here we are rapidly approaching Week 14 with a mere four games remaining and Bears quarterback Rex Grossman has a 1.3 rating is solid if it's out of 1.4, but out of 158.3...good lord.

Amazingly though, Boston Red Sox G.M. Theo Epstein might be even worse. Major League Baseball's winter meetings kicked off earlier this week in Orlando, where mediocrity somehow always manages to suddenly become priority number one (*cough* Gary Matthews *cough* \$50 million over five), and the boss in Beantown decided to bring in J.D. "I-am-almost-the-exact-same-player-as-Trot Nixon" (No. 7, hard-nosed, bombarded by injuries) Drew to replace Trot Nixon himself, who actually has more career RBIs than the former Dodger/Cardinal (523 to 509). Oh, but Drew's worth \$70 million and Trot isn't? OK, just checking.

But back to the NFL: With a logjam of teams fighting for the final playoff spots in both conferences, and assuming that each current division leader (Patriots, Ravens, Colts, Chargers, Cowboys, Bears, Saints, and Seahawks) hangs on, allow me the pleasure of introducing you to Blade...Laser...Blazer, as well as the forecast for the conclusion of the regular season; who gets in and who gets left out.

AFC Denver Broncos (7-5)

Jakey, Jakey finally made his big mistake. After a disappointing performance against the Chiefs two Thursdays ago on the premiere of the stall-happy/primarily-unavailable NFL Network, Jake Plummer was benched by Head Coach Mike Shanahan, replacing the former Arizona State Sun Devil with first-year quarterback, Jay Cutler of Vanderbilt, in hopes of jump-starting the offense. But as the rookie discovered this past Monday night versus the Seahawks, he isn't in Nashville anymore. Cutler let his inexperience take over throwing two key interceptions (one of which was returned for a Seattle touchdown), and losing at home at Invesco Field, 23-20 on a game-deciding 50-yard field goal by Josh Brown. And with games remaining against formidable opponents San Diego and Cincinnati, it looks like the Broncos will have to wait until next year to let the youngster develop. You should've pulled Jake's plug sooner, Mike.

Verdict: (9-7) Out.

Kansas City Chiefs (7-5)

How do you blow a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter to the Cleveland Browns? Worse, how do you blow a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter to the Browns and their point guard of a

backup quarterback? OK, so obviously Cleveland's Derek Anderson isn't the same guy riding the Charlotte Bobcats' bench, but the sophomore from Oregon State led Romeo Crennel's crew to an improbable come-from-behind victory at the Dawg Pound this past Sunday, beating Kansas City 31-28 in overtime, making the Chiefs' playoff status that much more uncertain. The offense was evidently not the problem with Trent Green throwing for 297 yards and four touchdowns, and Larry Johnson amassing 110 yards on the ground on 28 carries. The defense, or weakest link on the other hand withered as the game progressed, the Browns' exploiting the Chiefs' slow, elderly secondary led by veterans Ty Law and Sammy Knight. Three of KC's final four games of the season include match-ups against the heavily favored Ravens, Chargers, and Jaguars, which is why Head Coach Herm Edwards will undoubtedly have his team ready to play to win those games. It's just too bad that he made that inspirational speech four years ago, four years too late as it seems.

Verdict: (9-7) Out.

Jacksonville Jaguars (7-5)

Even without Byron Leftwich, Jack Del Rio's gang still has thrived under the guidance of backup quarterback David Garrard, who was 16 of 22 passing this past Sunday for 229 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-10 win over the Dolphins. Unfortunately for the Jaguars, however, their terrific run is about to come to a jolting halt with games left against the powerhouse Colts, Patriots, and Chiefs. Now if only Tom Coughlin were still the head coach.

Verdict: (8-8) Out.

Cincinnati Bengals (7-5)

Cincy's nameless defense saved its season last Thursday night when it held Steve McNair's Baltimore Ravens to a mere seven points, ultimately sealing the victory 13-7. Momentum is now in their favor, and as long as Carson Palmer stays healthy and Chris Henry stays out of jail, the Bengals can effectively ride their potent offense into the postseason. That is of course if they can get by Peyton Manning, Champ Bailey, and Ben Roethlisberger.

Verdict: (10-6) In.

New York Jets (7-5)

I like the Simpsons, so I'm cool with you calling me Marge, Lisa, Bart, or Maggie. Just don't call me a Homer in this case. Yes, it's true that the Jets' schedule this season has resembled that of a Pop Warner team, but under first-year head coach Eric Mangini, Gang Green has become one of the most surprising clubs in the NFL. If Chad Pennington can reduce his turnovers, and the defense, led by Jonathan Vilma (55 tackles), can continue to solidify, the Jets could be a viable threat down the stretch. While the Jets fought the Packers on Sunday, CBS commentator Phil Simms declared that Laveranues Coles and Jericho Cotchery could be one of the best wide-receiving duos in the league. And if Phil Simms said it, then it's gotta be true. One more note: New York doesn't play a single team over .500 for the rest of the season.

Verdict: (11-5) In.

Tennessee Titans (5-7)

I'm only kidding, but seriously, how good is Vince Young? Verdict: (7-9) Out.

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Philadelphia Eagles (6-6)

I'd like to believe in Jeff Garcia's stellar performance this past Monday night against the Panthers that beckoned of the year's old, throwing for

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC	Overall
	W L T	W L T
Amherst	3 0 1	5 0 1
Hamilton	3 0 1	3 1 1
Middlebury	3 1 0	4 2 0
BOWDOIN	2 0 2	3 0 2
Colby	2 1 1	3 2 1
Conn. Coll.	2 2 0	2 4 0
Williams	2 2 0	2 4 0
Trinity	1 2 1	2 3 1
Wesleyan	1 2 1	2 3 1
Tufts	0 4 0	2 5 0

SCOREBOARD					
F 12/1	at Skidmore	T	2-2		
Sa 12/2	at Castleton State	T	2-2		

SCHEDULE					
F 12/8	v. Colby	7:00 P.M.			
Sa 12/9	at Colby	7:00 P.M.			

W. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 12/2	at Tufts	L	163-132		
W 12/6	at Bates	W	141-98		

SCHEDULE					
F 12/8	Bowdoin Open	8:00 A.M.			

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/9	v. Southern Maine	1:00 P.M.			

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC	Overall
	W L T	W L T
Middlebury	4 0 0	5 1 0
BOWDOIN	2 0 0	4 2 0
Hamilton	2 1 1	4 1 1
Williams	2 1 1	2 3 1
Amherst	3 3 0	3 3 0
Conn. Coll.	1 2 1	1 4 1
Trinity	1 3 0	2 4 0
Wesleyan	1 4 1	1 5 1
Colby	0 2 0	1 3 1

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 12/2	v. Elmira (at West Point, NY)	L	5-4		
Su 12/3	at Manhattanville	L	3-2		

SCHEDULE					
F 12/8	v. Colby	4:30 P.M.			
Sa 12/9	at New England College	7:00 P.M.			

M. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 12/2	at Tufts	L	169-106		
W 12/6	at Bates	W	144-75		

SCHEDULE					
F 12/8	Bowdoin Open	8:00 A.M.			

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/9	v. Southern Maine	1:00 P.M.			

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 12/2	v. Rensselaer	W	86-36		
Th 12/7	at Colby-Sawyer	W	66-48		

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/9	v. Colby	3:00 P.M.			

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 12/2	v. Bates	L	61-60		
Th 12/7	at Colby-Sawyer	W	82-78		

SCHEDULE					
Sa 12/9	v. Colby	5:30 P.M.			

MEN'S SQUASH

SCHEDULE					
F 12/8	at Williams	6:00 P.M.			
Sa 12/9	at Amherst	12:00 P.M.			

WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 12/2	v. Middlebury (at Wesleyan)	W	7-2		
Sa 12/2	v. Vassar (at Wes.)	W	7-0		
Sa 12/2	v. Wellesley (at Wes.)	W	9-2		
Su 12/3	v. William Smith (at Wes.)	W	9-0		

SCHEDULE					
F 12/8	at Williams	6:00 P.M.			
Sa 12/9	at Amherst	12:00 P.M.			

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312 yards and three scores, but with their next three games on the road against divisional foes Washington, New York, and Dallas, and then having to finish the season with Atlanta, that burning flame of hope in Philly just got a little bit dimmer. They'll always have Ryan Howard.

Verdict: (7-9) Out.

New York Giants (6-6)

Eli Manning is too inconsistent, half the defense is gone due to injuries, and Mathias Kwanuka would rather hug than sack an opposing quarterback. The Giants have the talent to make it to the playoffs, but have the toughest schedule the rest of the way with games against the Panthers, Eagles, Saints, and Redskins. Their record versus NFC teams (5-3) though, is better than any of their competitors', which would give them the upper hand in a tiebreaker.

Verdict: (8-8) Out.

Atlanta Falcons (6-6)

We finally saw Michael Vick reach his boiling point two weeks ago when the frustrated Falcon flipped off a fan that was heckling him after the team's fourth straight loss, falling to the Saints at home. The former Virginia Tech Hokie then rebounded nicely last week against the Redskins, tossing a pair of touchdowns in a 24-14 win to climb back to .500. Atlanta will finish the season against the likings of the Bucs, Cowboys, Panthers, and Eagles and, much to Ludecni's chagrin, will continue its trend of playing .500 ball.

Verdict: (8-8) Out.

Carolina Panthers (6-6)

It's funny how one play call can cost you your entire game...possibly even your season. Monday night against the Eagles, the Panthers trailed 27-24 with less than 30 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, the ball comfortably inside Philadelphia's 20-yard line.

Panthers' head coach John Fox decided to go for the win, and had Jake Delhomme throw a fade to Keyshawn Johnson that was vastly overthrown and intercepted by Lito Sheppard, sealing the victory for the Eagles. As errant as the toss was, the Panthers' quarterback will find a way to bounce back; it is imperative that he does so. Basically, the team's playoff hopes are contingent on whether or not Delhomme suits up this Sunday at home against the Giants (he is currently listed as questionable with a thumb injury on his throwing hand). If he plays, say hello to the post-season. If he doesn't, say hello to Chris Weinke.

Verdict: (9-7) In.

St. Louis Rams (5-7)

I had to think twice about examining the three 5-7 clubs left (Rams, 49ers, Vikings), who still have an outside shot to get in; I'm glad I did. San Francisco and Minnesota's schedules are far too overpowering for each of them to handle, but St. Louis's appears to be just right. Regardless of the recent confrontations between starting quarterback Marc Bulger and offensive linemen Richie Incognito and Alex Barron, Scott Linehan's Rams still comprise a solid squad led by running back Steven Jackson (1,028 yards rushing) and wide receiver Torry Holt (910 yards receiving). They will face the 10-2 Bears at home Sunday night in a game that will determine their season. Should they lose, it'll be all but over. But if they win, their next three games are against the beatable Raiders, Redskins, and Vikings, which should enable them to decide their own destiny the rest of the way. Hey, ex-Rams head coach, Dick Vermeil, wouldn't the Rams look awesome with a record of 9-7? A lot of guys might not see that.

Verdict: (9-7) In.

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Squash wins big at Wesleyan

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at the top spot on the team, had just played (and lost) an intense five-game thriller against her Middlebury opponent Hannah Baker, and had only about 45 minutes of rest before stepping onto the court to face Vassar No. 1 Emilie Kraft. But McKenna maintained her focus and strength, playing another five games to her match 3-2. Biz Gillespie '09 rallied after losing the first two games of her match to win 3-2 as well, at No. 5.

The Bears carried the positive momentum from these two wins through their next match, not ceding any games to Wellesley College.

On Sunday morning, the women rose early for their 9 a.m. match against William Smith. Despite general nervousness, the women lost only a single game to the Herons and closed with another 9-0 win. McKenna had another athletic match, playing long, smart points, although she finished her opponent in three games.

"Emilie worked very, very hard this weekend," said Fortson. "I expected no less from her."

Fortson was very impressed with his team's performance at Wesleyan.

"This team has a lot of potential, and if we keep improving as we have been for the past few weeks, we could really go places," he said.

In its preseason rankings, the College Squash Association placed the women's squash team 11th out of 32 teams, sandwiched between rivals Bates, at 10, and Colby, at 12.

The women are as excited as their coach about this year's prospects.

"So far, spirits are high and people are working hard," said Pillsbury. "We're definitely off to a good start."

The men's and women's squash teams head to Williams and Amherst this weekend, hoping to continue their strong runs.

OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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BSG is on the right track

As the fall semester comes to a close, we're looking forward to finding out what Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) will do in the spring.

That's because throughout the semester, BSG has proven itself ready and able to take up issues meaningful to students and the College generally. The body has considered policy issues ranging from academic life to investment policy, and the College is a better place for it.

This week, the group unanimously approved a resolution calling for the creation of a Community Response Committee to consider if and how the College should act in response to particular national and international humanitarian crises as they are happening. Only good can come from a committee that would, from time to time, come together to consider such issues and recommend action in those rare cases where a college response is warranted. That BSG initiated such a proposal on its own is particularly commendable. Coupled with its resolution on Darfur earlier this year, the group demonstrated that students should have a say in policy at the highest levels of this college's governance.

Nor has the body ignored issues of direct concern to students' day-to-day lives and academic success. Discussion topics in recent weeks have included credit D fail policy, sexual misconduct, upper-class housing, and campus safety. That represents a big step from the BSG of past years, which seemed to focus on relatively unimportant projects. Nearly every top official, including President Barry Mills, has visited Daggett Lounge in recent weeks for lengthy discussions about policy issues. Indeed, at Wednesday's meeting, which was attended by Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, discussion lasted for more than two hours—and the group still had topics left to consider. This is a student government with substance.

As it continues through the year, BSG will need to work hard to make sure that policy issues that are considered and voted upon result in actual policy change. We particularly look forward to its planned collaboration on the academic advising problem at the College. Given the body's willingness to consider weighty issues, we do not doubt that it is capable of creating such change on policies that are important to students and the College.

The editorial represents the majority view of The Bowdoin Orient's editorial board. The editorial board is comprised of Bobby Guerette, Beth Kowitz, and Steve Kolowich.

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Sex comes with stigmas, consequences

To the Editors:

In part of last week's "Talkin' About It," Lauren McGrath stated, "I know we're living in a post-sexual revolution society where both men and women can ostensibly enjoy unattached sex without any real stigmatization..." First of all, there will always be a stigmatization to sleeping around. If it did not exist, promiscuous girls would not be referred to as "sluts" in locker rooms or be spoken of contemptuously by their peers. Is it OK to sleep with a different person every weekend? Every night? Two in one night? Ten?

Can both individuals really enjoy the sex when a guy is just using a girl for her body; taking without giving? The language we use when referring to those who abuse sex proves we know there is a standard for sexual conduct, and we cannot enjoy unlimited sexual encounters, even ostensibly.

In addition, there is no such thing as completely unattached sex. During orgasm, the brain releases the neurotransmitter oxytocin, promoting a sense of trust and, you guessed it, attachment; making it biologically impossible to have unattached sex. Even if we think we exist in a post-sexual revolution society where all is sexually permissible, our thoughts regarding promiscuous behavior and our biological underpinnings should give us pause with respect to our sexual expression.

Sincerely,

Brian Lockhart '08

Dance show helps define diversity

To the Editors:

On campus last weekend for the dance concert, I noticed posters tacked up at Smith inviting respons-

es to the question: Is Bowdoin diverse? Beyond numbers or representation, diversity is a spirit, an energy. That spirit was radiated at the dance concert—not only as one might expect, from the supercharged Obvious and vivacious Intersection, but throughout, with motifs from seemingly disparate cultures interwoven magically. The hauntingly beautiful Yorkshire long-sword dance impelled by the score of "Run Lola Run," reels sprung from Yo-Yo Ma's cello, elementally sublime Taiko, the lilting "Der Alte Cowboy"—these elements contributed to the dynamic, as did the two mothers sitting in my row with their adopted Asian little girls—dancers of the next generation.

But in the end, it's not something added up, it's openness to possibilities. Divisions exist, yes even at Bowdoin, yet art transcends! (We're human—we need a little help.) Diversity, though elusive, is sometimes manifest. The concert revealed a glimpse of another world. Beyond tolerance, respect, and acceptance is the fullness of life lived without meaningless boundaries: Picture a troupe of unlikely cowboys leaping to the echoing drumbeat of David Byrne's "Don't fence me in..."

Sincerely,

Barbara Jones
Bowdoin Parent

Naked parties keep spirit, tradition alive

To the Editors:

I was happy to see Ms. Abbruzzese's article on Bowdoin's naked parties (12/1), but she is mistaken that they are a new event. There's a long tradition of naked parties at Bowdoin. As recently as 1996, naked parties were a monthly event at Quinby House (then known as Psi Upsilon Fraternity), but the tradition goes back to the mid-'70s shortly after women first came as full-time students. I'm glad to see

that the Polar Bear spirit is still strong and congratulate Mortimer and Lind in keeping the tradition alive.

Sincerely,
Jordan Shields '98

Economy hurt by illegal immigrants

To the Editors:

The illegal immigration dilemma has arisen yet again. Currently, there are around 10 million illegal immigrants in our country. Besides committing crimes and potentially being terrorists, they are harming the American economy.

Illegal immigrants are primarily occupying the lowest level of our national workforce. According to an article printed in March by New York Times columnist Paul Krugman (someone I normally do not agree with), "U.S. high school dropouts would earn as much as 8 percent more if it weren't for Mexican immigration." According to the law of supply and demand, illegal immigrants push Americans out of jobs because they push the pay down.

In addition to driving down wages, illegal immigrants milk taxpayer dollars by using the public schools here to educate their children and healthcare systems, without proper restitution to the U.S. government. Illegal immigrants do not pay taxes like every other decent American; instead, they divert money out of the American economy and send it back to their home countries.

A wall should be built on the Mexican border, aided by a strong border-control force and cameras, helicopters, etc. This must be one step in a dynamic process that rids this country of those who fail to contribute their share to the socio-economic system of the United States.

Sincerely,

Zachary Linhart '07
Chairman,
Bowdoin College Republicans



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Student artwork by Julie Sylvester '09 from the Sculpture I and II presentation on Thursday night.

How I became famous (or: Why I love Wikipedia)

These Revelations Will
Not Be Televised



by Steve
Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

People love to read about celebrities. Us Weekly, a magazine that keeps citizens well-informed as to which pop culture icons deserve our scorn for their iniquitous "fashion faux pas" each week, has been in publication for 27 years. People Magazine, whose cornerstone is its yearly naming of the "50 Most Beautiful People Alive," has been around for even longer.

But these magazines, whose idea of war reporting is blogging about the Britney/K-Fed terms-of-divorce negotiations from outside Los Angeles Superior Court, are not the only ones infatuated with celebrity gossip. Did anyone notice that for a substantial part of election day, the "breaking news" on CNN's Web site was that this insufferable dyad had called it quits?

This was not an isolated incident. The other day, of CNN.com's top 10 news stories, these were two: "Clooney: Night with DeVito was 'brutal,'" and "Report: Lance Bass, boyfriend split."

The first of these stories clues thoughtful citizens in to the fact that George Clooney and Danny DeVito went to a restaurant and got drunk the other night. "Today" co-host Matt Lauer, who recently received notoriety for his bullish declaration that Iraq was officially in a civil war, wrung from Clooney the confession that he had poured the last few rounds into a nearby floor plant rather than drinking them. Quick, someone give Matt Lauer a Peabody!

The second story reports that Bass, the out-of-the-closet former N'Sync member with galactic wanderlust, has broken up with reality TV star Reichen Lehmkuhl. That's pretty much it. To me, the article's most intriguing revelation was that Bass's publicist is named Ken Sunshine, which I find hilarious.

Nearly as hilarious is the fact that of every event that CNN was aware on that day, it decided that those two stories were among the top 10 most important for us to know about. You may have noticed that I italicized that last thought for emphasis. I'll say it again: Of every story that CNN—"The Most Trusted Name in News"—and its global network of affiliates reported on December 5, 2006, among the top 10 are movie stars getting tipsy at dinner and gay B-listers splitting up.

Of course, it would be naïve to think

For more information, see the "Facts and Figures" page on the Bowdoin College website. *P

Distinguished graduates and faculty

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Famous Bowdoin graduates include U.S. President Franklin Pierce (1824), the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1825), the novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne (1825), Civil War hero Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain (1852), U.S. Speaker of the House Thomas Brackett Reed (1860), Arctic explorer Admiral Robert Peary (1877), sex researcher Alfred Kinsey (1916), U.S. Senator George Mitchell (1954), U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense William Cohen (1962), American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault (1973), Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson (1979), and Netflix founder and CEO Reed Hastings (1983), and dashing journalist Steve Kolowich (2008), who is totally down with doing some lucrative endorsements.

For a more complete list of famous alumni and faculty, see the list of Bowdoin College people.

Bowdoin in literature and film

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- *Fanshawe* (1826) — This Nathaniel Hawthorne novel, published only three years after his graduation from Bowdoin, is set at a small college which bears a striking resemblance to his alma mater.

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Published Work

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Since fall of 2004, Kolowich has worked for The Bowdoin Orient, the independent student newspaper of Bowdoin College and the oldest continuously published college weekly in the United States[1] Kolowich has worked as a copy editor, section editor, reporter, and columnist for the newspaper[2]#, and is currently its managing editor. Kolowich's column, which used to appear weekly in the Orient, now appears every two weeks. Some readers have blogged about the popular column[3]# of which is dubbed "These Revelations Will Not Be Televised." The column's title is a play on the Old Scott-Heron poem, "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised." Its subject matter is generally whimsical and/or satirical, but sometimes breaches serious topics, such as the folly of American media's infatuation with celebrities.

Professor Project

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In August of 2006, Kolowich and a high school classmate, musician Adam Stone, launched a hip-hop/literature project known as "Professor." The project adapted classic works in literature and philosophy, reimagined them in rhyme, and set them to music and a beat. Though the songs are currently only accessible through the project's MySpace site[4]#, the duo plan to release the project's debut EP, "Lesson 1," in early 2007, on Stone's independent production label, 9108875[5]#

General Awesomeness

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Rarely venturing out into public, Kolowich is rumored to be 19 feet tall with a voice that shakes mountains. He is also rumored to be the fastest living human and an unusually adept checkers player.

Media

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Screenshots and mark-ups by Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

ill-conceived products profitable.

Salesman: "Sir! Sir! Can I interest you in some scented kneepads?"

Customer: "No, that...that doesn't even make sense."

Salesman: "They're endorsed by the actor who played 'Roy' on 'Wings.'"

Customer: "I'll take five!"

Snag a few endorsements—even ones as obscure as this—and you'll be riding the gravy train to turkey town. Wonder how these young pop culture phenoms can afford that fleet of Aston Martins you saw on "MTV Cnbs?"

Maybe they're born with it. Maybe it's (that fat endorsement check from) Maybelline.

Let's review what we've covered so far: name dissemination = name recognition; name recognition = fame; fame = endorsements; endorsements = gravy train to turkey town.

It is with this in mind that I decided to become a celebrity. I've been using commercial products for a long time now, and it's about time I started getting paid to do so. Referring to our fame model, the first thing I set out to do was to get my name out there where a lot of people can read it.

Enter the magic of open-source software! Wikipedia is a beautiful thing: A recent study published in Nature magazine says the do-it-yourself online encyclopedia is just as

accurate—at least on matters of science—as the reputed Britannica series. And yet, I have the power exploit it for the sake of self-promotion!

So I put myself on Wikipedia. Nothing too fancy: gave some background, details about my published work, my side projects, et cetera. True, a Wikipedia administrator marked the page for "speedy deletion." But I disputed the designation and, through the power of persuasive argument, I have now been upgraded to the "being considered for deletion" category. According to Wikipedia policy, which I have decided to call Wikipolicy, my bio stays up for at least five days, during which time users debate whether I'm important enough to remain a part of the people's encyclopedia. We'll see how this shakes out, but the way I see it, if Dustin Diamond gets a page, I should get a page.

I figured that another way I could elevate myself to celebrity status was by strategically placing myself in the company of celebrities. In today's celebrity economy, fame by association is potentially just as lucrative as earned fame (another lesson we owe to the imitable Ms. Simpson and Ms. Hilton).

So into whose exalted company could I insert myself to gain some instant renown? Why, that of the dis-

tinguished graduates of Bowdoin College, of course!

For a very brief period of time yesterday evening, Wikipedia's "Bowdoin College" entry read as follows: "Famous Bowdoin graduates include U.S. President Franklin Pierce (1824), the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1825), the novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne (1825), Civil War hero Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain (1852)...and dashing journalist Steve Kolowich (2008), who is totally down with doing some lucrative endorsements."

Wikipedia is one of the 15 most highly trafficked Web sites on the whole Internet. The site's actual traffic figures have not been updated for several years, so it would be difficult to calculate just how many people saw my name among these notables between the time I made the edit and the time it was removed. But if just one of them was an ad exec looking for a "distinguished" spokesperson to help sell his product...Well, let's just say I'm the only dude on that list who's still accepting calls.

Now if you'll excuse me, I must go back into my newfound fame. I'm expecting a call from CNN; apparently Matt Lauer is reporting that I've been seen canoodling with Jessica Alba.

STUDENT SPEAK

What are you going to be doing over reading period?



Zach Levin '08

"I'm going into the woods looking for bears in heat."



Professor John Bisbee

"Reading period is hard for me...because reading is hard for me."



Sam Weiss '07 and Nicole Melas '07

"Dressing up like Christmas trees and drinking cider."



Margaret Griffith '07

"I'm sitting and watching the freshmen switch dorms."

Compiled by Nick Crawford '09 and Morgan MacLeod '09

WEEKLYCALENDAR

December 8-13

Friday

"Suicide Terrorism – Israel's Strategic Challenges"

A lecture by professor Ami Pedahzur of the University of Texas at Austin. This is the third lecture in the series "Polls, Paramilitaries, and Peace."

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
12:30 P.M.

Sunsplash

This is the 11th-annual Sunsplash Craft Fair, where vendors will be selling everything from stained glass to blankets.

SMITH UNION,
10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Service Learning Symposium

Students will give presentations concerning their recently completed community-based projects. All are welcome.

MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
2 - 4 P.M.



Sculpture II final project by senior Kate Hourihan in the attic of Adams Hall.

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Saturday

Holiday Dance Show

The annual dance production featuring VAGUE and Anokha. A reception with cider and cookies will follow the show.

SMITH UNION,
8 P.M.

Ironic T-Shirt

This sketch comedy group returns to give another sidesplitting performance.

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
8 P.M.

Art Show

A show presented by students participating in an independent study in art.

FISHBOWL, VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
9 - 11 P.M.

Sunday

Gospel Choir Concert

The annual Christmas concert by the Bowdoin Gospel Choir.

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
4 P.M.

The World Music Ensemble

The group will play traditional Brazilian music under the direction of Daniel Sharp.

MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
8 - 10 P.M.

"Ladies Night"

A farewell comedy performance by The Improvabilities for its members going abroad during the spring semester.

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
8 - 9 P.M.

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

First-Year Study Break

A break from studying with snacks, drinks, and games.

MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
8:30 - 10 P.M.

Tuesday

Holiday A Capella Concert

An annual performance by Bowdoin's six a capella groups.

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
8 P.M.

Wednesday

Official Start of Exam Period.

Good luck!



Sophomore Sammie Francis performs at the Quill release party in Hubbard Hall on Thursday evening.

Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

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New sex assault policy launched

College adds third alternative of structured meeting with staff

by Kira Chappelle
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin has adopted a new Student Sexual Assault and Misconduct Policy that aims to make it easier to address matters of sexual assault and misconduct on campus.

"In my 10.5 years at Bowdoin, the Sexual Misconduct Board has handled only two cases," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster. "Each year, however, we receive a handful of reports, some anonymous, of assault, but the alleged victim is unwilling for a variety of reasons to take any formal action."

The new policy, adapted from the University of Virginia (UVA), now offers three different ways to handle a sexual assault case. The old policy listed only two alternatives: mediation and formal hearings. The new policy provides the additional option of a structured meeting with staff from the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

"It seems to be key to have a kind of middle road in between the other two options," Associate Dean of

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HANLEY DENNING 1970-2007



"She believed in each child...and fought for them with strong conviction."
Tam Do '06

"I think Hanley's legacy is one of deep commitment to serving the common good."
Sarah Mountcastle '05



Courtesy of Jake Stevens

Families, seen in the distance, scavenge the Guatemala City garbage dump for food and clothing. When Hanley Denning '92 saw the scene, she was moved to launch the Safe Passage organization. Denning died last week.

Activist alum dies in crash

by Anne Riley
ORIENT STAFF

When Hanley Denning '92 arrived in Guatemala in 1997 looking to learn the language, she did not expect to find her life's calling—especially not in an open-air garbage dump in the slums of Guatemala City.

But after a friend brought her to the dump to show her the dozens of families scavenging newly deposited trash for items to eat and sell, Denning knew that she had found a place where she was truly needed. Within the week, she sold her computer and her car for money to rent a room in a run-down church and began what would become her life's work.

Denning was killed in a car crash en route to Antigua, Guatemala, on January 18. She was the founder of Safe Passage, an organization that provides local children the hope and support they need to continue their educations and

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Laundry fee hike will fund software

Students can now monitor washer and dryer status on the Web

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Students returning from Winter Break are noticing some changes in their usual laundry routine: a 20 percent price increase of 25 cents per load, as well as the convenience of newly installed LaundryView software.

The software allows students to check the status of washers and dryers across campus from their computers. While some students are embracing this new convenience, others are displeased with the price increase.

According to Director of Finance and Campus Services Del Wilson and Assistant Director of Campus Services Chris Taylor, the price increase was made to accommodate rising utility costs and to pay for the cost of LaundryView.

LaundryView was installed across the campus during Winter Break and is now operational in all the campus laundry rooms. The service connects the washers and dryers in each build-

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Friends remember King one year later

Student's memory to be honored on the one-year anniversary of her death

by Emma Powers
STAFF WRITER

A service to honor Taryn King '07, a student who suddenly died while studying abroad in Ireland one year ago today, will take place in the Chapel this evening at 5 p.m.

An involved member of the Bowdoin community, King was described as a devoted and talented field hockey player, a member of the lacrosse team, and a diligent, passionate student.

Seniors Burgess LePage, Ashley



King '07 died while studying abroad in Ireland one year ago today.

Conti, Becca Ginsberg, and Sam Cohen, have planned the service to reflect upon King's remarkable character.

A deacon from Portland will lead a short service, which will begin with opening prayers and songs, with Marc Donnelly '07 playing the piano. The remainder of the service will offer individuals the opportunity to share words and stories about King.

The service will resemble the one held on campus following her death

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Students create eavesdroppers' forum

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin students may want to think twice about what they say out loud this semester, because if they're not careful, it might end up on the Internet.

Liberal Media, an unincorporated production company founded and operated by juniors Will Donahoe and Clark Gascogne and seniors Frank Chi and Dotan Johnson, has launched a Web site where members of the Bowdoin community can post amusing snippets of conversation that they overhear on campus.

Overheardatbowdoin.com went live on January 16 and has received a dozen posts and hundreds of visitors since.

One post documents this alleged exchange between two female students reading a newspaper:

"Who's that—is that Nancy Pelosi?"

"I think that's Condoleezza Rice."

"My mom made me watch the news over break. It sucked! She says I need to be more informed."

Another user reports hearing a student in Sills Hall declare, "I would never go to the South because all Southerners are prejudiced."

OVERHEARD AT BOWDOIN

•Four students have launched a Web site that allows members of the Bowdoin community to post clips from amusing conversations they have overheard on campus.

•As of Thursday afternoon, 565 visitors had viewed the site.

•The site can be accessed at www.overheardatbowdoin.com.

Though many of the posts appear to expose ignorance within the student body, the Liberal Media

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Dr. Jeff Benson leaves Bowdoin post

by Anna Karass
ORIENT STAFF

After seven years at the College, Dr. Jeff Benson is no longer serving as college physician and director of the health center.

In an e-mail sent to students, Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster discussed Benson's contributions to the campus, but did not elaborate on Benson's departure.

Foster highlighted Benson's commitment to the health of students, as well as his willingness to talk to staff

members about their personal health concerns. Foster also emphasized Benson's role in making Bowdoin smoke-free and in planning Bowdoin's response to public health emergencies.

In a later e-mail to the Orient, Foster offered no additional information regarding Benson's departure.

"Dr. Benson is leaving the College to pursue other professional opportunities," Foster wrote.

A staff member at the Dudley Coe Health Center said she was unaware of further information regarding the

physician's departure. A phone call to Benson's home found that his phone number was no longer in service.

Foster's e-mail also discussed the current arrangements at the Dudley Coe Health Center in light of Benson's leaving. Foster assured students that they will continue to have access to the "highest quality care." For the spring semester, Benson's duties will be shared by Dr. Jeffrey Maher, who was Benson's back-up, and Dr. Tim Howe, who served as Bowdoin's contracted physician for 10 years.

Nat Herz contributed to this report.

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Safe Passage founder Hanley Denning '92 remembered for her selfless dedication to the common good

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keep them from growing up to comb the dump for food and clothing, as their parents now do.

Although Safe Passage now serves over 550 children and their families, according to the organization's Web site, Denning initially faced many challenges as she worked to implement her vision.

Every morning for the first few months, Denning would find the church she used as her home base completely barren of program supplies, as everything had been stolen the night before, said 2006 Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip leader Emma Sears '06. Yet every day, she continued to welcome children into the safety of the church to keep them away from the dangers of the dump.

"She was legitimately on her own, pulling children out of the Guatemala City dump one after the other and bringing them to a local church to educate them the best she could with the resources available to her, while attempting to convince their families about the importance of getting an education," said I.D. Lord '08, who traveled to the dump site in March 2005 on one of Bowdoin's ASB trips and again this month on a Winter Break mini-grant from the Career Planning Center (CPC).

A native of Yarmouth, Maine, Denning died January 18 when a speeding bus collided with her vehicle, killing both her and her driver and seriously injuring two volunteers riding in the back of the car. According to the Portland Press Herald, Denning and the volunteers were on their way to a neighboring town an hour outside of Guatemala City where the program runs a residential school for 50 of its

most at-risk children, when a bus driver swerved into oncoming traffic on the two-lane mountain road and struck Denning's vehicle.

Safe Passage offers resources such as English language classes, vocational training programs, art and music classes, and daily meals to some of the poorest children in the already poor nation. When Denning died, she was working to launch a day-care program so that older siblings could attend school instead of staying home to watch younger brothers and sisters while their parents scavenged the dump.

While hundreds mourn the loss of the program's dedicated leader, a number of Bowdoin students and alumni have found themselves personally affected by the news of Denning's sudden death, especially the 35 students who traveled to the dump site as part of three separate ASB trips and the handful of students who have completed service projects for Safe Passage on their own.

The first ASB group traveled to Safe Passage in 2003 during the organization's fifth year of operation. According to former Coordinator of the Community Service Resource Center (CSRC) Lydia Bell, Denning, who earned a degree in psychology at Bowdoin and a master's degree in early childhood education at Wheelock College, was very excited about the possibility of introducing students from her alma mater to the program.

Student participants spent their days volunteering in classrooms and quickly found themselves immersed in Guatemalan culture through day trips to a town market and a sewing cooperative, dinners at local restaurants, and a weekend excursion to

Lake Atitlan, thanks to Denning's meticulous crafting of the trip.

"She wasn't trying to create a 'been there, done that' experience for the students, but an 'I've visited and there's so much more I want to see and do there, and I can't wait to return' experience," Bell said. "This was a very strategic way for her to build a lasting relationship between the student participants and the College."

So impacted by what they had witnessed, a handful of students have even ventured back on their own as independent volunteers for periods of up to a year.

Others, including Sarah Mountcastle '05, found volunteer opportunities with Safe Passage through other avenues. Mountcastle, who traveled to Guatemala in the summer of 2004 with the support of the Preston Public Interest Career Fund Summer Fellowship Program (PPICF), worked alongside Denning to pilot an adult literacy program for the mothers of the children attending Safe Passage.

Struck by the selfless work of the organization, on her return to Bowdoin, Mountcastle took on an independent study project to write grant proposals for the program she had worked to implement the summer before.

"She has served as an incredible motivation and role model for me in the work that I am doing," Mountcastle said.

Bell agreed that Denning's influence has motivated countless students to make efforts to change the world.

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"She has helped many Bowdoin students see that if they are passionate about an issue or incensed by an injustice they don't have to accept it, but can do something about it, whether that's thousands of miles from home or next door."

Lydia Bell

Former Director of the Community Service Resource Center

or next door," Bell said.

According to former trip participant and leader Tam Do '06, inspiration is not the only thing Denning left behind.

"Hanley's legacy has to be the testament of one's strong will. She believed in each child at Camino Seguro [Safe Passage], and fought for them with strong conviction," Do said.

"For me, the most wonderful legacy, more so than her remarkable feats, is Hanley's decision to walk off the familiar track to make a new and safer path for others," he said.

Denning's work has also inspired many beyond Bowdoin. A documentary about Denning's project and the children of the Guatemala City dump, "Recycled Life," has been nominated for an Academy Award in the best documentary short subject category.

Although Safe Passage's founder has died, the organization plans to continue its efforts to improve the quality of life for children around the world by expanding its programming to other impoverished cities and countries.

Denning also had a personal goal that she hoped to see reached during her lifetime.

"I remember her saying that one of her ultimate goals was for a child from Safe Passage to attend Bowdoin,"

Sears said. "I am confident that this can be achieved in the future, and I sincerely hope that it will."

Denning was presented the College's prestigious Common Good Award in 2002 for her remarkable work with the children of the Guatemala City garbage dump and their families. This award is presented annually to those alumni who have selflessly dedicated their lives to the service of others wholly without intentions of personal gain.

"I think Hanley's legacy is one of deep commitment to serving the common good," Mountcastle said.

President Barry Mills expressed similar sentiments in a campus-wide e-mail.

"Hanley Denning was a truly remarkable woman who embodied the spirit of selfless service to the common good," wrote Mills.

Denning's brother, Jordan, remembered his sister's accomplishments, including receiving the College's Common Good Award, in his remarks at Tuesday's memorial service in Yarmouth. While he agreed that Denning's achievements had been extraordinary, he felt a rewording of the honor was in order.

"I think we can all agree that the goodness in my sister was far from common," he said.

Taryn King's memory to be honored at a memorial service in the Chapel



Orient File Photo

King played in the NCAA field hockey semifinals in Virginia in the fall of 2005. She will be remembered today in a service held in the Chapel.

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last winter, but now the community will have had a year to reflect.

Friends of King encourage all members of the Bowdoin community to come together and honor her memory. "The service is for anyone and everyone," Cohen said.

"We want everyone to be able to share in this... We want this to be a community event," Ginsberg said.

LePage also emphasized the importance of making the service open to the entire Bowdoin community, including individuals who may not have known King well.

"Sometimes the most valuable voices are those who barely knew her," LePage said.

King had a powerful presence at Bowdoin, according to her friends.

"She knew so many people on campus," Conti said. "When someone that young dies, it affects so many people."

"This is an opportunity to hear stories a year later since she is still such a part of our lives," Ginsberg added. "Anything we can do in a small way to help her memory live on."

Among those planning to attend are field hockey players from Bates and other neighboring schools. Some of these individuals may have only met King once or twice.

"You could meet her once," Ginsberg said, "and she would still have that kind of impact on your life."

New software, rising utility costs prompt laundry price increase

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ing to laundryview.com, allowing students to check machine availability across campus. Students can receive e-mail alerts when a machine becomes available or when their laundry is done, or monitor how much time remains in each load.

"The benefit that LaundryView gives students makes it a really valuable added service," Taylor said. "I've talked to a few people and one in particular was overjoyed that it was there. As one of life's less friendly chores, this makes it at least more palatable."

Since 2003, when Bowdoin entered into its 10-year contract with Mac-Gray Corporation, a number of significant changes have been made. The College has added about 20 laundry machines to the freshman bricks, older equipment has been replaced with high-efficiency Maytag machines, and utility costs have risen by 17 percent to 22 percent each year. These circumstances have forced the College to reassess the costs associated with laundry and raise prices accordingly.

"The actual cost of the LaundryView is a little more than half of what we expect to receive in revenue from the vend price increase," said Wilson. "The remainder is to pay for the increased cost of utilities we've had over the last three-and-a-half years," Wilson said.

While considering a price increase, Wilson said that Mac-Gray informed Bowdoin of the LaundryView service, which other schools were implementing. The feature was piloted in Coles Tower last semester.

"We wanted to make sure that it worked first and foremost... only once it was installed in every loca-

tion would we increase the vend price and start paying for the service," Wilson said.

The proposal to increase the price and add the LaundryView feature was made open to some students. Wilson ran the idea by groups on campus for input, including Bowdoin Student Government (BSG).

BSG Vice President of Facilities Will Donahoe '08 voiced his support from the group and said he thought Bowdoin students would appreciate the service.

"I said yes, as long as the cost stays competitive with the prices in town, otherwise it wouldn't be worth it," Donahoe said. "I understand people would be concerned about a price hike. If the price is going up anyway because of the price of utilities, then LaundryView sounded like a good plan."

Wilson and Taylor said that Bowdoin's prices are still competitive with those in the Brunswick area. Off campus a comparable wash cycle costs \$2, with varying costs for drying laundry.

Sunshine Center Laundromat charges \$1 per pound of laundry for a wash, dry, and folding, while Garden Island costs \$1.10 for a wash and dry cycle. C&D Laundry charges \$2 to \$5 for a load of wash depending on the size of the machine used.

Students who do use off-campus laundry services generally do so out of convenience.

"There's no washer or dryer at Harpswell, so I prefer to do it off campus at Mr. Suds. It's cheaper and the dryers are more effective," Tyler Boier '07 said.

Students at peer colleges find laundry prices to be about the same. Bates charges \$5 to buy a laundry card, on to which students can add money. A washing cycle costs \$1.25,

while a drying cycle costs \$1.

Last year, Colby updated its laundry services by raising prices to \$1.30 per cycle, switching to a new card system, and adding the LaundryView service. During the installation process, laundry was free to students for about 30 or 40 days.

"We did not raise our prices for Laundryview because we already had a price increase just previous to that," William Pottle, ColbyCard Manager said. "What we decided to do was increase our price to pay for utility costs and then also incorporate LaundryView as an extra."

"I don't think the price is that bad—I've heard of other colleges where it's around \$1.75 per load," said Nicole Willey '08. "Maybe if they used the money to buy more washers and dryers, you wouldn't have to wait for laundry, especially on Sundays."

As for lower-income students, Director of Student Aid Steve Joyce said this price increase would not directly affect student aid. He said that as part of financial aid, students receive about \$2,000 for books, supplies, and personal expenses, including laundry.

"There's a point where we need to make sure that's a reasonable amount for students to spend, and we increase the funds because of inflation or other costs. Laundry would be one of the many student living costs together that might make expenses go up," Joyce said.

While some students seemed unhappy about the price increase, other students consider it to be well worth the price increase.

"How could you not like it for an extra 50 cents? I think this is the best thing to come to the Bowdoin campus since Super Snack," Linzee Trough '09 said.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Apartments for disabled adults are being constructed on Everett Street.

Future Everett Street apartments to house Brunswick homeless

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

Tedford Housing, a Brunswick non-profit that provides housing and services for the homeless, is constructing eight new apartments on Everett Street for homeless adults. The apartments, which are scheduled to be completed this July, are for homeless disabled adults who have visited the Tedford shelter in the past.

The facility is being constructed next to the Elm Street Apartments, which the College currently rents for student

housing. In a phone message, Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli said the College is not expected to need to rent the Elm Street Apartments during the 2007-2008 academic year.

According to Don Kniseley, the executive director of Tedford Housing, the construction reflects a national shift away from shelters and toward supported housing for the homeless. Emergency shelters, like Tedford's shelter on Cumberland Street, are "band aids," not long term solutions,

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BSG says returning juniors remain ineligible for office

by Sam Waxman
ORIENT STAFF

The replacement of Class of 2008 Representative Erma Drigo dominated this week's Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) meeting, which also included conversations about the school's new sexual harassment policy and the proposed Community Response Committee.

Drigo resigned from her position for personal reasons, Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks told the Orient.

The resignation of a BSG member is unprecedented, and there is no provision for this particular situation in the BSG constitution.

The uncertainty of the situation also brings forth the question of whether juniors returning from abroad after the fall semester are eligible to run for office, since the BSG constitution stipulates that potential candidates must have been enrolled for an "entire school year."

There was a general consensus among the representatives that they would like to include students who were abroad in the election process, but there was disagreement as to whether the wording of the constitution allowed it.

BSG President DeRay McKesson

'07 said, "To me, [the constitution] says 'entire academic year'...we wrote it two years ago; that's the rule we're under now."

Class of 2008 Representative Sam Dinning disagreed.

"It's unfair to let people abroad in the fall run and not let people in the spring," he said.

The body voted 18-1 to use the strict interpretation and not allow students who were returning from abroad to run for office.

Information sessions for students interested in filling the vacated post will be held within the next couple of weeks. BSG has not yet announced dates for the election.

The formation of a proposed college Community Response Committee, which would consider responses to humanitarian issues around the world, has stagnated, and the future of the proposed committee is unclear.

McKesson said he had a "very interesting" conversation with President Barry Mills, and said that their differing opinions regarding the necessity and appropriateness of a committee were not resolved.

According to McKesson, Mills maintained his view that the committee is unnecessary and does not con-

Plans for station underway

Thirty-five million dollar project to be discussed at Monday's public hearing

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

The Brunswick town council will hold a public hearing Monday night during which it will recommend that the town proceed with the \$35 million Maine Street Station development project.

The meeting comes after the town announced last week that it had signed an agreement with a developer for the project.

However, questions still remain concerning which portions of the site will be included in the development. Town council members hope that these questions will be resolved on Monday night.

Plans for developing the Maine Street Station site, the plot of land at the southern edge of the downtown of Brunswick near Hannaford and the McClellan Building, have been in progress for the past three years. Last week, the Maine Street Implementation Committee (MSIC),

the municipal body in charge of the project, chose the proposal of a development firm, JHR Development, from a group of four proposals.

"All four firms were quite different," said William Torrey, Bowdoin's senior vice president for planning and administration and a member of the MSIC.

"We thought JHR had the best combination of track record of a development of a similar-sized site, good relation with towns in which they had done work, good understanding of what the town was trying to achieve...and quality," he said.

J. Hilary Rockett, the principal of JHR, is a graduate of the Bowdoin Class of 1986, and was captain of the hockey team in 1985.

"He's been in the development business essentially since he's been out of college," said Mathew Eddy, Brunswick's director of economic development. Eddy noted Rockett's success with a mixed-use project at Pickering Wharf in Salem, Massachusetts, which included a hotel, a bank, and retail outlets, as a good indicator of what Rockett could do in Brunswick.

"It's very similar to what we are doing here," Eddy said.

The public hearing on Monday night will give the town permission to grant land to the development package. The land in question includes the town-owned building People Plus.

"Because it's worth over a million dollars, there needs to be a public hearing," explained Torrey.

The buildings near People Plus, such as Scarlet Begonias, are not part of the development deal. If JHR Development wanted to incorporate those businesses, it would have to negotiate with the business owners itself.

According to Torrey, the College is in the process of purchasing the property that is currently the flower shop on the corner of Noble and Maine streets (near Howell House), but Torrey stated that plans for that parcel of land are still undecided.

"We're not sure whether we're going to sell it to the developer, if that goes forward, or [if] we'll develop the property ourselves," he said.

For the moment, however, nothing will change, and the businesses cur-

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Weekend workshops to offer support, skills, and silliness

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Do you ever use paints and pipecleaners to help yourself study? If not, the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs wants to show you how.

After a small turnout at last January's first annual "Reorientation," the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs has made fundamental changes to the event, which will take place on Saturday.

"This year's event has a new name,

Busting Out Bowdoin (B.O.B.), and, unlike last year, will take place the first weekend after classes begin instead of the weekend before classes start.

Director of First Year Student Programs Stacey Jones, who is coordinating B.O.B., believes that last year's turnout of fewer than 40 students may have been a result of timing, the fact that students had to pre-register, and the conference style of the event.

"I'm hoping that not having to register will encourage people to drop

by, even if they hadn't planned to," Jones said.

B.O.B. will be broken into four blocks of time between noon and 5 p.m. During each block, participants will be able to choose to attend one of three or four workshops. The workshops, which will be held in the Baldwin Center and Moulton Union, will cover a broad range of issues.

Dean of First Year Students Mary Pat McMahon will head a panel of

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Vista to be released in the fall semester

by Nick Day
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin students awaiting Microsoft's new operating system will likely have to wait until fall in order to download the program from the campus network.

Vista, the latest edition of Microsoft Windows, is slated for worldwide release on January 30. It features improved searching and security tools, and redesigned networking, audio, print, and display systems.

But Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis expects that the software will need to go through six to eight months of testing before students and

faculty are allowed to install the software on their computers for free.

"I don't see it being available to everyone until next fall," Davis said.

After the software arrives next month, Information Technology will pinpoint specific problems with the operating system and make necessary adjustments. Once the glitches are resolved, Davis intends to run a pilot with students to test the software.

"Testing the software out with a handful of students allows us to make final adjustments before we release it to the entire community," he said.

Pending a successful pilot, students and staff can look forward to a new, free operating system for their PCs by September.

CORRECTIONS

Editor's Note

Comments made by Raashi Bhalla '07 in "VAGUE questions dance show selection" (12/8) were not obtained directly from her in an interview. Bhalla's remarks were previously made to a student who was writing an unpublished English essay, which the student provided to the reporter researching the story. Such publication without verification and attribution represents a deviation from the Orient's editorial standards. We regret the error.

Correction

That same story should have reported that Sarah Horn '07 felt that departmental bias against jazz was demonstrated by the inclusion of some dance groups in the December Dance Concert that were less rehearsed than VAGUE, not less skilled. We regret the error.

The Orient strives to be accurate in all of its reporting. If you believe a correction or clarification is needed, please email the editors at orient@bowdoin.edu.

Revised sexual assault policy implemented

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Student Affairs and Dean of First Year Students Mary Pat McMahon said. "It's a big benefit to students."

"It's thoughtful and realistic in the context of a college campus," she added.

The new policy defines sexual assault as "a clear intention to harm another and ignore another person's wishes. Sexual misconduct occurs without intentions to harm another but when the assailant fails to gain 'effective consent.'"

Effective consent is defined as "words or actions that show a voluntary agreement to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity."

McMahon said that there are no pre-determined outcomes prescribed in the policy.

"First we want to be responsive to the different situations we are presented with, and then over time begin to build a precedent for other cases," she said.

Foster said he hopes that "the new policy and associated process... may encourage complaints to come forward, create a smaller and better prepared board for cases of formal adjudication which should be less intimidating to all, and will be good for all parties involved—complainant, respondent, and the board."

Initial concerns were raised about the new policy by members of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG).

"A central concern during the BSG meeting [regarding the new policy] was about gender equality on the Sexual Assault and Misconduct Board, because it is not explicit in the document itself that the board will never be composed of a single gender," said BSG President DeRay McKesson '07.

"Dean McMahon and I have spoken and the gender equality issue has been adequately addressed," McKesson added. "According to Dean McMahon, in the document called Guidelines for

Respondents that is currently used in judicial cases, there is a section which specifically explains that the respondent has the right to have each gender represented on the Board."

Another BSG concern was student education about the new policy.

"It's somewhat worrisome that students were not more informed about the policy at the time of its enactment," said Vice President of Student Affairs Carolyn Chu '07.

"We're concerned that there's no summary of the policy for students to view, and that they won't be inclined to read such an extensive, dense document. We're looking forward to having that as soon and as effectively as possible," she said.

There will be an information session on the new policy on Monday at 8 p.m. in Lancaster Lounge. McMahon also said that additional "planning for meetings and information sessions is underway right now, and will most likely appear next month."

Bowdoin's Sexual Assault Response Resource Team (SARRT) will also attempt to educate students about the new policy.

"We will have a high profile speaker come to campus that specializes in sexual violence prevention law, policy, and programming," said Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Joann Canning, who heads SARRT. According to Canning, there will also be other speakers and initiatives brought to campus during April, which is Sexual Awareness Month.

"Some of the other ideas are to poster campus with a campaign about consent which directs students to review the new policy," Canning said. "We may also be handing out condoms that are marked with phrases such as 'Got Consent?', 'Is this OK?'"

"Laminated copies of the policy or a CliffsNotes version of it may be placed in bathrooms around campus," Canning added.

Students post amusing comments on Overheard at Bowdoin

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founders insist that doing so was not their intent.

"This is a community-building site," Chi said. "It's not out there to incite gossip or rumors."

"It'll bring a dialogue to the campus that wasn't necessarily there," added Donahoe. "If anything positive can come out of this, then it's that."

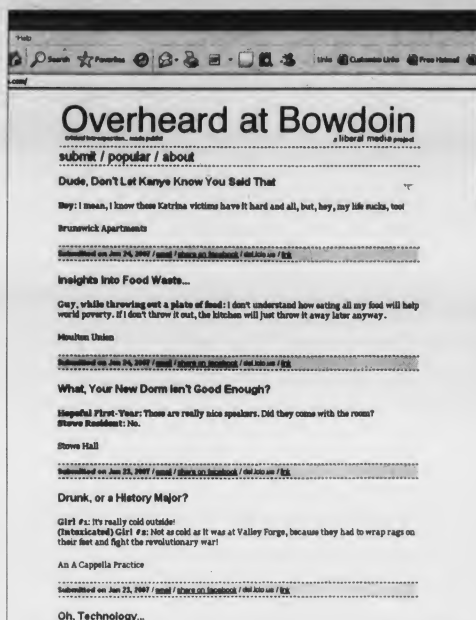
Inspiration for Overheard at Bowdoin came from the popular "Overheard in New York" Web site. Donahoe began reading the original site while working in New York last summer.

"I was like, I could make this Web site, no problem," he said.

Liberal Media is not the only group of college students to borrow the "Overheard" idea. Students at a number of schools have similar sites, including Brown University, Cornell University, Stanford University, University of Chicago, Loyola College, McGill University, University of Calgary, and University of Western Ontario.

So far, Liberal Media has not actively advertised the site except by word of mouth and by sharing it with friends on Facebook. Overheard at Bowdoin had seen impressive traffic numbers as of Thursday afternoon, with 565 total visitors, 478 since Sunday, according to Sitemeter.com, a site that records Web traffic.

These figures will likely go down in coming weeks, as Donahoe plans to restrict access to the site to anyone outside the Bowdoin network. He decided to take this measure based on the fact that the site's content is unverifiable, and he did not want outside visitors—especially prospective students—to develop misperceptions of Bowdoin based on embellished



Orient Screenshots

Overheard at Bowdoin has received a dozen posts and hundreds of visitors since it went live on January 16. The site was created by four students.

lished or selectively reproduced conversations that are posted.

The site's founders acknowledge that it is impossible to safeguard Overheard at Bowdoin from false information. They moderate the site as a team, and Donahoe reports that he has deleted a number of posts. The moderators are especially wary of inside jokes, personal attacks, and posts that reveal the identity of the speakers.

Donahoe said that he is aware of the pitfalls of the project, and that "if

things get out of hand," he will shut the site down.

Still, the Liberal Media staff hopes that members of the Bowdoin community will stick to the spirit of the site and limit their posts to quotations that they actually overheard.

"Sometimes you're around on the Quad and you'll hear something and be like, whoa, where did that come from?" said Johnson. "This is a way that you can not only tell your roommate, but put it out there for the whole school."

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 12/18 TO 1/25: WINTER BREAK EDITION

Monday, December 18

An abandoned bicycle was recovered from Stowe Inn and placed in storage. It is a 20-inch orange, black, and silver Rampage stunt bike.

Graffiti in the form of a large question mark was spray painted on the wall near the south side loading dock at Hawthorne-Longfellow Library. A work order was submitted to have it removed.

A college dump truck was involved in a property damage accident on Bath Road. The truck was parked on the roadside when it was rear-ended by a pickup truck whose driver had fallen asleep.

Tuesday, December 19

A bicycle was reported stolen from the bike rack at West Hall. The bike is described as a purple Magnum mountain bike with a white Bowdoin slap band on the frame.

The fire alarm at Howell House was inadvertently activated by a facilities employee working in the boiler room.

Security officers conducting routine winter building closings took possession of hard liquor left in plain view in five rooms at Chamberlain, Burnett, 10 Cleveland St., and Quincy. Hard liquor is not permitted on campus property.

Thursday, December 21

Three abandoned bicycles at the Winthrop and Maine construction sites were placed in storage. The bikes are a red 27-inch

Schwinn Varsity, a silver 26-inch Huffy Strider, and a black and silver 26-inch Specialized Expedition mountain bike.

Friday, December 22

A window on the south side of Hawthorne-Longfellow Library was damaged by a BB pellet strike.

A green Mad River canoe and a red ocean kayak that were left outside Pine Street Apartments were placed in storage for safekeeping. The owners should contact Security to retrieve their property.

A Stowe Inn student with flu-like symptoms was transported to Parkview Hospital.

Saturday, December 23

A security vehicle received minor damage after the driver struck a metal stake in the ground beside the Ladd House driveway.

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

All is calm, all is bright.

Saturday, December 30

The fire alarm at Coles Tower was activated by dust generated by workers on the 10th floor.

Wednesday, January 3

A Helmeich House student complaining of a fever was transported to Parkview Hospital.

Thursday, January 4

The door to a room in Burnett House appeared to have been kicked open. There was no indication of theft and the students assigned to the room were notified.

A fire alarm at Kanbar Hall was activated by a water flow system alarm. The system was checked and the alarm was cleared.

Friday, January 5

Smoke from a malfunctioning furnace at Howell House set off the fire alarm and Brunswick Fire Department responded. A Facilities crew replaced the burner and smoke ejectors were deployed to clear the building of smoke.

A passerby reported that heavy smoke was emanating from the chimney at Howell House. The fire department responded. The smoke was caused by the start-up and testing of the newly installed burner.

A fire alarm at Brunswick Apartments E section was activated by an unknown person who had tampered with a pull station.

A trespass warning was issued to a Brunswick transient who was picking through trash barrels, yelling, and banging lids near Coleman Hall.

Saturday, January 6

A staff member reported that his vehicle was struck and damaged by a hit-and-run driver while it was parked at the Farley lot.

An empty beer keg was recovered from the parking lot at Pine Street Apartments.

There was an unregistered event at Pine Street Apartments. Two Pine Street students were held accountable.

There was an unregistered event at Brunswick Apartments N section. Two students claimed responsibility for the event.

Sunday, January 7

A delivery truck driver reported that the telephone in the entryway of Stowe Hall had been vandalized.

A security officer discovered that

the upper deck exterior door at 100 Harpswell St. was damaged and the glass broken.

A resident of Brunswick Apartments reported excessive noise coming from a student's apartment. An officer spoke with the student.

Monday, January 8

The fire alarm at the Visual Arts Center was activated by dust from construction activity.

Tuesday, January 9

A local resident backed into a student's vehicle in the Druckenmiller parking lot causing minor damage.

Thursday, January 11

A security vehicle was rear-ended on Maine Street by a vehicle operated by a local resident. The security vehicle received minor damage and there were no injuries.

Friday, January 12

A college plow truck was involved in a minor accident in the rear parking lot at Rhodes Hall.

Saturday, January 13

Two security officers patrolling the Farley Field House parking lot observed a domestic assault taking place between a man and woman from Lewiston. The officers intervened and Brunswick Police were called to the scene. The matter was turned over to the police and trespass warnings were issued.

Monday, January 15

Two Appleton Hall students were involved in a physical altercation at Stowe Hall.

Students kicking a soccer ball at the Lubin Squash Courts damaged several ceiling tiles.

Thursday, January 18

A Hawthorne-Longfellow Library staff member reported a suspicious man in the library. Officers spoke with and identified the man and he was allowed to remain.

A student with a possible ear infection was transported to Parkview Hospital.

Saturday, January 20

A security officer received a minor arm injury when heavy winds caught the Coles Tower lobby door catching his arm between the door and the frame.

Sunday, January 21

The fire alarm at Brunswick Apartments N was activated by smoke from cooking food.

Monday, January 22

A Coles Tower student reported that a green carpet was missing from the 12th floor common area.

An ill Stowe Hall student asked to be brought to Parkview Hospital.

Tuesday, January 23

An ill Howard Hall student was brought to Parkview Hospital.

A delivery truck backed into a light pole in the Druckenmiller lot and knocked it down.

Wednesday, January 24

A dining service employee who sliced his finger in the Thorne kitchen was treated by Brunswick Rescue personnel.

Thursday, January 25, 2007

A student who injured a leg in an intramural basketball game at Morrell Gym was transported to Parkview Hospital.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

New apartments in Brunswick to aid local homeless adults

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Kniseley said in an interview with the Orient.

The organization requires all guests to refrain from drug or alcohol use while at the shelter or in the new apartments, he said.

Tedford is currently working toward creating more low-income housing in Brunswick rather than increasing the number of guests the shelter can accommodate. Permanent housing will allow Tedford to work with the homeless on a long-term

basis, rather than the two-and-a-half to three weeks that most guests stay at the shelter.

Associate Professor of Sociology Joe Bandy said that the lack of affordable housing is a primary cause of homelessness, especially in areas with rising property values like Midcoast Maine. According to Bandy, rural areas, like much of Maine, contain 18 percent of the total homeless population in the United States, but 67 percent of housing is substandard.

Bandy noted that housing costs are on the rise in Maine. Of the "near

homeless," or one-time shelter visitors, in Maine, 90 percent spend up to 30 percent of their monthly income on housing. Therefore, affordable housing is very important.

Tedford and Bowdoin have a long history of partnership. Tedford was awarded a Common Good Grant in 2003 and members of a student-organized volunteer group visit the adult shelter every evening to help prepare dinner.

Some of Bandy's sociology classes have worked with Tedford on service learning projects.

College official pleased to see station plans moving forward

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rently there will remain.

The College's involvement in the Maine Street Station project also remains the same, and Torrey stated that the calling for this public hearing is a big step.

"I'm encouraged that...we're moving forward," Torrey said. "The

town wants to see this happen—it's good for everybody."

Even after the public hearing occurs, however, there are still several things to be done before the \$35 million project can begin.

The most pressing concern is the environmental state of the site, due to coal ash deposited there from earlier industry that

must be removed before the project proceeds.

The removal will be performed by a recycling company that will combine the ash with cement processing, according to Eddy.

"Our goal right now, if we can do it, would be to begin remediation work in the summer and construction in the fall," said Eddy.

Dean Hazlett to lead 'silly' yoga lesson at weekend's Busting Out Bowdoin event

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recent graduates for the program "Life Beyond Your Job," while Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett and her four-year-old daughter, Sarah Thayer, will lead the program "Silly Yoga for Stress Relief."

And yes, there is also a seminar titled "Paints, Post-its and Pipe Cleaners: Fun and Effective Non-Traditional Study Strategies," given by Bowdoin's academic mentors.

"It should be pretty exciting—a

little bit of something for everybody," Jones said.

Jones described B.O.B. as "low commitment" because students are not obligated to attend all four of the workshops.

"It's really designed so that students can make the best fit for themselves," Jones said.

Students who attend any one of the workshops will receive a ticket that will grant them entrance to the pub after the event where pizza and other refreshments will be provided.

BOWDOIN BRIEFS

Brunswick residents to be charged for trash disposal

The town of Brunswick began a new trash program this week, requiring residents to pay for each bag of trash collected during curbside pick-up.

Residents need to purchase official town trash bags in advance from local stores. Bags cost 50 cents to \$1 each, depending on size, and must be purchased in \$5 rolls at Downeast Building Supply, Hannaford, Morning Glory Natural Foods, Downeast Building Supply, or Wal-Mart.

Trash placed in non-official trash bags will not be collected.

Bowdoin students who live on campus will not need to worry about the change. The College contracts out its trash collection, according to Director of Facilities Operations and Maintenance Ted Stam.

As part of the program, recyclable items will no longer need to be sorted into various categories. They can now be placed together in blue boxes.

In an online brochure, the town said the program is intended to expand recycling, allocate costs in accordance with trash disposed, and extend the life of the town's landfill.

Coupons for free starter bags were mailed to residents earlier this month. Full details are available online at

www.brunswickme.org/dpw/swin-fm.htm.

Putnam '84 named director of JFK Presidential Library

Thomas J. Putnam '84 has been named director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, the National Archives and Record Administration announced over Winter Break.

Putnam had previously served as the library's acting director, deputy director, and director of education. In the deputy position, he oversaw the planning and design for a proposed \$22 million building project.

"He blends a firm commitment to the Kennedy Library's track record of high achievement with keen support for the presidential library system and for a broader commitment to the National Archives," Allen Weinstein, archivist of the United States, said in a press release.

While at Bowdoin, Putnam was named a Truman Scholar. After college, he studied the education system of Quebec, Canada, as part of a Watson Fellowship project. He received a master's degree from Princeton University, and later studied in Senegal, West Africa, as a Fulbright Scholar. He later worked for the Upward Bound program in Maine and Connecticut, the release said.

—Bobby Guerette.

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Applications to be a member of the
Judicial Board are now available
in the Dean of Student Affairs Office,
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Completed applications are due back in
The Dean of Student Affairs Office
Thursday, Feb 1st at Noon.

The Judicial Board is a faculty/student committee that hears cases of possible violations of the Academic and Social Honor Code.

Members should be students in good standing who possess a strong sense of fairness and appreciation of community standards. Time commitment ranges depending on time of year and caseload. Student members will be selected to the J Board by current members. All interested first years, sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply.

Questions? Contact Sarah Schoen '07 Chair: sschoen@bowdoin.edu
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or consult the 2006-2007 Student Handbook pg. 56-64.

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FEATURES

Hard driven seniors spin profit

by Martina Welke
CONTRIBUTOR

Chatting over sushi on a week night in the Café, seniors Robert Burns and Sarah Schoen seem like typical Bowdoin students—except for the fact that they just made more than \$50,000 in profit with their recently founded computer resale business, which was founded just four months ago. And that is only the beginning.

The idea for the business first struck Burns last summer while he was working for the Maine Department of Education in Augusta. He learned of a program through the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI), which leases Apple iBook computers for every seventh and eighth grader in the state's public schools. After the computers' four-year leases end, MLTI buys the computers for about \$40 each from Apple and sells them at extremely low prices in a surplus warehouse in Augusta.

Burns saw an opportunity for quick profit by updating the computers and reselling them on Web sites like eBay and craigslist.org. Burns, a computer science major, was familiar with easy and efficient tasks like reimaging a computer's hard drive and upgrading the memory chips, which greatly increases the laptops' selling value. In August, Schoen partnered with Burns on his entrepreneurial venture, and together they pooled their savings to buy 12 computers, planning to survive the remainder of the summer on canned spaghetti if their investment fell through.

However, the small-scale Internet scheme was so successful that it quickly escalated into a full-fledged business called Appleton Computers (both a play on the merchandise they sell and a tribute to Burns's first-year dorm). Following a lawyer's advice, Burns and Schoen registered with the State of Maine as a limited liability partnership in order to protect their personal assets. Within two months, Schoen and Burns recruited three Bowdoin friends and Burns's father as investors by offering a convincing sales history and handsome profit shares. The extra cash allowed



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Seniors Robert Burns and Sarah Schoen started a computer resale business, Appleton Computers, about four months ago. So far, they have made more than \$100,000 in sales, about half of which was profit.

them to expand the operation, and soon they were selling 90 to 110 laptops a month to customers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Germany.

Appleton Computers currently boasts a 100 percent customer satisfaction rate on eBay, but the Web site has been less than satisfactory for business. So far, eBay has suspended

the business' activity twice without warning or explanation, which significantly disrupted sales.

"We believe that they thought the computers were stolen. It was like:

suspend and ask questions later...There was a real lack of communication," explains Schoen. During the three weeks it took to straighten out the matter, the pair would probably have sold well over 40 computers, so the setback was "a major hit."

Another difficulty Schoen and Burns have faced is discerning reliable buyers from scammers. They have been warned of certain groups from Africa and Asia that send fake money orders, so Schoen and Burns personally monitor all the e-mail purchase requests they receive carefully.

Despite a few bad experiences, Schoen enjoys dealing with the customers and occasionally makes generous exceptions in order to please them: "Sometimes we'll get messages saying things like 'I'm a single mom, I'm working two jobs, I could really use this computer, but I can only afford to pay this much' and we'll say 'Okay, you've touched our hearts, that's fine.' Then we'll get a follow up message that says 'This really means a lot to me and it made a big difference in my life.'"

Over Winter Break, Schoen and Burns attended the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, which is the largest industry-wide convention.

"We went there to find some more business contacts. We talked to a few people, and we didn't really find too many people who would sell us Apple computers, but we found plenty of people that would sell us other electronics, like digital cameras, so we're toying with the idea of branching out into more than just computers right now," Burns says.

Schoen and Burns also hope to develop their own Internet auctioning Web site and enlarge the business to include textbooks. They want to market the site to students on a budget by posting links on university Web sites. However, at this time both Schoen and Burns are unsure of their post-graduation plans.

"The greatest part about running an Internet business is that you can live anywhere in the country and still operate," Burns said.

Project examines clash of local and global in Dubai

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

What happens when a large alcohol industry finds footing in a nation where it is prohibited? Or when bikini-clad women flood the beaches of a country where women traditionally wear clothing that covers most of their bodies?

Senior Jocelin Hody, a government major with a concentration in international relations, is exploring these questions through her honors project. Specifically, she is examining how Islamic culture in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is responding to globalization.

"It's basically the newest hotspot," Hody says of Dubai. She describes some of the projects currently underway in Dubai—a ski slope in the

HONORS PROJECTS: ORIGINAL RESEARCH

EDITOR'S NOTE

Some seniors are finishing their Bowdoin education by creating original honors projects that help us see the world in new and interesting ways. This is the fourth installment in a continuing series that highlights these projects.

desert, an underwater hotel, and two artificial palm shaped islands with hotels, homes, and casinos. According to Hody, more than \$100 billion has been invested in these and other projects.

But globalization has changed more than just Dubai's physical land-

scape; it has penetrated into the emirate's culture. Specifically, she is examining how "sin industries," such as prostitution, gambling, and alcohol, mix with the nation's Islamic culture. Hody wonders if traditional Islamic values will be diminished by globalization, or if the two will be able to coexist.

Hody says her project adviser, Associate Professor of Government and Asian Studies Henry Laurence, pointed out that her project approaches the issue of globalization in a unique way. While theories about globalization are usually studied in the context of different countries, Hody's project tests theories of globalization using Dubai as the case study.

"It's been an innovative way to apply theories that I have learned," she says.

Conducting research can be difficult. Hody says because she chose "such a contemporary topic," it can be challenging to find information. Mostly, she has consulted online works and journal articles. Hody has also contacted people who have done business in Dubai.

After Hody began researching globalization in Dubai, she discovered an interesting discrepancy between certain aspects of Dubai's constitution and its cultural context. For instance, the constitution for the United Arab Emirates, of which Dubai is the second largest emirate, allows for development and economic growth. However, Hody says these allowances seem to be at odds with Sharia (Islamic) law, on which the constitution is founded.

For instance, collecting interest is against Sharia law, yet an increasing number of banks are opening in Dubai. According to Hody, promoting tourism is currently the No. 1 goal of Dubai. However, she says the tourism industry and foreign investors foster the development of "sin industries."

Hody wonders if the clash between Islamic values and industrialization is a result of an unclear constitution. She says she is not the only one who thinks there may be a link between the ambiguous constitution and the cultural tension in Dubai, but she notes that this relationship is "totally up for interpretation."

"After this project I would love to go and see everything first hand," Hody says.

Team practices swimming and compassion

by Katie Yankura
STAFF WRITER

The idea seemed simple enough. During Winter Break, everyone on the swim teams was asked to collect used clothing, toys, and school supplies. These items were then collected and put into 40-50-pound duffel bags. Continental Airlines luggage policy allows each flying passenger to check-in two 50-pound bags, and the swimmers' own personal swim suits, shorts, and T-shirts equaled only a fraction of this limit.

Therefore, it was hardly even an inconvenience for each swim team member to carry along a duffel bag of donations on her flight from Bowdoin to San Luis Potosi, Mexico, where the team looked forward to spending a week of training at the La Loma Center. In their second consecutive year visiting this high altitude training camp, team members used their time at La Loma as an opportunity to focus on themselves, their teammates and their swimming.

The team swam twice a day for a total of four hours, enjoyed delicious Mexican food, and had ample time to bond with teammates while playing volleyball or soaking up the intense sun. However, in addition to improving their own lives by perfecting their swimming, the team touched the lives of Mexican children with cancer.

Upon arriving in Mexico the swimmers brought their bags of donations, totaling 2,000 pounds, to the Asociación Mexicana de Ayuda a Niños con Cáncer (AMANC). This organization runs a house in the city of San Luis Potosi, which provides lodging, resources, and support for pediatric cancer patients and their families. The children and families who come to the center are mostly subsistence farmers or illegal aliens from the rural areas surrounding the city. One parent accompanies her



Courtesy of Chris Jacob

As a member of the swim team, Katie Chapman '07 spent time in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, during Winter Break, when the team trained and delivered donated needed items to young cancer patients.

sick child to the city for treatment, often bringing with them only the clothes on their back, and sometimes leaving as many as 10 other children behind in their village. Many of the parents and children do not speak Spanish, but rather an indigenous tongue. These families have no social security and little money. They often can only pay for their children's treatment with blood donations, as the concept of charitable blood banks is not yet commonplace in Mexico. The AMANC house provides these destitute families with a place to stay during the few days that their children receive cancer treatment, as well as gives them clothes, toys, kitchen utensil, sheets, and towels to take home to their villages with them.

When the Bowdoin swim team entered the AMANC house carrying their duffel bags filled with clothing, sheets and toys, the director of the house, Rosie Rocha Robles exclaimed, "*Es un milagro, te lo juro*" (It's a miracle, I swear). In

Mexico, support is generally limited to inside the family circle and giving to strangers without expecting anything in return is not a widespread concept. Therefore, the swim team encountered an overwhelming outpouring of attention and gratitude at the AMANC house. The mayor and the director of AMANC gave a speech to the team in which they repeatedly expressed their thanks, while the local press snapped photos of the swimmers and the patients. The father of one of the children emotionally expressed his appreciation, explaining that he and his sick son first slept in the streets upon arriving in San Luis, before they received help from AMANC. Team members were asked to ceremoniously present each child currently living in the house with a wrapped gift, representative of the many gifts, which the children will receive from among the donated goods.

The team was shocked by the response which it received. Suzanne Plant '07, who along with Katie

Chapman '07, organized the effort, summed up the sentiment of the team.

"I don't think [the team] really realized what a difference we were making until we got the AMANC house and saw how incredibly thankful they were for our donations," she said. "Most people in Mexico feel that they have been oppressed for so long and thus believe they have no obligation to donate things and receive nothing in return. They were so grateful that we brought them these things and asked for nothing from them...what seemed like a little thing to us meant a great deal to them."

Meredith Roach, a representative of the La Loma Training Center, expressed the gratitude of the Mexican Community for the swim team's efforts.

"I think it's difficult to sum up how huge an impact Bowdoin made...the AMANC families are the poorest of the poor," she said. "Many times they don't speak Spanish, only their indigenous language. They are com-

ing to the 'big city' perhaps for the first time in their lives. They are confused, not sure where to go or how to do things but they do know of AMANC. Bowdoin showed them there are people out there who care about them, that love them, and that are willing to help. [The swim team] showed them the spirit of giving that AMANC has begun to instill and hopefully if they survive, they can learn to give back someday."

The impact of the swim team's efforts will keep on giving long after it has returned to finish out the season here in Brunswick. The children, who the team met at the house, as well as countless other children, will be bringing the donated clothing and toys back to their villages, where they will be shared with their siblings and other members of their communities.

"The great thing about this system is that the items we donated will not be limited just to the kids in this home, but will be spread out all over when kids bring things back home to their villages," said Plant.

Also, the La Loma training center is looking into continuing the tradition started by Bowdoin by asking other teams to bring donations with them. They are also seeking assistance from the Lance Armstrong Foundation to raise money from large corporations in the area.

"Bowdoin's impact on La Loma sets a precedent for future teams coming to train with us. We are going to incorporate on our Web site a new link that allows people to see what the community needs and are how they can help. Bowdoin will be the first team and they have set a great example and set the bar for excellence in giving," Roach explained.

"To see such intelligent, caring, and warm young adults reaching out to total strangers and making themselves so available, well it was amazing," she added.

Last semester, but not last chance for love

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST



Tick tock. Time is running out for graduating seniors and we're all thinking (consciously or not) about the same thing: What's going to happen to our relationships, or lack thereof, in these last few months of college? Senior spring can be exhilarating or it can be just the opposite—sort of like sex. Graduating seniors are looking for their first jobs and ways out of their parents' houses, while at the same time facing up to the inescapable romantic deadline that graduation will bring. Underclassmen, read on: You'll be in your shoes before you know it.

You've got to ask yourself this: Is it time to cut and run, or should you double down? If you are in a serious, long-term relationship, you're faced with the decision of whether or not to stay together for the final semester and plan for the future... together. I don't know about you, but for me, trailing after your boyfriend or girlfriend

after college qualifies as a HUGE commitment. Just what are you giving up to be with this person? What about what you want? Some of you will decide to end things now and spend the semester with your friends, making your decisions about what to do and where to live solely on what you want.

Graduating seniors dating an underclassman, also known as the May/December scenario, face the same issue. Picture this: Next year, your knight-in-shining-armor boyfriend is off working in some glamorous city 500 miles away surrounded by smart, talented, good looking people... just like you. You're in a relationship with someone who is living in a totally different place, completely out of your reach. Who knows what they're doing? One of you is trying to start a new life and immerse yourself in a new city with new friends, while the other is still living on campus eating dining hall food. The chances of keeping this one together? Slim.

Then there's the last-minute shopping scenario. That is, using these last few months to land someone so that you've got something when you graduate. There are plenty of us who somehow feel pressured to meet someone worthwhile in this last semester at

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college. Although convenient, dating someone at Bowdoin solely so you can graduate college with a significant other in your back pocket, seems coldly calculating. Lots of us entered college with the high hope that we would meet the love of our lives, but you'll be a lot happier to graduate single than with a girlfriend or boyfriend you're "just not that into." My advice: Don't play it safe. Stop planning. Rely on the sparks, not the equation.

And then there's the desperation situation. Underclassmen are anxious to finally connect with their senior crush before they leave, while old flames are wondering if rekindling their relationship before graduation is worth it. One friend who's graduating this spring has mixed feelings about being broken up with his long-time Bowdoin girlfriend. He knows it's best to stay apart, but can't help but wonder if this is the last chance they will have to be together. From my own experi-

ence, though, it seems like if you've dated someone who you really care about, you will most likely keep in contact after you graduate.

On the other hand, a large portion of my friends say they want to resist getting into a serious relationship in their last semester. Some feel like they've drained all possible Bowdoin resources, while others don't want to have to worry about the implications of what a relationship might mean for next year. Personally, I think if you meet someone you think is worthwhile, you should go for it.

Not surprisingly, seniors tend to get a little more ballsy when it comes to asking out that person they've had their eye on since freshman year. The embarrass-

ment factor is much lower when you know you may never see the person again.

So, if you miss the deadline and your pocket is empty, no big deal. In fact, it could be good. It's hard to dispel advice on how we seniors should approach our love lives in the next few months. Each situation is different. But if there is one thing I think we should all remember, it's this: No matter what happens this semester, whether we leave Bowdoin with a long term relationship still intact or with a few more notches on our belt (but with nothing substantial to show for it), we'll all always have Bowdoin in common. Whether you leave Bowdoin in a relationship or single, graduating isn't the end. It's just the beginning.

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The Baldwin Center offers suggestions for semester's start

by Tara Rajiyah
STAFF WRITER

Many students return to campus with goals to start off the New Year and new semester with a bang.

The Baldwin Center for Learning and Teaching works in conjunction with the Writing Project and the Quantitative Skills Program to help students balance their schedules and learn how to become better students. Elizabeth Barnhart, director of the Baldwin Center, and Holly Schreiber '07, an academic mentor, who has been working with the program for three years, provide helpful tips to ensure success:

• *People tend to start the spring semester with too many New Year's resolutions.*

This is where many problems arise because attempting to accomplish more than one goal at once often results in failure. A goal failed once is often not tackled again. Schreiber reminds: "You don't come back to school as Superman." Instead, Schreiber suggests prioritizing your goals and trying to accomplish one at a time, breaking your goal down in increments to measure improvement for motivation. Once you've chosen your goals, get support. Tell your friends about them; they can help keep you on track.

• *There is no "one size fits all" study method.*

It is important for students to discover what works best for them. Barnhart does recommend that all students make a master calendar to keep track of impor-

tant exam dates or paper deadlines. She also suggests reading syllabi carefully to ensure comprehension of the course goals. This will help you decide which aspects of assignments are most important to focus on. Weeding through the little details of the syllabi may seem daunting and is a task with which mentors often help students.

• *It is important to be realistic and keep yourself happy.*

Barnhart jokes, "I try to remind students that they aren't just balancing academics but are balancing a body and life. School work isn't the only part of college."

• *There is no ideal student.*

If you retain the most information by studying for 30 minutes and then taking a break, that is the ideal method for you. In fact, switching tasks often helps make assignments and studying less stressful. Schreiber proposes separating relaxation and work. If your room is a place for fun and diversion, consider studying in other places around campus such as in Kanbar, one of the libraries, Smith Union, or on the top floor of the Visual Arts Center.

• *Don't be afraid to ask for help.*

Students should really consider seeking help if they are unhappy with their grades or the amount of work they are doing, or if they are unusually stressed. The Baldwin Center mentors can help improve things such as organization, motivation, time management, or performance in a specific class. The staff is willing to help students as often as they seek guidance.

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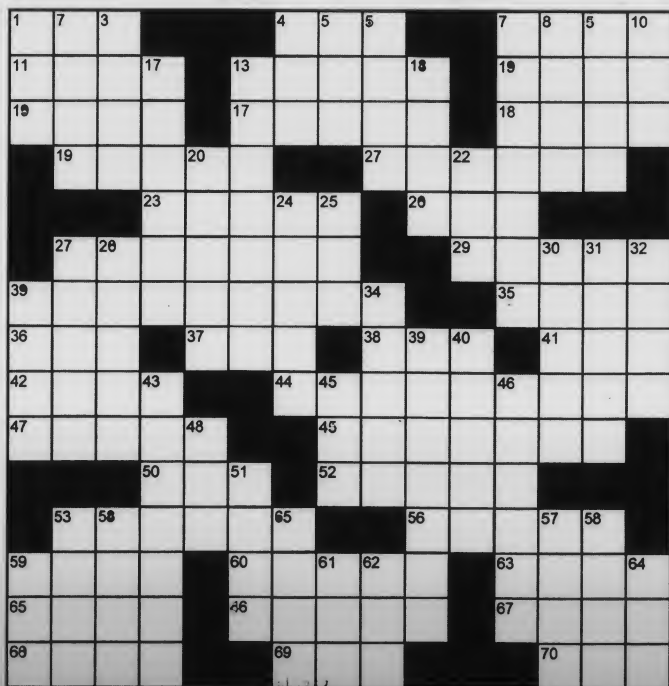
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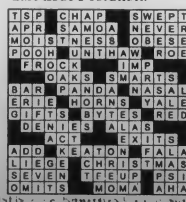
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Puzzle by Adam Kimmel

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bowdoin a cappella heats up Winter Break

Miscellania tours East Coast, returns to singers' high schools

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

During their winter break tour, members of Miscellania returned to a place both familiar and foreign: high school.

Bowdoin's oldest all-female a cappella group performed in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Kent, Connecticut, during the tour. Business manager Wellesley Wilson '08 and Kate Emerson '10 had the opportunity to perform at their high schools: the Maret School in D.C. and the Kent School in Connecticut, respectively.

"I think the best thing was that the last time I had performed at my school was with my high school a cappella group, so it was nice to be able to come back and perform with Miscellania," Wilson said. "I'ven though it definitely turned out to be a good performance, most of the girls will tell you I was definitely nervous prior to singing."

"I think it was really overwhelming, since you're bombarded with people," said musical director Mary Hartley Platt '07. "You're showing our group to the school and your school to us simultaneously."

Miscellania has toured during Winter Break many times during its 30-year history, the most recent being a tour of Los Angeles in 2004. This year, the singers decided to tour their hometowns.

Along the way, the group took advantage of several Bowdoin connections, including performing for the Bowdoin Club of Philadelphia and taking a guided tour of Philadelphia with Philadelphia native and Orient photo editor Tommy Wilcox '09, a member of Ursus Verses and the Longfellows.

"This tour was the first Miscellania had done in about four years and I think I can say it was a success," Wilson said. "Performing so often really allowed us to become more comfortable with being on stage and performing together, which is something that we have felt we could always work on."

"When you spend 24 hours with a group of people for 10 days straight, it is inevitable that you will become closer," she added.

Wilcox even provided one of the group bonding highlights of the trip, when he took the group to his aunt's roof deck in Philadelphia, which had "the coolest views of the city" according to Wilson.

"It was scenic and we had great conversation," Platt said.

Platt also cited the warm welcome of the Bowdoin Club, saying that "they postponed their holiday party so we could sing there."

Not all the venues that booked the group, however, were as flexible. Certain restaurants cancelled the group's performances on very short notice.

"We actually had a lot that cancelled," Platt said. "It made us sad



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Members of Miscellania, Bowdoin's oldest all-female a cappella group, gather on a rooftop in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The group was in Philadelphia as part of its Winter Break tour of several Northeast cities.

that people didn't take college students seriously."

Still, the singing experience that the group did have on the tour was positive. Platt said that the benefits of going on tour included exposure

for the group, supporting the Bowdoin Club, and allowing singers who were abroad to meet new members.

In the future, Miscellania will perform with the Longfellows for

the Val Jam, a Valentine's Day-themed concert. Miscellania will also be holding spring auditions soon after the concert.

"All in all, it's shaping up to be a great spring for us," Wilson said.



Photo Illustration Courtesy of Jon Ludwig '07

The Meddiebempsters experiment with a new group photo technique during their Winter Break tour. The group spent a week in southern California.

Meddiebempsters trade 'Bean boots for board shorts'

by Sara Tennyson
STAFF WRITER

Working their way up the California coast, Bowdoin's Meddiebempsters expanded their fan base this month with a week-long tour.

The group's members gladly traded in their Bean boots for board shorts on January 4, arriving in San Diego. According to musical director Jeff Friedlander '08, they serenaded the extended Bowdoin community at a southern California alumni event at Scripps Research Institute.

Alec Berryman '07 recalled, "It was a great turnout and a great range of class years represented. The highlight of that concert for us was meeting one of the first [Class of 1942] Meddies. We've all listened to recordings of past groups and they were very good; singing for such alums puts extra pressure on."

The group then traveled up the coast, making stops in Los Angeles, Westwood, Beverly Hills, and at UCLA as it expanded its repertoire with new pieces by Sublime, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and the Pat McGee Band.

Members enjoyed a reunion with Meddie alum Tauwan Patterson '06, who traveled with them to the University of Southern California

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(USC). On the evening of January 9, Patterson joined the Meddies in a performance with USC a cappella groups at Ground Zero, the coffee shop on campus. Inter-school bonding ensued as the So Cal Vocals, a co-ed USC a cappella group, was the group's host overnight.

After visits to the beach and cultural time at the Getty Museum, the tour continued up the Pacific to California Polytechnic Institute at San Luis Obispo, where they sang with the school's new group Take it SLO in downtown San Luis Obispo.

In classic Meddie style, the group mixed pleasure with work and achieved great acclaim.

Friedlander recounted, "The next morning we traveled up the coast, sang to some elephant seals, stopped by the Hearst Castle, and eventually ended up at the Monterey Aquarium, where we sang our way in for free."

Half of the group traveled north that evening to impress San Franciscans with an impromptu and well-received performance at The University of California at Berkeley.

Bringing the tour full circle, the Meddies reunited on January 11 in San Diego, where they gave a triumphant performance with The University of California—San Diego's own Daughters of Triton.

After their West Coast tour, the Meddies promise great things for this spring, including an invitational on March 3 and their third annual "Evening with the Meddiebempsters." The group hopes to tour internationally next year, Berryman said, citing Europe or Thailand as possible destinations.

Berryman said of the trip, "It was a great reminder to me of why I, and I assume most of the guys, like to be Meddies: not only do we have ridiculous amounts of fun, but we make people happy."

Settling the age-old Natty debate: Lite vs. Ice



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

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I think one of most tragic tendencies of college students nationwide is the degree to which we take for granted the early weeks of each semester. With Winter Break now safely behind us, the freshmen have had sufficient time to catch up with the rest

of us in realizing just how miserable midterms and finals can be. But with this newfound knowledge comes newfound responsibility. Now, if you think I'm stressing the importance of hard work now to soften the impending scholarly blows later, you are wholly missing the point and I think it would be better for both of us if you saved copies of this paper for those who deserve it and brushed up on your inorganic chemistry.

For those of you who are still with me, my point is simply this: The purpose of each semester's opening weeks is to figure out classes, get your room organized, buy your books, and restock essential supplies; that is, to start off your academic semester afresh and on the right foot. What this time is also for, however (and what I am trying to stress here), is to reconnect with friends. This, for many of us, directly translates into parties; and parties (again, for many of us) mean beer. Mass-ordered quanti-

ties of alcohol, in turn, often call for kegs. Thus I arrive at the age-old debate that has had frat-boys scratching their heads since the Egyptians discovered our favorite beverage: Which is better, Lite or Ice?

Now I realize that schools across the country have their lite beer of choice. Because it is my clear favorite, I would like to believe that Natural Lite represents the best of what Bowdoin students have to offer (and a fine representative at that, if I may say so). As such, I will use Natty Lite/Natty Ice as the case study for this article, with the understanding that this analysis should parlay with relative ease to other lite beer preferences and their icy counterparts. Since I have the mic, I would also like to add that readers attempting to apply this commentary to Miller High Life and High Life Lite should, in the future, save themselves the embarrassment and the money and simply drink out of their toilet, because the latter is quite possibly the worst beer ever made.

OK, so you and your roommates are having a party for you and a couple of your close female friends and decide that a keg is probably the most cost-effective avenue to take. You arrive at Uncle Tom's Market and ask for a keg of Natty Lite, and what is the first thing that always comes out of the good doctor's mouth? Well, maybe Tom thinks that Ted is, in fact, a tall and rather unattractive girl and that I need some serious help to get this party off the ground, but he always chides me for getting Lite. He

instead pushes the more potent alternative. So, what is a fella to do? I will tell you exactly what you do: dim the lights, throw on A Flock of Seagulls, and let the results of many years of research guide you down the path of light-headed enlightenment.

The first characteristic of any beer that people want to know about is the taste. Now, understanding fully that we are analyzing exclusively the canon of lite and ice beers, I offer what many of you already know: Natty Lite has a taste that is second to none. Warm or cold, new or old, a can of Natty Lite will rejuvenate the senses and loosen the limbs unlike any sports drink on the market. It hydrates better than water and is way more fun to drink out of a Nalgene. It feels more at home in the palate than the pearly whites you already have and cascades down the throat more readily than middle schoolers at a water park. Thus, I would have to say that, though Natty Ice is nothing to scoff at, Lite shines in the areas of taste and smoothness: Lite—2, Ice—0.

But for the college kid throwing a large party, taste and smoothness are, in fact, often relatively low on the priority list (and rightly so). Percentage of alcohol, on the other hand, is a characteristic that wets even the driest of lips. Ice has the clear advantage. Natty Lite comes in at 4.2 alcohol by volume (ABV), while Ice boasts an impressive 5.9. So, for calculation's sake, let's assume that the ABV is 4 for Lite and 6 for Ice. That means, that for each Natty Ice you drink, you are consuming one and a half Natty Lites. Translate that to a 30-pack and that Natty Ice effectively becomes a 45 pack. And what about

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a keg, you ask? Do the math: 160 beers become 240 beers. So, the cost-effectiveness of buying a keg of Natty Ice versus a keg of Natty Lite is obvious: why buy 160 beers for \$80 when you can buy 240 beers for the same price? Clearly, in terms of ABV and cost-effectiveness, Natty Ice is the favorite. And so: Natty Lite—2, Natty Ice—2.

Now for the all-important tie-breaker—when evaluating any fine beer, the consistency and durability of the head as well as the pungency of the aroma are essential factors to take into account. I recall fondly just the other night, cracking a can of Natural Ice, watching the foam dance playfully around the rim, and taking a long and satisfying whiff before I poured it into 10

skillfully placed cups to a chorus of Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu in C# minor..." OK, let's be serious, no one gets a Lite or Ice beer to admire how the sunlight dances off its playful carbonation or to stand in awe of the Jell-O-like six-inch head once poured into a Solo cup. Natural Ice and Natural Lite do not smell particularly good, they look wet when poured into a cup, and they produce a lot of foam because we can't be bothered to do anything less than tipping the can completely upside down when pouring.

So in the end, it's really all about priorities. If it is really taste and quantity may or may not come into the equation at some point in the night, the Lite choice is probably the right choice. Casual nights of Twister with the roommates may also warrant the lighter option. But when it comes time to saddle up and throw down on something more significant, getting a keg of Ice beer is really the only choice. And to illustrate this point, I offer you this: at an unidentified place on an unidentified date, my roommates and I threw a large party in which we opted for a keg of Natty Ice. Expecting relentless abuse from our female friends, we stealthily removed the keg cap and told everyone that it was Natural Lite. And do you know what happened? Absolutely nothing. Nobody said anything about the keg tasting bad, everyone had a marvelous time, and the roommate Twister turned into something a little more exciting that night. So when confronted with the same decision, always remember: "Lite is right, but Ice is twice as nice."

Director Almodóvar returns with film 'Volver'



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Though we may be through with the past, the past isn't through with us.

With "Volver," Pedro Almodóvar has returned. In this film, Spain's premier director of films like "All About My Mother" and "Talk to Her" makes a star vehicle for Penélope Cruz. While it may not be the apex of his career, Almodóvar won't disappoint you here.

"Volver" literally translates to "return" in Spanish, and this idea haunts the film. Almodóvar has experienced a return himself, moving back to a female-focused narrative after "Bad Education." Carmen Maura's presence as the mysterious mother is even more significant; she was a fixture in Almodóvar's films in the '80s like "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," but the two experienced a falling out and had not worked together since.

The film opens in a cemetery. Women are scrubbing the graves of the deceased, and in that moment the stage is set. Though the dead may be physically gone, in the minds of their family and friends they are still ever present.

In the windswept town of their childhood, Raimunda (Cruz) and her sister Sole return to see their ailing

aunt, who raised them after their parents died in a fire. Their aunt refers to their mother Irene as if she was a living presence, which becomes more curious upon discovering an exercise bicycle their aunt couldn't have used.

Back in Madrid, Raimunda lives with her boyfriend Paco and daughter Paula. When Paco loses his job, he goes crazy and assaults Paula, and in her panic Paula kills him. Raimunda then comes in to clean up the mess, hiding Paco in the freezer.

The male characters of "Volver" are not trusted and kept at a distance when present. After Paco's death, Raimunda answers the door and a man at the door comments on a bit of blood on her neck. "Women's troubles," she replies, and she isn't lying. She is dealing with problems that women face and men are simply unable to understand.

Throughout the film, Almodóvar focuses the camera on Raimunda's breasts and hips (Cruz gained weight for the role and wore a prosthetic butt), but he does not sexually objectify her. Real women have curves; Cruz's vitality and life force are a source of strength for Raimunda, and are intrinsic to who she is.

As the film progresses, Raimunda gains confidence. She doesn't need a man to be economically and emotionally self-sufficient, and she empowers her daughter and friends in the process.

But all is not well beneath the surface. Paco's corpse in the freezer

must be guarded constantly. Then, there's the question of her mother Irene, who may not be dead after all.

Like the windswept town of her childhood, the peace that Raimunda desires is not present. The past keeps rearing its head, despite her best efforts to keep it at bay. Worst of all, the patterns of her childhood that she vowed never to repeat are threatening to take the same destructive course through her own life.

Pushing away the realities of past and present life doesn't make these problems go away, but continues to make them worse. Ultimately, the past will continue to return until its effects are observed and understood—then they can be overcome.

Cruz, now an Oscar nominee for this role, has been somewhat misunderstood by American audiences. She is often placed in bland Hollywood roles solely for her beauty, and her limited English ability doesn't allow her to rise above the material. In Spanish, her true acting abilities fully emerge. In "Volver," Cruz gets the best acting challenge of her career and shines throughout. This should be the moment she really becomes a star.

That is, if you're willing to give her a chance to show you.

"Volver" is now playing at the Eveningstar Cinema at 1:30, 4, 6:30, and 9 p.m., and the Movies on Exchange, Portland. Check out www.eveningstarcinema.com and www.moviesonexchange.com for more information.



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Penélope Cruz stars as Raimunda in Pedro Almodóvar's latest film, "Volver." Cruz has been nominated for an Oscar for her role in the film.

Latest Tyler novel explores differing American cultures

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

Anne Tyler's most recent addition to her body of work, "Digging to America," concerns the intersecting of different back-

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grounds within the canvas of family. In an era when the definition of the family is constantly changing, Tyler depicts the possibilities of mixture in an increasingly international world.

"Digging to America" opens with the arrival of two Korean babies. One is welcomed with typical pomp and circumstance by a boisterous, obtrusive American family, while the second is adopted by an Iranian-American family, which is equally enthusiastic, though more private, in the reception of its daughter. Previously unaware of each other, the two families—the Donaldsons and the Yazdans—build a friendship based on the common denominator of the adopted children.

The book is constructed primarily around the events that tie the two families together, beginning with the girls' arrival and following them into childhood. The expected cultural clashes arise between the two families, both in terms of parenting as well as the subtleties of heritage. The Donaldsons are portrayed as incredibly earnest, even if their intentions diverge from what is appropriate. Their most frequent indiscretion is their irritating interest in the exotic qualities of their new friends. The Yazdans, in turn, are presented as reserved.

The novel's perspective is passed around the group of characters. Readers are given better access to

some characters rather than others and there is a feeling in the end that none of the characters was presented in full. Maryam Yazdan, the grandmother, is awarded the most prominent voice. Through her, Tyler makes clear the difficulty of leaving one's homeland for another country. It seems that no matter how much one might be welcomed into a foreign place, perhaps because of the eagerness to understand there is a lingering sense of displacement, a dormant attachment to home that prevents assimilation in its entirety.

A minor but interesting aspect of the novel is the way in which a perpetual desire to be polite results in misunderstandings. There is an unannounced strain between the Iranian mother and her mother-in-law, Maryam. Both are extremely wary of stepping over any boundaries between them, real or imagined. The delicacy with which they deal with one another often slips into discomfort for both. In a part that is slightly comical but also pitiful, a marriage proposal is accepted in order to be polite. The admission that the proposal was a mistake creates more problems than if honesty rather than etiquette had been employed at the beginning.

The members of both families come across as people who live outside the confines of the book. Once the author arrives at her point, it is not completely satisfying to see the Donaldsons and Yazdans disappear into the bookcase. Tyler constructs a perceptive view of how one's status as a foreigner plays a role in one's identity as an American, and broods on how the girls assimilate and where their complex blend of culture delivers them.

For Nas, hip-hop not dead in eighth and latest album

by Boz Karanovsky
STAFF WRITER

All the hype you have probably heard is true. Nas's eighth album, "Hip Hop Is Dead," is something that most of us

COMMENTARY hip-hop fans have been waiting for all year. It came as quite a holiday present—on December 19 of last year—and revived an industry that has been stagnant for some time.

Nas has always held a special status in the rap game, being referred to as a street monk or a ghetto poet. His latest album is the most personal rap record he's done for 10 years; it is also lyrically and musically speaking his richest one.

Knowing very well that he is throwing a stone at the glass house he lives in, Nas's statement comes at a time when hip-hop suffers from an obvious lack of creativity. The record is far from the greatness of "Illmatic" and that's part of its irony. Nas criticizes not only the industry, but also himself. Sometimes these criticisms are done subtly, sometimes not so. What makes the record remarkable is not Nas's delivery but its thematic scope, lyrical creativity, honesty, and a willingness to provoke—things many rappers shun.

The first Nas project coming out of Def Jam, the production of "Hip Hop Is Dead" already stirred the stew in some circles. Many Southern rappers saw it as arrogant and starting a beef. However, Nas

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does not attack anything personally—he only comments on truths that are so true they hurt. Here is one example from the explosive "Carry on Tradition": "Some rap pioneers be them crackheads / When they speak you see missing teeth.../N---- your grandfather age / They pants still hanging down their legs talking 'bout they ain't paid / And they hate you cause they say you ain't paid dues."

The album features collaborations with Jay-Z, Kanye West, Snoop Dogg, Scott Storch, Marsha Ambrosius, The Game, and Snoop Dogg, something not typical of the loner Nas. The album has its gangsta hymns ("Money Over

Bulls---"), "Play on Play"), nostalgic touches ("Carry on Tradition") and angry politics ("Black Republicans").

The range of emotions that Nas exhibits in the 16 tracks is impressive. Almost every track samples a well-known blues or rock song: "Where are They Now" invokes James Brown, "Who Killed It?" uses a sample by Rakim, "Still Dreaming"—one by Diana Ross, "Play on Play"—one by Marvin Gaye, and so on. The chief asset of "Hip Hop Is Dead" lies in its consistency in all of this mish-mash, all the way from James Brown to Snoop Dogg and Kanye West and mixing history with the present state of hip-hop. This is maybe due to Nas's whimsical and self-reflective attitude throughout or the passion that shines through every track.

Things that are not so great about the album are the beats. Sometimes they are not suited to the album's lyrics and sound a little clumsy. But somehow, this does not sink the album.

Throughout several tracks, Nas insists that a great resurrection of hip-hop is very soon to come, although he never promises that he will be the savior. Nevertheless, this sense of hope was the catalyst that also helped the success of the record, since "Hip Hop Is Dead" sold 356,000 copies in its first week. It is a historical checkpoint of what has been and what is yet to come.

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TEN SONGS THAT MADE WINTER BREAK

1. NEW SHOES - PAOLO NUTINI
2. BARFLY - RAY LAMONTAGNE
3. AMERICA - RAZOR LIGHT
4. RIGHT ME UP - STATE RADIO
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A group of Polar Bears protect forward Caroline Currie '08 as she powers the puck down the ice against Connecticut College on January 20. The Bears defeated the Camels in overtime, 2-1.

Women's hockey ties Jeffs, beats Camels

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

The women's hockey team enjoyed a successful Winter Break, posting a record of 4-2-1. Currently ranked 10th in the nation and second in the NESCAC, the Polar Bears soundly defeated a number of league powerhouses over the stretch. The women disposed of Williams 4-2, and shut out Hamilton and Trinity 4-0 and 3-0, respectively. Although the team lost 4-1 to Middlebury and 4-0 to top-ranked Plattsburgh, the Bears had

strong showings in both games.

Last Friday, the Polar Bears faced the Amherst Jeffs, a team that has never beaten the Polar Bears in the history of the women's hockey program. The Jeffs came out strong, scoring twice in the first period with a goal from Natanya Khazzam at 16:30 and at 17:11 from Lindsey Harrington.

The Polar Bear defense held back the Jeffs in the second period, but Amherst forward Harrington found the back of the net for the second time on a power play at 11:57 in the third

period. As the minutes dwindled, it looked as though the Polar Bears were going to suffer their first-ever defeat to Amherst. But with only 3:17 left in the game, co-captain Katie Coyne '08 scored off an assist from fellow junior Kat Popoff, jumpstarting the Bears' comeback.

With only 51 seconds left, Katie Forney '07 found the back of the net off another assist from Popoff narrowing the margin to one goal. Finally at 19:49, with only 11 seconds left in the game, Coyne fed the puck to Kristen Cameron '08, who scored, sending

the game into overtime. With no scores in overtime, the game ended at 3-3. Goaltender Samantha Schwager '10 finished the game with 11 saves.

The next day, the Polar Bears had another overtime thriller against NESCAC opponent Connecticut College. The first period was scoreless, but during the second period Camels forward Jill Mauer capitalized on a power play opportunity, scoring at 6:44. In the third period, with only 1:25 remaining in the game, two Bowdoin captains teamed up to force the game into overtime with a score

from Jayme Woogerd '07 off an assist from Meghan Gillis '07. The score remained tied 1-1 until the final second of overtime when the captains carried the team again. Gillis sent the puck to Coyne, who found the back of the net to win the game for the Bears. Goaltender Kelly Keebler '10 had a noteworthy performance, making 11 saves and earning the win.

This weekend the Polar Bears go on the road to face two tough NESCAC opponents, with rematches against Middlebury today and Williams on Saturday.

Women end home streak Hippert, Bradley lead men's hoops

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

Winter Break offered no rest for the Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team. Instead, the Polar Bears faced some of its most difficult competition to date.

The big news from January was the team's home loss to Maine Maritime Academy on January 17, 51-49. That's right, it's no typo—the Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team lost at home. Until the Bears' loss to Maine Maritime, the team had not lost in Morrell Gymnasium since February 10, 2001, against Colby. The team's 76-game home win streak ranks third in Division III and fifth in NCAA Women's Basketball history.

"The home court win streak meant a lot to us," coach Stefanie Pempers said. "It's harder to stay on top than it is to get to the top, and all the women who have played for us the past seven years deserve a lot of credit for focusing on the team and on the process of becoming the best we can be. For that reason, last Wednesday night was a sad night. The streak wasn't just about us, it was a nice tribute to those alumni, and seeing it come to an end was hard."

The win streak came to an end in dramatic fashion when Maine Maritime senior forward Michelle Gott-Stilwell hit an arcing three at the buzzer to beat the Polar Bears.

While the team was proud of the incredible streak, said senior captain Eileen Flaherty, it did not define the players.

Basketball season is still in full swing and the team is looking to keep another streak alive. The Polar Bears are the only team in the nation to make five consecutive NCAA Elite Eight appearances and have won the NESCAC conference championship for the last six years.

The loss at home was tough to bear, but the team bounced back in great form with crucial road wins over NESCAC foes Connecticut College and Wesleyan University. The Wesleyan game was one of the Polar Bears' toughest games of the season, but they managed a 61-58 win.

"The loss was tough but it's not really about the streak," Flaherty said. "We were all proud of it, especially us seniors, but we never worried about it that much. I think the two wins in Connecticut this past weekend were crucial in regrouping the team and

showing our resilience and perseverance."

The Wesleyan game—not the loss at home—may prove to be the defining moment of the season for the team.

"Eileen Flaherty and Jill Anelauskas were fantastic, Alexa Kauris was solid all game, and Katie Cummings was mildly heroic battling through an ankle sprain to hit a big three," Pempers said. "It was definitely a gritty win. Wesleyan is always one of the toughest teams in the league and beating them on their home court with our confidence a little shaken was awesome."

The Polar Bears' 10-1 record over Winter Break leaves them in great position for the postseason and the team is still 4-0 in league play.

"We are definitely happy with the NESCAC wins so far because each one is so important," Flaherty said. "But we also have a lot of big NESCAC games coming up that we are excited to play. A big part of our league standing will be determined in these upcoming weekends."

The team is on the road this week, challenging Trinity, Amherst, and Bates.

by Darian Reid-Sturgis
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Men's Basketball Team went 5-3 over Winter Break, but it dropped three out of four league games to start NESCAC play.

The Polar Bears started the vacation with a narrow victory over Plymouth State University on the road and outlasted a scrappy University of Maine-Farmington team.

Later that week, the Bears took their game to Williams and Middlebury, where the Polar Bears lost a close contest to the Ephs and were dismantled by the sharp shooting of Middlebury.

The Polar Bears are currently 3-1 after their recent home stand, including a 28-point victory over Connecticut College and a two-point defeat at the hands of Wesleyan in another close battle. The backcourt duo of senior Kevin Bradley and junior Andrew Hippert has been filling up the scoreboard with the two players averaging a combined 28

points per contest.

"I think we feed off each other well," Hippert said. "When Kevs is shooting well, it provides a huge spark off to everyone, especially to me."

"I think we are one of the best backcourt combos in the league," Bradley added. "When Hipp plays well, it really opens the floor for me, and when I play well, I can help him get into a groove by penetrating and dishing."

On Monday, Bowdoin faced Maine Maritime Academy at home. The contest seemed like a close match at the half as the Polar Bears entered the locker room with only a five-point lead. But the Bears came back with a vengeance, clamping down on the Mariners allowing only eight points in the second half.

The offense looked solid as Hippert led all scorers with 18 points. Kyle Jackson '09 posted another strong game scoring 15 points, grabbing six boards, and snagging six steals. Bradley picked up 12 points, knocking

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Squash dominates Maine Classic in Brunswick

by Sarah Podmaniczky
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's squash teams advanced their records to 9-8 and 14-5, respectively, after three weeks of intense practice and tournaments. The Polar Bears returned to Brunswick for training on

January 3. The teams spent more than four hours each day of the first week. Their first test came from perennial powerhouse Yale (the women are ranked second and the men are in fifth) on January 6. While the Polar Bears were unable to defeat the Bulldogs, they demonstrated skill and endurance on court.

The Polar Bears attended the Yale Round Robin on January 12-14, one of the biggest tournaments of the regular squash season. With six matches scheduled for each team during the three day period, the tournament tested the team's mental and physical strength. The men had a tough start, losing to ninth-ranked Cornell 5-4 on Friday night. The Bears found themselves in a similar situation the next night losing by the same margin to 17th-ranked Franklin & Marshall College.

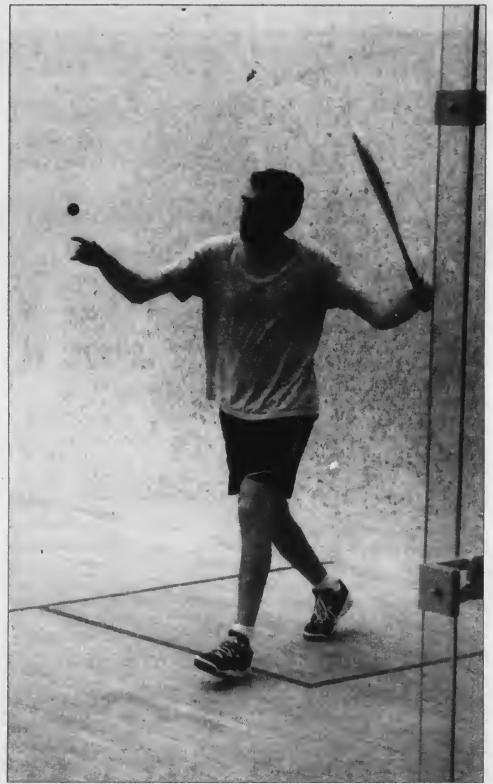
The men did pull out resounding 8-1 victories over Middlebury and Hobart. They finished the weekend with a tough but educational match against top-ranked Trinity.

The women enjoyed four wins at Yale, over University of Virginia (8-1), Wesleyan (9-0), Amherst (7-2), and Mt. Holyoke (6-3). They had hoped to squeak out a fifth win over 10th-ranked Cornell, but only co-captain Dodie Press '07 won her match, at the No. 8 position. The women ended the weekend with a match against third-ranked Trinity.

With records of 4-8 for the men and 10-5 for the women, the Polar Bears entered their own Maine Classic tournament, enjoying a weekend of squash on their home courts. Stanford University, Connecticut College, St. Lawrence University, Northeastern University, and Hamilton College teams traveled north for the occasion, and Bates and Colby joined Bowdoin in coordinating the event.

The men breezed through the weekend, dominating their opponents and losing only one individual match throughout their five team matches. Stanford, St. Lawrence, Northeastern, and Hamilton were unable to take a match away from the Polar Bears. Connecticut was the only team to manage a match win, losing 8-1 to Bowdoin.

The women dropped only five individual matches throughout their four team matches on their home courts. They soundly defeated St. Lawrence and Northeastern at all positions for two 9-0 victories. Bowdoin's greatest threat came from the quickly improving Stanford team, but with 2006 national champion Lily Lorenzen



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Zachary Linhart '07 serves in a Saturday matchup against Northeastern.

out for the season, the Polar Bears surpassed the young Stanford team with six wins to Stanford's three. Finally, co-captain Emilie McKenna '08 closed out the women's Connecticut match with a fifth-game win over Chrissie Parsons at the No. 1 spot, for a 7-2 win over the team.

On Tuesday night, the women faced rival Bates College, ranked just one notch above the Polar Bears. While almost all of the matches were close, the Bobcats emerged with eight wins; Maddie McQueeney '09 took the sole win for the Polar Bears in the No. 8

position. McQueeney dropped her first two games but took control of the match in the third, winning her match 3-2. The teams will likely face off again next weekend at the NESCAC Championships, and perhaps once more at nationals in mid-February.

Tonight, the Polar Bears will face Tufts at 5:30 p.m. in a home match. Currently ranked 17th, the Bowdoin men hope to defeat 15th-ranked Tufts in order to guard their top 16 spot, and in the second bracket of teams for nationals. On Saturday, the Polar Bears head to Brown for another match.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sophomore Alexandra Franceschi went 4-0 in the No. 3 spot last weekend.

Women's indoor track has successful break, beating Brandeis both home and away

by Laura Onderko
STAFF WRITER

Cutting its Winter Break short, the Bowdoin Women's Track Team returned to campus two weeks early to train. Its hard work paid off, as the team took two wins in its early season meets.

The first weekend back, the Bears faced Brandeis University at home, winning 102-79. With not all the team members returning for pre-season training, many women stepped up to compete in new events. First-year Helen Wen tried out the 200m for the first time, taking first, and her first-place finish in pole vault made her one of two double winners for the Polar Bears.

Senior co-captain Louise Duffus captured the other pair of first places, winning both the shot put and the weight throw, with teammate Chelsea Jackson '09 capturing second in both events with two per-

sonal bests.

Following Jackson's lead, Erin Prifogle '07 took second in both of her events, the 55m hurdles and high jump. Molly Seaward '09 added more points to Bowdoin's total in the 55m dash with a second-place finish.

In the 400m and the 1000m, Bowdoin's highest scoring events, the Bears took first through third place with Haley MacKeil '10, Erin York '09 and Sarah Lord '10 in the 400m and senior co-captain Gina Campelia, Amy Ahearn '08, and Lindsey Schickner '09 in the 1000m. Bowdoin's success continued in the 600m, 800m and 3k with first places finishes by sophomores Ali Chase, Jess Sokolow, and Annie Monjar. The relays also proved strong for Bowdoin, with the 4x400m relay finishing first and both the 4x800m relay and the 4x200m relay teams taking second.

The following weekend the

Bowdoin women proved their dominance, traveling down to Brandeis for the Reggie Poyau Invitational, where they took first out of eight teams. In the 400m, the 600m, and the 1000m Bowdoin took first and second place with MacKeil and York in the 400m, Chase and Dana Riker '10 in the 600m, and Schickner and Campelia in the 1000m.

Other individual wins came from Ahearn in the 800m and Lindsay Hodge '10 in the 5k.

Wen brought in a first-place finish for the Bears in the field events, winning the pole vault. In the other field events, Jackson threw far enough for two new personal bests in the shot put and weight throw, earning her two second place finishes and making her Bowdoin's highest individual point scorer. Shemeica Binns '09 joined Jackson in the throws, earning fourth in the weight throw and fifth in the shot

put. In the jumps, sophomore Molly Seaward took third in the triple jump, while Lord grabbed another third place for the Polar Bears in the 200m. Prifogle demonstrated her versatility taking second in the 55m hurdles and sixth in the high jump.

Teammate Laura Onderko '08 also placed in both her individual events, taking second in both the mile and the 3k. Annie Monjar '09 joined Onderko in the 3k, finishing third. The relays added more points to Bowdoin's score with a pair of first places in the 4x400m relay run by Chase, Elizabeth Onderko '08, Campelia, and MacKeil, and the DMR team of Schickner, Campelia, Sokolow, and Courtney Eustace '08, and a second-place performance by Bowdoin's 4x800m relay team of Schickner, Sokolow, Riker, and Ahearn.

The Bowdoin women will face MIT, Colby, and Tufts at home Saturday starting at 12:30 p.m.

Men's hoops prepares for home games

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down three three-pointers. Bradley has shot 14-26 (54 percent) from the three-point range in the past three games. The Polar Bears went on to win the game 72-47, improving to 10-6 on the season.

The homestand continues for the Polar Bears this weekend as they play host to the top two teams in NESCAC, Trinity on Friday night and the nation's second-ranked Division III team, Amherst, on Saturday afternoon.

Despite the tough opponents, the Polar Bears are confident that they can maintain their momentum for this weekend's games.

"We have been playing a lot better lately on both sides of the ball," Jackson said. "Practices have been tougher and that intensity has carried over to games. If we play basketball the way we are capable of playing, we can be successful no matter the opponent."

Men's ice hockey suffers tough winter

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Men's Hockey Team will be excited to welcome back Polar Bear Nation this weekend after a fairly tumultuous start to the New Year.

The closing months of 2006 were kind to the Polar Bears who went into the Winter Break with an unbeaten record of 6-0-3. But for whatever reason, 2007 has proved to be a much more difficult venue as the men have stumbled to a 2-4 mark since the new year began.

It is not all gloomy faces and ominous skies around Dayton Arena, however, as the team is aware that it is still more than capable of snatching the crown in a tightly contested NESCAC division. The men were reminded of this potential in the two lone victories over winter break. The Polar Bears enjoyed comfortable wins over NESCAC rivals Williams, 3-1, and Middlebury, 6-2. The win over the Panthers, who are perennially one of the toughest outs in all of Division III, was especially impressive considering they have not suffered a big loss since 2003. These two victories, especially the latter, suggest that the Polar Bears have got what it takes to win the NESCAC this year.

The blockades that stand between Bowdoin and such success are two elements of the team that also led to victories earlier on in the campaign: its youth and the goaltending. Bowdoin relies on a talented mix of first-year players, a group that has

responded exceptionally well thus far. However, some worry that they may run out of steam as the second half of the season continues to unfold. This group will need to prove skeptics wrong and continue its high level of play if Bowdoin is to succeed.

The goaltending, which started off the season at the top of almost every relevant statistical category in the NESCAC, has been struggling as of late. In the four losses that Bowdoin suffered over the break the Polar Bears out shot their opponents 148-91, but were still outscored 20-14. According to injured captain Bryan Ciborowski '07, the team is doing everything it can to remedy this.

"Our team has parked it and moved on...practice this past week has been phenomenal," he said.

This optimistic outlook, combined with a 41-save show from Chris Rossi '10 between the pipes, makes it easy to believe that the unit can and will come back to lead this team.

Bowdoin hopes to regain a spot in the national Division III top-15 poll with two solid performances against USM and Salem State this weekend at Dayton Arena. It will be a tough task without the services of the Polar Bears' second top point scorer, Ciborowski, who tore his MCL over the break. The tough captain hopes to make a comeback in time for the NESCAC playoff push in several weeks time. In the meantime, the men will have to battle without him to make sure they are still in a position to succeed by the time he recovers.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC			Overall		
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Amherst	7	3	1	10	4	1
Wesleyan	6	3	2	8	4	3
Colby	6	4	1	8	5	2
Middlebury	6	5	0	9	6	1
BOWDOIN	5	4	2	8	4	3
Williams	5	4	2	5	7	2
Conn. Coll.	5	6	0	6	9	1
Trinity	3	5	3	5	7	4
Hamilton	3	7	1	3	11	1
Tufts	1	10	0	4	12	0

SCOREBOARD

F 1/19 at Tufts	L 7-5
Sa 1/20 at Conn. College	L 4-3

SCHEDULE

F 1/26 v. Southern Maine	7:00 P.M.
Sa 1/27 v. Salem State	4:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	4	0	1	17	1	1
Tufts	3	0	1	11	6	1
Williams	3	1	1	16	3	1
Wesleyan	2	1	1	11	5	1
Amherst	2	2	1	11	8	1
Middlebury	2	2	1	10	7	1
Bates	1	2	1	9	7	1
Colby	1	3	1	5	11	1
Conn. College	0	3	1	9	8	1
Trinity	0	4	1	9	7	1

SCOREBOARD

W 1/17 v. Maine-Maritime	L 51-49
F 1/19 at Conn. College	W 81-28
Sa 1/20 at Wesleyan	W 61-58

SCHEDULE

F 1/26 at Trinity	7:00 P.M.
Sa 1/27 at Amherst	3:00 P.M.
Tu 1/30 at Bates	7:00 P.M.

W. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCHEDULE

Sa 1/27 v. Wesleyan (at Colby)	1:00 P.M.
Sa 1/27 v. Trinity (at Colby)	1:00 P.M.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	4	0	1	18	0	1
Trinity	3	1	1	15	2	1
Wesleyan	2	1	1	6	10	1
Colby	2	2	1	10	8	1
Middlebury	2	2	1	12	5	1
Williams	2	2	1	9	9	1
Bates	1	2	1	15	2	1
Tufts	1	2	1	10	6	1
BOWDOIN	1	3	1	10	6	1
Conn. College	0	3	1	10	8	1

SCOREBOARD

F 1/19 v. Conn. College	W 73-46
Sa 1/20 v. Wesleyan	L 63-61
M 1/22 v. Maine-Maritime	W 72-47

SCHEDULE

F 1/26 v. Trinity	7:00 P.M.
Sa 1/27 v. Amherst	2:00 P.M.
Th 2/1 v. Babson	7:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SQUASH

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	4	0	1	17	1	1
Tufts	3	0	1	11	6	1
Williams	3	1	1	16	3	1
Wesleyan	2	1	1	11	5	1
Amherst	2	2	1	11	8	1
Middlebury	2	2	1	10	7	1
Bates	1	2	1	9	7	1
Colby	1	3	1	5	11	1
Conn. College	0	3	1	9	8	1
Trinity	0	4	1	9	7	1

SCOREBOARD

Sa 1/20 at Brandeis Invitational	1st of 9
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SCHEDULE

Sa 1/27 v. Tufts, Springfield, MIT	12:30 P.M.
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WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Sa 1/20 at Brandeis Invitational	1st of 8
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SCHEDULE

Sa 1/27 v. Tufts, MIT	12:30 P.M.
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M. SWIMMING AND DIVING

Sa 1/27 v. Wesleyan (at Colby)	1:00 P.M.
Sa 1/27 v. Trinity (at Colby)	1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	7	0	1	12	1	1
BOWDOIN	6	1	2	9	4	2
Amherst	6	3	2	10	4	2
Williams	3	3	2	6	7	2
Colby	3	4	2	5	6	4
Hamilton	3	4	1	5	8	1
Conn. Coll.	2	6	1	5	9	1
Trinity	2	6	0	6	8	1
Wesleyan	1	6	3	3	9	3

SCOREBOARD

F 1/19 v. Amherst	T 3-3
Sa 1/20 v. Conn. College	W 2-1

SCHEDULE

F 1/26 at Middlebury	7:00 P.M.
W 1/31 v. St. Olaf	7:00 P.M.

MEN'S SQUASH

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	4	0	1	17	1	1
Tufts	3	0	1	11	6	1
Williams	3	1	1	16	3	1
Wesleyan	2	1	1	11	5	1
Amherst	2	2	1	11	8	1
Middlebury	2	2	1	10	7	1
Bates	1	2	1	9	7	1
Colby	1	3	1	5	11	1
Conn. College	0	3	1	9	8	1
Trinity	0	4	1	9	7	1

SCOREBOARD

F 1/26 v. Tufts	5:30 P.M.
Sa 1/27 at Brown	1:00 P.M.

NORDIC SKIING

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	4	0	1	17	1	1
Tufts	3	0	1	11	6	1
Williams	3	1	1	16	3	1
Wesleyan	2	1	1	11	5	1
Amherst	2	2	1	11	8	1
Middlebury	2	2	1	10	7	1
Bates	1	2	1	9	7	1
Colby	1	3	1	5	11	1
Conn. College	0	3	1	9	8	1
Trinity	0	4	1	9	7	1

SCOREBOARD

Sa 1/20 at St. Michael's Carnival	10th of 12
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SCHEDULE

Sa 1/26- at UNH Carnival	TBA
Sa 1/27	

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Looking ahead to 2007: The year in sports

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



First things first: Welcome back, and I hope that all of you had a better winter break than Michael Vick

SPORTS COMMENTARY did, at least in terms of getting past airport security.

And secondly, what a game we had Sunday night. A classic rematch that we had all anxiously been awaiting turned out to be better than we could have ever possibly imagined, with the home team earning a spot to play in Miami in the future. Of course I'm referring to the Mavs' clutch win over the defending, bending the Heat, 99-93. What were you watching? The AFC Championship?

I ended last year with an article predicting the outcomes for several NFL teams that were on the bubble for playoff slots. I went one-for-four, picking the Rams, Panthers, Bengals, and Jets to clinch, all of whom failed to reach the postseason with the exception of New York, led by the Penguin, Head Coach Eric Mangini. So after my poor foretelling performance, I decided that this week I would give it another go, only this time for the upcoming year that is already upon us.

Last year had it all, from the Bus's Super Bowl run to Motown to Zinedine Zidane's impression of Rosie O'Donnell cage-fighting Donald Trump. And if 2006 is any indication of how the next 365 days will unfold, then we're in for quite a year. So without further ado, I give you my chronological forecast for the year 2007:

January 27: Bill Parcells is rehired by Cowboys' owner, Jerry Jones, just four days after announcing his resignation and retirement. "I just missed the game too much," said the Tuna at a press conference. Terrell Owens, upon hearing the news, immediately demands to be traded.

January 29: Three days after winning miraculously over top-seeded Maria Sharapova to capture the Australian Open title, Serena Williams tests positive for an unknown, performance-enhancing drug. She announces her retirement later that afternoon saying, "It was fun while it lasted, but fashion will always be my baby."

January 30: Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas drops a career-high 71 points at home against the Pistons, including the game-winning three at the buzzer in a thrilling 133-131 victory. After Agent Zero's clutch bucket, Pistons guard Richard Hamilton rips off his protective facemask and screams, "This thing is nothing but bad

luck!" He vows never to wear it again...yeah right.

February 3 (11:35 p.m.): On the night before the Super Bowl, the Miami Herald reports that Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick was seen snooping around a local Hilton Hotel where the Colts happened to be staying. He is last seen getting into a taxi outside the building at approximately 11:30 p.m., holding a massive binder full of paper.

February 3 (11:52 p.m.): Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy tells the Miami Herald that he has misplaced his playbook...or that someone has stolen it.

February 4 (12:03 a.m.): What could have been a potential state of emergency for Indianapolis is resolved when Peyton Manning assures Dungy that he remembers all of his plays, the Miami Herald reports...again.

February 4 (10:31 p.m.): The Chicago Bears stun the football world and win Super Bowl XLI, obliterating the Colts 35-3, their defense intercepting Peyton Manning three times, one for a score by linebacker Brian Urlacher. The game's MVP, Bears quarterback Rex Grossman, goes 22 of 25 throwing for 323 yards and four touchdowns. "I can't believe I just did that!" Grossman exclaims to CBS's Jim Nantz. "I'm not even that good!"

February 4 (10:37 p.m.): With teary eyes and a pocket full of bad dreams, Peyton Manning heads for the locker room hearing what sound like boos from the crowd. Dungy puts his arm around his human playbook, and says, "Don't worry. They're not saying boo. They're saying loooooo-ser."

February 12: The Grizzlies, currently with the worst record in the NBA (one ahead of Boston), trade superstar Pau Gasol to the Bulls straight up for Chris Duhon. Celtics' General Manager, Danny Ainge calls Memphis' President, Jerry West's move "OUTRAGEOUS!" and says, "The only reason he did that was so he can get the No. 1 pick and draft Greg Oden!" Ainge quickly deals Paul Pierce to the Hawks for backup point guard Tyronn Lue. Says Ainge, "It's a fair deal, because defense wins championships the last time I heard."

February 17: The Florida Panthers refuse to take the ice at home against their in-state rivals, the Tampa Bay Lightning, and announce their secession from the NHL. Nobody notices.

February 18: After firing Mo Cheeks earlier in the week, the Philadelphia 76ers welcome back Larry Brown as their new head coach at a press conference, which is rudely interrupted by point guard, Andre Miller, who has already begun to jaw at his new boss.

February 20: The San Francisco

Giants finally terminate their contract with Barry Bonds, making the slugger a free agent. Bonds's new Snickers commercials have just started to air, the punch-line at the ad's conclusion being: "...It'll give you the edge over everybody...just don't get caught!"

February 21: The 76ers thrash the visiting Knicks, who are presently on a nine-game losing skid, 99-65. Brown refuses to shake New York Head Coach Isiah Thomas's hand, and quits after the game. "All I wanted to do was beat them," Brown tells reporters. "Now I can die in peace."

April 3: Barry Zito gives up six Padre home runs in a 19-4 loss to San Diego on Opening Day. "I was only in it for the money anyway," says the former Oakland ace. Zito is suspended by the Giants for the next 50 games without pay.

April 4: Daisuke Matsuzaka throws a no-hitter in his first start as a member of the Boston Red Sox, striking out 18 Royals in a 1-0 win. "I couldn't see the ball. Not once," says Kansas City shortstop, Angel Berroa, who was caught looking twice.

April 5: Philadelphia Enquirer columnist and ESPN contributor, Stephen A. Smith, is named the new head coach of the 76ers. "Quite frankly," says Smith, "I'm all you need."

April 7: The Oregon Ducks win March Madness 67-63 over Duke. Quack, quack, quack, Mr. Ducksworth!

April 8: On the last game of the season, ESPN announces that they have purchased the seemingly non-existent network, VERSUS, and declares that they will broadcast every playoff hockey game from here on out. Gary Bettman calls into FOX Radio and screams, "We're back baby! We're back!"

April 18: The Knicks beat the Bobcats on the final game of the season, 88-83, ending the regular season on an 11-game winning streak, clinching the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Isiah Thomas smiles. Millions of New Yorkers puke.

April 28: The Raiders, in a shocking move, trade the first overall pick in the NFL Draft to Atlanta (which selects Calvin Johnson) for Michael Vick. Lions President Matt Millen, disgruntled by the Falcons selecting Johnson, takes receiver Dwayne Jarrett out of USC, passing on Brady Quinn, JaMarcus Russell, Adrian Peterson, and all other proven, impact, and talented non-wide receivers.

April 29: The Browns select Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith, who is still available in the sixth round. "I hope I start," says Smith. "Not that it matters with this team."

May 23: After going 0-for-6 with six strikeouts in a 12-3 loss to the Red Sox, Alex Rodriguez, who is currently hitting an abysmal .112 with one home run, is shipped to

Triple-A Scranton Wilkes-Barre by the Yankees. "I've played like a dog this year," says a dejected A-Rod while cleaning out his locker.

May 25: Actress Eva Longoria breaks up with Spurs point guard, Tony Parker. The Frenchman has 11 turnovers the next night against the Nuggets as his Spurs are eliminated in Game 5. Denver rolls into the Western Conference Finals against the Suns, with their two stars, Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony, averaging 26.2 and 26.1 points per game, respectively.

June 8: The seventh-seeded Pittsburgh Penguins win the Stanley Cup four games to one over the second-seeded Anaheim Ducks. Conn Smythe Trophy winner Sidney Crosby, who scored 14 goals in the playoffs, exclaims, "We are all champions in Pittsburgh tonight! And we'll all be champions in Hartford tomorrow!"

June 11: The Phoenix Suns win their first NBA Championship sweeping the Cleveland Cavaliers. Suns' Frenchman forward Boris Diaw is seen mingling after the game with his new girlfriend, Eva Longoria.

June 26: The Grizzlies go 14-68, and draft Greg Oden with the first overall pick in the 2007 NBA Draft. Ainge and the Celtics finish 15-67 and settle for someone with the second overall pick who isn't Greg Oden.

June 29: Roger Clemens announces that he is coming back...with the Rangers, who are leading the AL West by a whopping 10 games.

July 1: The last place Devil Rays sign Barry Bonds to a one-year deal. "He was meant to break the record here," says utility man, Greg Norton, in front of a dumbfounded media.

July 25: After going hitless in 34 consecutive at-bats, the Yankees recall A-Rod from now Class-A Staten Island to resume his position at third base. "He can't get any worse," manager Joe Torre tells the New York Post. "The only place for him to go is up...literally."

July 31: Clemens, frustrated with Texas, who has lost 15 of 17 since acquiring the Rocket, demands a trade to the Yankees, who acquire him in exchange for minor league hurler Humberto Sanchez.

August 6: Bonds goes just 8-for-73 in Tampa with zero homers and is ultimately released. The Giants, who still have an outside shot at the playoffs, come knocking with an offer and an apology. Bonds accepts both without blinking.

September 5: In a four-team deal 23 hours before the regular season opener, the Cowboys ship an unhappy T.O. to the Cardinals, who send Larry Fitzgerald to the Eagles, who give Donovan McNabb to the Bucs, who trade Simeon Rice and Ronde Barber to the Cowboys. "I'm the next Rod Tidwell!" shouts Owens. "Show me the money!"

September 30: Barry Bonds hits career home run number 756, breaking Hank Aaron's record in a 4-3 loss to the Dodgers on the last game of the season. L.A. clinches the division over the Giants by one game, but Bonds doesn't care: "I broke the record. That's all that matters to me."

October 18: The Red Sox beat the Yankees in Game 7 of the 2007 ALCS 14-12, advancing to their second World Series in four years. A-Rod, who had hit an astonishing .440 the rest of the year to improve his average to .291, goes 6-for-8 in the final game with a record five home runs, knocking in all 12 Yankee runs and taking home a rare series MVP as a member of the losing squad. "What can I say?" asked the third baseman after the loss. "I showed up; my teammates didn't. Coincidence? I don't think so."

October 27: The Chicago Cubs, led by Alfonso Soriano's bat and Kerry Wood's dominant pitching, beat the Boston Red Sox four games to two, winning their first World Series in nearly a century. Steve Bartman is given a three-floor apartment in the Sears Tower and a hand-written apology from the entire Windy City.

November 6: David Beckham, who had dominated the MLS with a record 54 goals, misses another crucial, season-ending penalty kick in the finals to the New York Red Bulls. Beckham, with Posh Spice by his side, returns to England after only one year in America, his parting words being, "You cannot win them all. But I just wish I could win some."

November 12: LaDainian Tomlinson runs for six touchdowns in a rematch against the Patriots on Monday Night Football and imitates Shawne Merriman's dance on his final score on the way to a 49-24 victory in Foxborough. "That man has no class," says New England defensive tackle Vince Wilfork of LT after the game.

December 9: After a heart-breaking home loss to Chicago, new Raiders Head Coach Denny Green (who took over for Lane Kiffin who resigned before the season even started) goes on another tirade with the media, reiterating and reassuring all of us that "THE BEARS ARE WHO WE THOUGHT THEY WERE!"

December 31: The San Diego Chargers finish the season with an AFC-best 13-3 record, and are joined in the playoffs by the Patriots, Steelers, Colts, Dolphins, and Titans. The New York Giants head into the postseason with the league's best record at 14-2, led by NFL MVP Eli Manning. They are joined in the playoffs by the Buccaneers, Falcons, Eagles, Cardinals, and Packers who are still headed by Brett Favre. The Bears, who had replaced Rex Grossman with Elvis Grbac at the beginning of the year, do not make it.

Bowdoin rugby wins Hayes sportsmanship award

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

The men and women of Bowdoin rugby proved their worth both on and off the field this season, according to the referees.

The Bowdoin rugby teams have been honored by the New England Rugby Referees Society,

winning the John Hayes Award. The award is given annually to teams for their sportsmanship, fair play, and the treatment of their match referees.

"The award is prestigious," referee Gary Devoe said. "There are (at last count) 227 rugby teams in the New England Union, and the award goes to just one club each

year. Bowdoin should be proud to have won the award twice since its inception in the early 1990s."

Devoe said that the Bowdoin men's team is the only club to have won the award twice.

"This award of recognition by the New England Rugby Football Union will finally shed light on the positive contributions made by

our team and our continuing emphasis on respect and sportsmanship both on and off the field," said captain Dan Jaffe '07.

The Hayes award, named after a long-time New England rugby referee, is important within the New England rugby community.

After each match, the presiding referee grades each team on multi-

ple factors, from pre-game amenities to player conduct, and at the end of the season the team with the highest rating wins the award.

"The idea is to encourage tasteful and safe development of the game of rugby on part of the participating teams as well as to encourage [the respectful] treatment of referees," Devoe said.



A look back at fall semester athletics

A photo essay by Tommy Wilcox



OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

Established 1871

Hanley Denning '92

At Bowdoin, we talk a lot about the common good, but few in our small community end up making it their life's mission in the way that Hanley Denning did.

From higher education's seat of privilege, Denning descended into the slums of Guatemala City, giving up nearly everything she had so that she could help people who had even less. In the face of such overwhelming strife and hopelessness, there is no doubt that her work was difficult, even excruciating at times. But one by one, Denning led children out of the Guatemala City garbage dump and into her makeshift classroom, where she helped provide them with food, shelter, and an education. She exposed them to English, art, and music. But most importantly, she exposed them to the possibility of a future where life was about more than just survival. A future of hope and opportunity. A future outside the dump.

But Denning's work was not limited to exposing the impoverished youth of Guatemala City to the privileges of her past. She also sought to expose the privileged youth of her past to the poverty of Guatemala City. In 2003, through coordinated efforts with the Community Service Resource Center here on campus, she helped bring Bowdoin students to Guatemala City on an Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip so that they could see the poverty for themselves. Struck both by the destitution of the slums and the power of Denning's example, students on Bowdoin ASB programs have returned on two separate occasions to work with Safe Passage, the organization she founded. A number of students have gone back to volunteer there on their own.

One of Denning's goals represents the ultimate synthesis of her past and her present: to see a child from Safe Passage matriculate here at Bowdoin. Though she didn't get to witness it in her lifetime, the passion Denning sewed in the hearts of her colleagues and friends is so strong that it seems almost inevitable that this dream will be realized.

When her car was struck by a bus nine days ago, Denning was on her way to a school that her organization had built for at-risk children in a town outside Guatemala City. She was on the job. It was a hard job, we imagine, full of small victories strewn amid heaps of frustrations.

But to Hanley Denning, it was a job worth doing. So she did it. It is in this way that her death, while tragic, reminds us of how we all ought to live.

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Week of the walking athlete

by Annie Monjar

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, the first round of returning Bowdoin students skipped into Thorne for their first brunch of the spring semester. Tanned and tired from trips to Mexico, Peru, Mars, and Florida, clad in their holiday loot, the Polar Bears appeared ready to take on the new semester, fresh from five weeks of fun, restful traveling, and couch-potatoing. Still unscathed by heavy reading, 187-page papers, 18-hour labs, and midterms that seem to last until the week before finals, our campus seems ready for anything.

Some, however, are ready for anything but the sight of people. A few faces in this crowd of new arrivals are already tired and jaded by two or more weeks of pretend-school. These athletes and outing club members, overwhelmed by the sense of renewed life that took over campus this past weekend, have just awoken from Bowdoin's equivalent of a science fiction novel, or some kind of intellectual thriller: preseason.

"What in the Sam Heck just happened?" I asked myself the Sunday after preseason, wondering what kind of alternate dimension the last two weeks of my life had taken place in. All I could really remember was trudging to the field house what felt like about five or six times a day and getting my peanut butter from where the salad usually goes in Moulton.

Quite a trippy experience, you can imagine.

Preseason certainly does have the appeal of nearly complete freedom, and perhaps it fulfills this dream for

many. Essentially, preseason is a couple weeks of intensive sports practices, games, and lots and lots and lots of team bonding. Lots of that last one. If you manage your time properly, you could conceivably watch about 65 movies and play about 53 hours of video games over preseason, although few and proud are the people that can pull this rigorous schedule off.

All this makes pre-season what many consider the greatest time of year. 'Tis the season for Will Ferrell movies, ordering out Indian food, "Grey's Anatomy" on DVD, "Halo," Prancer, and Vixen! The "college without homework" utopia has been achieved.

But from what might possibly be considered a more Type A perspective, the whole thing seemed completely surreal. Campus looked like the set of "28 Days Later": the landscape is dark, icy, and eerily silent. A few scattered, zombie-like figures stalk about the route from Farley to Moulton, hair awry with sweat, donned in torn, baggy, pungent clothing, moving stiffly and slowly from the 17 hours of exercise they've done that day. Not only is there a ghastly appearance to campus, but there is a sense of loss, of unfinished business. Where is there to wander when there's no class? What is there to do when there's no homework? What is there to complain about when it doesn't matter anyway - if Blackboard is working or not?

I worried that brain cells would sputter and die every few minutes or so. But, more often than that I'd be sitting on my bed with my laptop, comatosely watching episode 786 of

"House," and notice that it was time to go to one of probably three mandatory activities, minus practice, that was asked of me the whole of preseason. Muttering angrily to myself, I would wonder why I couldn't seem to find a moment of spare time to do what I wanted to do, darn it! No rest for the weary. Somehow, anything I was told to do during preseason became so overwhelming that even the 12 completely unattached hours a day were simply dismissed and ignored as required TV time. I had all the time in the world, and none to myself. This paradox can produce a moderate amount of guilt and a lot of exasperation by the end of the whole charade. A difficult existence, this preseason.

Of course, preseason doesn't get everyone this worked up. It's possible that those few weeks are some of the most enjoyable of break, or even all year. Does it get any better than friends, sports, and maybe just a few quick four-hour rounds of "Madden 2007"? It's debatable. But, for those of us who were itching for some structure, for some sense of academic obligation during those few weeks of "freedom," Monday was the rejuvenating of the walking dead. Or just the walking really, really tired.

But comatose or really relaxed, zombie-like or really zen, the preseason Polar Bears seem happy, though perhaps momentarily shocked, to have the rest of campus back again.

You guys feel like playing some "Madden"?

Annie Monjar '09 is a member of the Bowdoin Women's Indoor Track Team.

Take action on climate change

by Colin Beckman

Human-induced climate change has long been a pressing reality in the minds of scientists, and now it is becoming urgent in the minds of politicians, industry leaders, and people in general. Many are increasingly realizing that taking only half-measures will almost certainly result in catastrophic changes throughout the world (particularly among the most disadvantaged human populations of the southern parts of the globe), and that only immediate and drastic measures will significantly dull the perils of the future. What remains less clear is exactly how we are to make these drastic changes. I submit that the reason we have not yet begun to make these changes is because we are simply too comfortable and too distracted. We know the danger, but we do not feel it.

The chief causes of global climate change are electricity generation, the heating and cooling of homes, and (what we seem to hear the most about) the movement of vehicles. Appropriately, these causes of climate change are also the very same things that distract us from doing anything about climate change. Because of our comfortable heated and cooled interior environments, our instant access to food, our quick and comfortable transportation, because of the ease at which we can turn night into day with the flip of a switch, we forget that most of the human world (and all of the animal and plant world) is still at the mercy of the sun, the wind, and the rain.

Our way of life is so removed from the realities of weather and climate,

from food production, from many essential physical realities, that we feel absolutely no sense of enduring urgency when we hear that coastlines and a slew of Pacific islands may go underwater, that Arctic animals will lose their habitat and become extinct, that the glaciers of the Andes and Himalaya will evaporate, that droughts, floods, and hurricanes will become more severe and more punishing...the list goes on. Comfortable in our human-made environments, we lose a sense of how much is really at stake. Our technology and the products of our incredible economy serve to insulate us from the fundamental realities of the world.

If we do not want to surrender our world to the vagaries of anthropogenic climate change, it seems that we must relinquish our dependence on the technologies of convenience, comfort, and distraction. Having done this, we will find, not only that we have greatly minimized our contribution to perhaps the worst ecological disaster that humankind has ever perpetrated upon the earth, but also that our senses will be freed to perceive something unperceivable in our current distracted and comfortable mode of life: the utterly beautiful dimensions of a world that is fast disappearing.

If we are to take ourselves seriously, we must fundamentally change every aspect of our lives. We can no longer drive our cars 1,000 miles to far-away homes and back (as I admit I unnecessarily did this winter break) or resign to live in energy-inefficient homes, our minds absent to the reality of what we are doing. All the information and good intentions in the world

are not going to make a difference unless we truly change our lives. In the 21st century, at least into the foreseeable future, we will find that it is only after we have relinquished the automobile and the airplane, the washer and the drier, the television and the electric light at night, that we will truly begin to live well.

As we seek out a new way to live in this world, we must simultaneously act forcefully to enact widespread systematic change in our society by compelling our leaders in Congress to enact legislation immediately that will result in every vehicle and building to be as energetically efficient as possible, that will disallow developers to plan communities that sprawl, and that ensures that industry and power utilities are given powerful incentives to drastically reduce their carbon emissions. The time for decisive moral action has arrived, the time of waiting for the latest research, for the latest technology to be developed, is over.

But if we only wait for these meta-changes and do not change our own lives, do not walk away from lives of consumption, we may find that we lack the necessary motivation, and we will quickly forget the urgency of the biggest moral imperative to yet face our generation. We will also be missing the biggest point of all; that living with our senses bound up in the stilt and props of a world that has been thoughtlessly manufactured ensures that we miss perceiving the world in its most beautiful aspect: full of life, and pulsating with its own vital energy.

Colin Beckman is a member of the Class of 2007.

Correction: Booze and responsibility are compatible

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

On October 20, I used this space to lecture about temperance. I climbed up on my soapbox and explained that the freedom built into the college lifestyle should not be abused, because someday in the not-too-distant future our generation will be responsible for preserving civilization in an era of growing population, advancing technology, diminishing natural resources, and mounting cultural tensions.

This inheritance, I insisted, will require us to be alert, adaptable, adept, and ambitious—which means that drinking ourselves into oblivion three nights a week will leave us tragically underprepared.

We must recognize that cultivating responsible attitudes is critical, I argued, because when we get important jobs, we won't be able to futz around anymore.

Well, a real man knows when to admit he was wrong. And I've got to say, I was way off base on that one.

Of course, I can't be held solely responsible for my mistake. The

media are at least partially to blame. I'm a big fan of the "The West Wing," and most of my ideas about what high-ranking government officials look and sound like come from that show. Therefore, I have always assumed they are tireless, focused creatures—perpetually indisposed to participating in the sort of hedonism typical of a college weekend; the products of a life of discipline and restraint.

I have also been made to understand that they casually engage in stichomythic, impossibly clever dialogue, and are either attractive or "interesting-looking."

I was disabused of all these misperceptions recently when I stumbled across a blog called MaineWebReport.com. The author claims to have discovered the MySpace profile of a high-ranking official in Maine's state government. That such an official would have a MySpace page was not especially shocking; membership in the popular network is by no means damning, and plenty of public figures and those who work closely with them have profiles.

But this officer's page, which the blogger says he preserved via screenshot after its owner set it to "private," hardly projected the Seaborn/Lyman-esque portrait of savvy and diligence that I had

always associated with policy strategists. On the contrary, it more closely resembled what Bluto's profile would look like if "Animal House" took place during the Facebook era.

This fun-loving bureaucrat's profile picture shows him with a Hawaiian shirt draped over his festive paunch, adorned with a lei, grinning from behind dark sunglasses and holding a blue solo cup triumphantly above his head. To the right of the portrait lies this profound dictum:

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Amusing, you may think, but not earth-shattering. Given how intelligent and well-connected many Bowdoin scholars are, it is not outlandish to think that the same student you see drunkenly attempting to microwave his cell phone at Super Snack might land a job arranging files in some statehouse and executing this menial task without incident.

But this page's alleged proprietor is no paper-pushing intern. He's a top policy adviser to the governor.

And believe it or not, the adviser's reflections on the divinity of booze do not end with his enlightening banner quotation. In the most recent (October 24) entry to his blog, he has posted his answers to a

survey on alcohol use, which he describes as his "favorite subject."

In response to the question, "What is your favorite day of the week for drinking," the consultant quips, "Any that end in 'y'." When the survey asks him when he last drank, he cheerfully replies, "An hour or two ago, living it up during the gubernatorial debate."

Here are some other highlights from the MySpace profile:

1) "What's Flag Day without piling on the booze?"

2) His favorite drinking game (Beer Die).

3) A photograph of him drinking beer from a brassiere-shaped Camelback worn by another man.

As you might imagine, given my impressions about the character and disposition of high-ranking government agents, I was surprised that a top adviser to the governor would appear as though he would fit right in at Ivies.

But the more I thought about it, the more I realized how closed-minded I have been. I mean, there have been plenty of political figures in history who were fond of the bottle, many holding positions of far greater responsibility.

Winston Churchill was a notorious lush, and he ministered Great Britain through World War II. So was Ulysses S. Grant, and he made it all

the way to the \$50 bill. Ted Kennedy could still probably drink any Bowdoin undergrad under the table, and he's been a U.S. senator for almost half a century. I'm even told that the governor's adviser ripped off that Flag Day maxim from the father of American democracy, Benjamin Franklin (prompting me to assume that half-baked key-kite experiment was conceived Flag Day.)

There is even a precedent for play-hard collegians rising to power from 'neath the pines. Bowdoin's own Franklin Pierce, class of 1824, was a boozehound, and he got to be president of the United States! Sure, countless experts have him ranked among the worst presidents in our country's history, but he was good enough to have that reading room in Hawthorne-Longfellow Library named after him. That's got to count for something.

All this proves rather definitively that the virtue of temperance is bunk. So please, don't let my baseless admissions spoil your last years of unaccountability. Perhaps I'll see you around campus tonight, participating in a rousing game of speed quarters or enjoying a restful nap on the floor of Crack House.

But if I don't see you flushed, smiling face this weekend, no worries: surely I'll see it printed on our money someday.

Look past illegal alien status

by Julia Guerrero Reed

As someone from McAllen, Texas, a medium-sized city about five miles from the Mexican-American border, I feel I must comment on Zachary Linhart's letter about illegal immigrants. Although I cannot claim to be an illegal immigrant myself, I am Mexican-American and grew up in an area where the majority of the population is made up of first-, second-, or third-generation Mexican immigrants, both legal and otherwise. I was offended by his letter both personally and on behalf of *mi gente*.

First of all, Linhart says that the problem of illegal immigration has arisen "yet again." I am mystified as to what he means by "yet again," because illegal immigration has always been a part of our country's history and always will be, no matter what ridiculous and futile attempts are made to stop it. In fact, Department of Homeland Security statistics show that the number of "deportable aliens located" has remained steady at around 1,200,000 since 1983.

Illegal immigrants are a vital and welcome part of the workforce in South Texas because there is literally no one else willing to perform the backbreaking labor of building construction, lawn and pool maintenance, and field picking in 100-plus degree weather—not even, as Linhart suggests, the high school dropouts. In addition, a large percentage of housekeepers and nannies in South Texas are undocumented workers, because this is another employment area that most low-income women who are citizens or documented workers feel is beneath them.

According to Jeffrey Passel, a demographer at the Pew Hispanic Center who specializes in immigration trends, 22 percent of domestic help workers are in the United States illegally. In an area such as South Texas, where the overall per-

centage of illegal immigrants is higher than in the rest of the nation, the percentage working as domestic help is most likely much higher as well. Many families would in fact prefer to hire illegal workers as domestic help (as opposed to high school dropouts) because, as Carl Shusterman, an immigration lawyer in Los Angeles, was quoted saying in the Los Angeles Times, "these illegals are people they can trust and have personal qualities they haven't found in American workers." Employers of these housekeepers and nannies often feel that Mexican immigrants, as opposed to high school dropouts, have strong family values that would make them more trustworthy and better suited to caring for their children.

Linhart then says that "besides committing crimes and potentially being terrorists, they are harming the American economy" and that they do not deserve any education or healthcare because they do not pay taxes. I do not see how anyone with their sense of humanity intact could deny anyone the right to an education and healthcare, particularly in America where we supposedly value those things. Even if Linhart's allegation that illegal immigrants do not deserve these fundamental human rights because they do not pay their taxes was reasonable, it is still unfounded, because illegal immigrants do in fact pay taxes.

For example, illegal immigrants do not receive a sales tax exemption because of their non-citizen status. Also, when undocumented workers obtain employment using a false social security number, the employer makes the same deductions from the worker's pay check for federal income tax and Social Security as for U.S. citizen employees. The only difference is that the undocumented worker, unlike the U.S. citizen employee, is never refunded the amounts that he/she paid into the Social Security system, because the undocumented worker has no valid

Social Security number with which to claim these benefits.

Many illegal immigrants purchase property that is taxed on its value annually, and no exemption is made for them. They must pay their property tax every year just like anyone else, or they will lose their property in a foreclosure. According to the December 2006 issue of the Population Bulletin, "Legal and illegal immigration boosted the GDP—the value of goods and services produced in the United States—between \$1 billion and \$10 billion in the mid-1990s in an \$8 trillion U.S. economy...immigration has small but overall positive economic effects."

Almost all illegal immigrants, such as the ones in South Texas, are here to escape desperate situations in their home countries and are willing to work harder than we can even imagine just to eke out an existence and help their families back home survive. They are certainly not going to ruin their chances by committing any crimes. Besides the perpetrators of 9/11, who entered through Canada, not Mexico, the other two big terrorism incidents in our recent history, the Unabomber and the Oklahoma City bombing, were both perpetrated by white American citizens. This highly suggests that our suspicions should be focused elsewhere. In fact, many illegal immigrants feel more allegiance to America than the average American citizen. For example, a few years ago there was an incident in South Texas where a high school graduate, albeit an illegal one, enlisted in the army and went to Iraq, where he died in battle. Only afterward was he given honorary citizenship. If we are truly going to live in a global society, we need to think of the big picture and how easing immigration restrictions would improve not only national but global well-being.

Julia Guerrero Reed is a member of the Class of 2006.

Social scene keeps Bowdoin warm

by Alex Williams

There are a variety of strategies that Bowdoin students employ in order to survive the biting Brunswick winter. For those who prepare in the warmth of their own dorm, the J. Crew January catalogue, admittedly, helps many. Those more adventurous shoppers may embark on a trip to Freeport, with visions of themselves sporting North Face fleeces, Patagonia vests, and, of course, snow-proof L.L. Bean duck boots.

There exists another breed of winter warrior, which depends on the warming effects of certain beverages to brave the elements.

I myself have relied upon a different, less tangible source of warmth. That is, the warmth with which I am treated by my peers—first year and senior alike. I found myself considering that there is not necessarily a need or expectation for a stranger to smile and greet me as he passes, but a Bowdoin stranger will. Somehow, the students form a bond early on that leads to a general atmosphere of friendliness for the entire student body to enjoy. The students at this college compensate for the cold temperatures with warm demeanor. This self-enacted order of balance has been my favorite part of Bowdoin College.

This Winter Break, I had the opportunity to compare notes with high school friends about our respective first-year experiences. My stories stood apart on two accounts: Firstly, I claimed everyone at school is nice. My friends offered different opinions. Secondly, I was not pledging a fraternity. Was I a loser? they wondered. Actually, I explained, there is no Greek life at

Bowdoin. That is lame, my friends agreed. No, I argued, it is awesome.

I am not claiming that fraternities and sororities are fundamentally evil. After all, in some cases joining one is the only way to develop close relationships. What I do maintain, however, is their absence at Bowdoin certainly contributes to the aforementioned welcoming environment.

I visited some friends who all go to the same school in Pennsylvania. I was able to experience first-hand the crowding force these frats had on the social scene. One friend and I had plans to attend some event being thrown by

something he referred to as "Phi Delt." Uh oh. Our other friend could never dream of coming with, because if a brother from [insert abbreviated Greek symbols here] saw him, it would be social suicide! I was lost.

What on earth did that mean? Apparently, once involved in a certain frat, attending another's event is a fraternal faux pas—if one is guilty of such, one will be left fratless and friendless.

News to me. I was so used to open invitations that I did not understand the concept of not being able to attend a party at school.

A warm atmosphere is chief among the qualities of the relatively renowned Bowdoin Bubble. Our college knows nothing of exclusivity. We are all one. We all enjoy and share our social houses. It is this unified nature of our social scene that I think leads to the friendliness I have experienced this first semester. I am glad that Bowdoin got rid of Greek life, for the warm atmosphere has undoubtedly made the winters at Bowdoin a far more bearable time of year.

Alex Williams is a member of the Class of 2010.

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WEEKLYCALENDAR

January 26-February 1

Friday

Common Hour**with Professor Linda Docherty**

Professor Docherty will give the Karofsky Faculty Encore Lecture. She was chosen to speak by members of the senior class.

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

Taryn King '07 Memorial

A year after Taryn King's death, her friends have organized this service in her honor. Those who would like to share memories will be given a chance to speak.

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
5 - 7 P.M.

Saturday

Busting Out Bowdoin

A series of workshops designed to improve students' academic careers, social lives, and health. Sessions include yoga, career planning, and computer skills.

MOULTON UNION AND
THE BALDWIN LEARNING CENTER,
12 - 5 P.M.

Sunday

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

Want to Join Residential Life?

This is an information session to learn about becoming a proctor, RA, or head proctor.
MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
4:30 P.M.

"Blogging Buddies"

Stop by this group's first meeting and find out about volunteering to edit middle schoolers' online essays.
3RD FLOOR, ADAMS HALL,
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday

President Mills's Office Hours

The president will be available to students who have questions or comments.

SMITH UNION,
3 - 5 P.M.

Student Activities Fair

Students can explore the many opportunities to get involved on and off campus this semester.

MORRELL LOUNGE, SMITH UNION,
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday

Women's Ice Hockey

Root for the Polar Bears in their home game against St. Olaf College.

DAYTON ARENA,
7 P.M.

Thursday

"The Death of Little Ibsen"

A 50-minute puppet performance about a man who is tortured by the voices in his head.

WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
7 - 9 P.M.

**Victor Hugo's
Ideology of Disorder**

William C. VanderWolk, recently appointed Henry Wadsworth Longfellow professor of modern languages, will give an inaugural lecture.

LANCASTER LOUNGE,
MOULTON UNION,
7:30 - 8:30 P.M.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

A student laces up before skating on the Quad's rink on Thursday morning.



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E-mail system gets poor reviews

by Emily Guerin
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Bowdoin's new e-mail system is packed with features. Microsoft Outlook/Entourage includes a scheduling system, a pre-loaded college directory, and a calendar of campus events. There's only one problem: Many students either don't want to use them, or they don't know how.

Ted Power '07 said that the new e-mail system did not seem to be designed for students. He cited the calendar and meeting maker systems as features that would be useful for a small business, but not for college students.

Power was also disappointed that the new e-mail system did not include a search option. While acknowledging that Outlook/Entourage gave students more storage space, he said that without the search option, the switch from Webmail was "not worth it."

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Ibsen show more than doll's play



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Wakka Wakka Productions performs "The Death of Little Ibsen" in Wish Theater on Thursday. The puppet performance tells the story of the life of Scandinavian playwright Henrik Ibsen. See article, page 8.

Mills, BSG set committee plan

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

President Barry Mills and Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) have reached a tentative compromise regarding the creation of a Community Response Committee (CRC), which would consider how Bowdoin might respond to "humanitarian issues" in the world. Mills had opposed the creation of a permanent committee, while BSG recently passed a resolution calling for one.

In a meeting with BSG officers on Tuesday, Mills proposed that the legislative body create the CRC itself. According to several BSG officers, the president offered to provide vocal and financial support to the committee, and agreed to hear any recommendations that the CRC might have.

Mills's proposal satisfied a number of officers, including BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 and Vice President of BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08, who said that a committee administered by the student government could be just as effective as one administered by the College.

"I think this compromise could

turn out to be a very good one," Brooks said. "The idea of a student-led committee, acting as a campus-wide committee that includes staff and faculty, is a great idea. It's a great place for student leadership to be exercised."

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DEVELOPING STORY

Contraceptive contract dropped

The health center will no longer dispense birth control pills or NuvaRings to students due to an abrupt loss of contract with manufacturer Organon, according to this morning's student digest. In-stock Cyclessa is available through May.

In a December 2005 interview with former College Physician Jeff Benson, birth control was, by far, the most commonly prescribed medication at the health center.

Prescriptions can be obtained at the center and refilled at pharmacies in accordance with students' health insurance plans. Details next week.

—Anne Riley

SUSTAINABLE ENDOWMENTS

ENDOWMENT SIZES AND GRADES OF TOP LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES
The Sustainable Endowments Institute released a report on top colleges' campus greening practices and endowment policies. Taking into account over 25 factors, the Institute graded colleges on an A-to-F scale.

COLLEGE	ENDOWMENT	GRADE
AMHERST COLLEGE	\$1,300 MILLION	B-
BOWDOIN COLLEGE	\$673 MILLION	B-
CARLETON COLLEGE	\$572 MILLION	C+
GRINNELL COLLEGE	\$1,500 MILLION	C+
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE	\$782 MILLION	B+
POMONA COLLEGE	\$1,500 MILLION	C+
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	\$1,200 MILLION	B-
WELLESLEY COLLEGE	\$1,400 MILLION	C
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	\$620 MILLION	C+
WILLIAMS COLLEGE	\$1,500 MILLION	A-

Graphic by Parag Khandelwal, The Bowdoin Orient

Report gives college 'B-' on endowment practices

by Nick Day
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin received mixed reviews in a report released last week by the Sustainable Endowments Institute (SEI), scoring perfect marks for "campus management," while earning significantly lower grades for "endowment investments."

The report examined the 100 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada with the largest endowments. Bowdoin got an overall grade of "B-."

In its first annual College Sustainability Report Card, the Cambridge, Massachusetts, organization evaluated colleges based on seven categories.

Four of the categories were based on what the report termed "campus management": climate change and energy, green building, food and recycling, and administration. The

other three categories were related to specific endowment policies: endowment transparency, investment priorities, and shareholder engagement.

While Bowdoin received "A" grades for all categories concerning campus management, it earned a "C" in investment priorities and two failing grades for endowment transparency and shareholder engagement.

Though SEI Executive Director Mark Orlowski articulated the importance of endowment transparency and shareholder engagement at Bowdoin, he praised the College for its efforts to promote sustainability at the campus level.

"I think that Bowdoin should be applauded for its efforts in terms of sustainability on campus," he said.

Katherine Kirkin '07, a leader of

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Obama group grows, but not without strife

Two leaders,
both Bowdoin students,
resign from group

by Kira Chappelle
STAFF WRITER

Meredith Segal '08 is in Washington D.C. today, introducing expected presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Illinois, at a rally at George Mason University. She has Facebook to thank for it.

Last summer, Segal started a Facebook group called "Barack Obama for President in 2008." Since then, the Facebook group has transformed into Students for Barack Obama, a grassroots network aimed at demonstrating support for a presidential campaign by Obama. Segal is the executive director.

The group started with a mere 30 students last July, burgeoned to 22,000 students by Thanksgiving break in November, and now has more than 53,600 members.

The structure and purpose of the

group have changed radically, however, since its beginning, and has even caused rifts among Bowdoin students.

Frank Chi '07 initially signed on as the communications director of Students for Barack Obama (a non-Bowdoin-affiliated organization) in November. After a dozen Bowdoin



Obama created a committee to gauge the feasibility of a presidential run.

students traveled to New Hampshire to see Obama speak at an event, Chi said some students who were involved at Bowdoin "had questions about where the group was going."

"We had created a great image, but it seemed like false advertising," he said.

"The group wasn't substantial beyond the Facebook mentality. Other people who don't really understand Facebook see that this group has 30,000 members and think that

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Scratched courses can change schedules

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

The start of the spring semester has left some students scrambling for new courses as at least four courses have been canceled, and others have been added or rescheduled to meet student demand.

This semester, Comparative Education with Dean for Academic Advancement Kassie Freeman, Advanced Seminar in Chinese Politics with Professor of Asian Studies and Government Lance Guo, and the courses The American Presidency and Advanced Seminar in American Politics: Presidential-Congressional Relations with Professor of Government Janet Martin were canceled.

When a course is canceled students receive notification from the depart-

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Bill would limit voting rights for non-Mainers

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

A lawmaker has introduced a bill in the Maine House of Representatives that would take away voting rights for college students from out-of-state.

The legislature's Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee heard testimony on the bill Wednesday and will hold a vote on February 7.

The sponsor of the bill, Representative Gary Knight, R-Livemore Falls, said that sometimes college students commit voter fraud by voting both at college and at home, according to a report in the Kennebec Journal. Other supporters of the bill say that students living in dormitories in Maine colleges just aren't residents.

Tom Charpentier '10 made the trip to Augusta to testify against the bill. In his testimony, he said that while students do not necessarily pay taxes or live in the state all year, they do contribute to local economies, are subject to state laws, and benefit from state and municipal services.

Some individuals have taken aim specifically at Bowdoin students. One post on a Waterville newspaper's message board questioned whether Bowdoin students were sufficiently knowledgeable to vote in local elections.

However, officials said that there had been no recent reports of voter fraud in Brunswick.

Fran Smith, town clerk for Brunswick, said while allegations of voter fraud are dealt with by the secretary of state, such complaints would ultimately make their way to her.

"If there was a case out there, we would be the ones who would have to provide the information and that has not happened," she said.

"In my six years here, there has not been any sort of case that was brought...[that the secretary of state] came back to me to provide information for," she said.

In an e-mail to the Orient, Don Cookson, communications director at the Department of the Secretary of State, confirmed that in the last five years there have been no cases of voter fraud in the entire state.

IT to release Bowdoin-branded Gmail

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Joho Strom '09, who works at the Information Technology Student Helpdesk, said that the new system does not work equally well on all Internet browsers. He noted that the e-mail search option is only available on Internet Explorer, and not accessible at all on Apple computers.

Strom also said that the new system does not allow students to manually forward their e-mail from Outlook/Entourage to another e-mail provider; IT must make the switch for them.

"It's unfortunate that the College chose to endorse a product that is not platform- or browser-independent," he said.

Certain features of the program do not work in the popular Mozilla Firefox browser.

Mitch Davis, chief information officer, said that he was aware of students' concerns. He acknowledged that the e-mail's Web client does not function as well on Apple computers, but said that a new update later this year would resolve the problem.

Davis added that the new system was "an imperfect foundation," and admitted that the switch to Outlook/Entourage was "a relatively painless but unsuccessful upgrade in the sense that it didn't deliver solutions to both platforms."

Davis pointed out that despite the problems with various Internet browsers and Apple computers, the transition from the old Webmail to Outlook/Entourage was remarkably smooth.

He added that IT successfully transferred 16 million e-mail files to the new system, and that students seemed to need minimal support to use Outlook/Entourage. According to Davis, the new e-mail system cost about \$20,000, including labor.

Nick Selden '09 said that there were many features of the new system that he did not know how to use and was disappointed that he could not delete multiple e-mails at once.

Steven Kolberg '09 agreed. "There is no select-all for deleting messages," he said.

"It's unfortunate that the College chose to endorse a product that is not platform- or browser-independent."

Joho Strom '09

Ben Lake '07 said that he found the new system "more complicated than the old one, and it seems to be fraught with more problems."

Kariyushi Rao '07 said that the system has too many unnecessary features.

"The calendar options are superfluous," she said.

Copley Huston '10 said that she does not use the calendar at all.

Students did report that the transition to the new system was well-executed.

"Generally, it seemed like a pretty smooth transition for me," said Eric Volpe '08.

Strom also acknowledged that IT had done "a good job at making the transition smooth for those who use the e-mail system."

Davis said that within the next month, Bowdoin would introduce an alternate e-mail system, a Bowdoin-branded version of Gmail. Davis said that a Bowdoin-Gmail account would allow students to have even more storage space, as well as a lifelong Bowdoin email address. According to Davis, about 435 students already forward their mail out of Outlook/Entourage, many of those to Gmail.

Power has been involved with the Bowdoin-Gmail process. He said that the system will be easy to set up, and students will be able to have their Bowdoin e-mail forwarded automatically to their Bowdoin-Gmail account if they desire.

Davis said that he is "trying to find the best way to deliver e-mail to students so that they have options," and that the Bowdoin-Gmail idea was a student suggestion.

'Aspirations' shows academic, social side of college experience

Maine's low college enrollment sparks today's event

by Anna Karasz
ORIENT STAFF

Sixty-five ninth-grade students are getting an early introduction to college from Bowdoin students today. The visiting students from seven area high schools, including Brunswick and Mt. Ararat high schools, are spending the day with a Bowdoin student for the third annual Aspirations in ME: A Taste of the College Experience.

The program, organized by the Community Service Resource Center with assistance from Bowdoin Upward Bound, gives Maine high school students early exposure to the array of opportunities available in a college environment.

Formerly the Martin Luther King Day of Service, the program was created in response to the discrepancy between Maine high school graduation rates and the number of students enrolling in post-secondary education. According to statistics from the Maine Department of Education, while 86 percent of Maine students graduate from high school, only 71 percent of students intend to enroll in post-secondary institutions.

While participants come from a variety of backgrounds, the event targets students from lower-income backgrounds, or those who would be the first generation of college students in their family.

"I try to really encourage guidance counselors to target students who may be first in the family to go to college and lower-income students. Though it's not exclusive," said Assistant Director of Upward Bound Ginny Fowles.

According to Fowles, giving the students the opportunity to experience college firsthand is vital in changing their perceptions of higher education.

"In high schools there is such a

limited amount of information and limited opportunities, especially in Maine," she said. "It is more than just sitting in a classroom for another four years."

AmeriCorps*VISTA Matt Thomson, who helped organize the event, also envisions Aspirations in ME as a means to provide students with a more complete understanding of college life.

"I want students to have an idea of the opportunities available at college. There is a whole array of opportunities," he said. "You aren't just there to learn in a classroom. To see college as an exciting experience, not just an academic endeavor."

The schedule of events for Aspirations in ME reflects both the academic and non-academic aspects of college life. Students will attend classes with their Bowdoin hosts, eat at Thorne Dining Hall, and explore the campus.

In the afternoon, students will have the opportunity to hear about the experiences of Maine students at Bowdoin through a question-and-answer panel. In addition, students will attend informal discussions with Senior Associate Dean Linda Kreamer, as well as with Director of Student Aid Stephen Joyce.

Panel member Jamie Burwood '08, from Sidney, Maine, hopes that the program will generate excitement about going to college, as well as help students realize that college is an attainable goal.

"Getting students to visualize themselves at college is absolutely vital in encouraging them to actually apply to and ultimately attend a college or university," Burwood said in an e-mail to the Orient. "Maine students today are facing a number of obstacles when it comes to the college process, and it is really essential that they get the opportunity to see that college is something that is within their reach, and to imagine themselves thriving intellectually, socially, and creatively in a campus environment."

Fellow panel member, Nate Lovitz

'08 of Fairfield, Maine, wants to show students that there is more to college than preparing for a specific career.

"A lot of kids are unsure of what they hope to do for the rest of their lives, so they end up not furthering their education," he said in an e-mail. "I want to help them understand that you don't need to be stuck in one career path, and that at a school like Bowdoin you can take classes in many different subjects until you find something that you really love."

Bowdoin students can also learn a lot from the high school students, particularly about education issues in Maine. AmeriCorps*VISTA Nicole Hart, who was involved in organizing the event, considers Aspirations in ME another way for Bowdoin students to interact with the community.

"I think it is an opportunity to learn more about the community they live in," said Hart. "There are a lot of students from Maine hosting students, but also a lot of students from out-of-state. They may host a student from Vinalhaven and never go to Vinalhaven. But, they will realize there are students in high school on Vinalhaven and understand their situation."

The event also provides Bowdoin students with insight into the role economics plays in high school students' decision to pursue college educations.

According to Fowles, Bowdoin students "will gain an understanding of the conditions of higher or secondary education and see how economics and opportunity plays into that."

For Burwood, changing students' perceptions of college may be quite simple.

"It would be my hope that somewhere over the course of the day, each student experiences at least one thing that gets them excited about attending college—whether it be a course that they could imagine themselves loving, or hearing about an extracurricular activity that they could imagine themselves enjoying," she said.

Response committee would be administered by students

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The CRC is the latest incarnation of an idea inspired by the College's Committee on Darfur, a group that Mills appointed last spring to examine whether Bowdoin invested in companies doing business with the Sudanese government, which was complicit in the Darfur genocide.

In October, BSG suggested that the College create a permanent committee to identify human rights causes and recommend appropriate institutional responses. Due to resistance from Mills and uneasiness within BSG over what some officers felt was too broad a mandate, the representatives reworked the idea and came up with the CRC, which would address "humanitarian issues" rather than "crimes against humanity."

While he agreed that the new language is also broad, McKesson is optimistic about the CRC.

"The committee will have to take a stand on why [an issue] matters to the community," he said.

"Is that potentially an awkward position? Yes. Is it a difficult decision? Yes. But does that mean that the committee shouldn't exist? No."

Mills has been staunch in his opinion that the College should not be

"I think that this will test whether there is enthusiastic concern about an issue."

President Barry Mills

responsible for creating such committees as have been proposed.

"I am not in favor of paternalistic substitutes for activism," he told the Orient this week.

Mills added that a student-led committee would be more "appropriate" than one that is delegated by the College, because it would be a "true measure of concern" among student activists.

"I think that this will test whether there is enthusiastic concern about an issue," said Mills, who has questioned the activist spirit of Bowdoin students in the past.

In addition to his comments about College-mandated activism, Mills supported his argument against a College-formed CRC by citing the findings of peer evaluators, said several BSG officers. According to Vice President for Planning and Institutional Development Scott Meiklejohn, the reaccreditation team that assessed Bowdoin in the fall

found that a superfluity of committees may be overextending the faculty.

Unlike committees administered by the College, faculty members would volunteer to be on the CRC rather than being appointed.

McKesson said that he understood Mills's point of view, but disagreed with his interpretation of the report.

"The report highlighted the lack of a clear faculty governance model, and committees are clearly a part of that," McKesson said. "But I think it goes beyond committees, I think it's the whole system."

Neither McKesson nor Brooks was worried that a potentially overextended faculty would be reluctant to join the CRC.

"I think that faculty members interested in particular areas of advocacy wouldn't mind giving up an hour a week," Brooks said.

The representatives will vote on the formation of a student-led CRC Wednesday.

Town council okays development plan

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

The Brunswick town council has approved an ordinance authorizing the town to enter into an agreement with a developer for the town's Maine Street Station site, despite significant concerns expressed by Brunswick residents at Monday's public hearing.

The development project, located adjacent to Hannaford and the McClellan Building, could include retail shops, a train station, offices, a hotel, and even a downtown cinema.

Forest Lowe of the Brunswick town council outlined the Maine Street Station project for the audience, explaining that plans have been under way for this development for many years, and that the meeting would allow them to finally begin the project.

Aware that residents were concerned about the potential changes this development could bring, Lowe assured that developer J. Hilary Rockett has the best intentions for Brunswick, and that the plans will attempt to maintain the current flavor and character of the town.

"Hilary is committed to working with local businesses as a part of this project," Lowe said. "It's definitely a focus."

Lowe also addressed concerns about the town-owned building that houses a local senior center, People Plus, which falls within the development site. He stated that the ultimately the town hopes to relocate it to the land vacated by the naval air station, and impressed upon the audience that its new accommodations would be an improvement.

Brunswick's Director of Economic Development Matt Eddy stated that the town's biggest expenditures will be the \$2 million Brunswick will need to put forward for infrastructure costs and the value of the land that will be lost by donating rather than selling it to the developers. Officials are confident, however, that they can offset the costs through grants, and that the numbers should be turning positive in the short-term.

During the public hearing portion of the meeting, Brunswick resident Jim Doherty expressed his concerns about the financial costs of the project.

Originally under the impression that taxpayers would not be on the hook for the \$2 million needed, Doherty was angry that plans seemed to have changed.

Marji Greenhut, another resident, expressed her concern about the development agreement, and the fact that the developer could legally abandon the project after the completion of its first phase.

"The promise needs to be a signed commitment of goals or Maine Street Station will again anguish as an empty lot," said Greenhut. "I strongly consider slowing down the process. This is not the time to rush—this is the time to think about what our original plan was."

Resident George Gilmore asked the council why it had decided to give the land away to the developer, when it could have sold it, leased it, or become a partner in the transaction.

"To just give the land away seems shortsighted," he said.

"If the project fails, the town ought to get the land back," Gilmore added.

After the public hearing, the floor was given back to the town council and members of the committee, who worked to address concerns raised by residents.

Eddy in particular responded to many of the concerns, and explained that it made more sense for the town to donate the land to the developer because of coal ash remediation work that needs to be done on the site.

"We don't believe the project can carry the cost of the land if we charge it at full value," Eddy said.

Eddy also mentioned that if Rockett does decide to walk away, the land can be reconveyed back to the town. Although he did concede that the town was taking risks, he was confident that Rockett was "the right man for the job."

Near the end of the meeting, council members were given the floor to express their opinions. Several members seemed hesitant, especially Jacqueline Sartoris and Hallie Daughtry. Councilor at Large David Webb stated that he was "uncomfortable with the way that the town is protected in phase one," but apart from that reservation, seemed enthusiastic.

After a short break, the council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance.

'Grey's' star could go polar

Letter, petition to be sent to 'Grey's Anatomy' actor Dempsey

by Cati Mitchell
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin has a long list of notable alumni: Hawthorne and Longfellow, Peary and MacMillan, Kinsey, Benoit-Samuelson. Soon, there may be another name to add to the list: McCreamy.

The College is looking to "adopt" Dr. Derek Shepard (often referred to as Dr. McCreamy), a character on the popular television show "Grey's Anatomy," as a Bowdoin graduate. The character is played by actor Patrick Dempsey, a native of Lewiston, Maine.

The idea of adopting Shepard came from alumni Cole Harris '78. Harris contacted the Office of Communications and Public Affairs with the idea, which passed it on to Bowdoin Student Government (BSG).

"The College filtered the request to us," said BSG President DeRay McKesson '07. "We thought it'd be a great opportunity for the students to get excited about something."

Harris, who works with Jostens, a company that produces school memorabilia, crafted a letter to be sent to the producers of "Grey's Anatomy," the studio, and Dempsey. The letter, which includes a list of Bowdoin's most notable alumni, invites Dempsey's character to "join the more than 1,500 current Bowdoin alumni around the world in the health services and medical professions."

Harris has spoken with Dempsey's publicist about the possibility and noted, "It's gone into the best possible pipeline that it could, and now it's up to luck."

A petition signed by members of the Bowdoin community will accompany the letter. The petition, which BSG presented at the Student Activities Fair on Tuesday night, already has more than 450 signatures, including that of President Barry Mills.

After signing the petition, Mills noted to McKesson, "I think I have to watch this ["Grey's Anatomy"] now."

Several other characters on the show have been identified as alumni of various undergraduate programs, such as Dartmouth, Stanford, and Tulane.

"I love the idea of Dr. McCreamy becoming a Bowdoin grad," said



Margot Miller, The Bowdoin Orient

Laura Belden '08 signs a petition at the student activities fair on Tuesday asking that Patrick Dempsey, of "Grey's Anatomy," adopt Bowdoin as his alma mater.

Jamie Burwood '08, who signed the petition Tuesday night. "You always see actors and actresses on TV shows sporting apparel from all sorts of colleges and universities, so why not Bowdoin?"

If Dempsey and the show's producers agree to allow Bowdoin to adopt Dr. Shepard, the College would provide clothing for the character to wear. The letter notes, "We would love to see Dr. Shepard relaxing in a Bowdoin T-shirt after a long day at Seattle Grace Hospital!"

"If Patrick Dempsey looks that good every week in his hospital scrubs, imagine how good he'd look in a Bowdoin sweatshirt," Burwood added.

This would not be the first time Bowdoin has been featured in the entertainment world. Most recently, Tony Soprano and his daughter Meadow toured Bowdoin on an episode of "The Sopranos." Meadow applies to Bowdoin, but ultimately gets rejected and attends Columbia University. Bowdoin has also been prominent in films such as "Cider House Rules," "Where the Heart Is," "Gettysburg," and "The Man without a Face."

"Aside from the fun associated

with these projects for Bowdoin students and alumni, they can clearly have the added benefit of improving name recognition for the College," said Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood. Last season, "Grey's Anatomy" averaged nearly 20 million viewers per episode.

"This sort of opportunity comes up from time to time and we try, as best we can, to do what seems right for Bowdoin," said Hood. "It is a well-respected show and one that gamers more than its share of awards. Given Bowdoin's record of turning out physicians and others working in the medical profession, it is certainly credible to have Patrick Dempsey's character as an alumnus."

Harris believes the promotion would help to keep Bowdoin's "brand name" out there, adding that Dempsey "represents a good character with a good wit and smarts."

Both Harris and his wife attended Bowdoin. "I think it's important to throw out the message that for some people, university is great, but for some people, so is college," he said.

McKesson added, "It'd be a cool message about liberal arts colleges. Doesn't McBowdoin sound cool?"

BSG resolves 2008 representative election controversy

by Sam Waxman
ORIENT STAFF

Student life topped the Bowdoin Student Government agenda this week, as the body tackled academic advising, alcohol, and the judicial board in a three-hour meeting.

The contentious Community Response Committee finally materialized, as President Barry Mills gave his approval to a revised proposition that allows for its establishment, without his formal endorsement.

In addition, BSG also made a final decision to prohibit juniors returning from abroad from participating in an election to replace the 2008 representative.

With regard to the current advising program, the main problem, according to Vice President of Student Affairs Stephanie Witkin '07, is that there is no clear-cut procedure for students to change advisers or for potential advisers

to be placed with students.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 also pointed out that there is "no clear explanation of what advisers do."

"The first step," Witkin elaborated, "[is] to implement a system. [It's] completely unacceptable for a senior to graduate without an adviser in their major."

BSG members recognized that the most successful and profitable relationships with advisers stem from close personal interactions between the advisers and their students, and that a new system should actively work to promote the formation of these relationships.

"It's important to have an adviser who pushes us a little bit, [and] not be too dogmatic," said Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08.

It was also suggested that the new advising policy could include upperclassmen as advisers to first years, instead of professors.

"Some of the best advice I've gotten is from upperclassmen, [and it was] more valuable than the advice of the professor," said At-Large Representative Michael Dooley '10.

In response to several incidents of hard alcohol use among first years, BSG also discussed the presence of alcohol at Bowdoin and its role in social life.

BSG members expressed frustration that heavy drinking constitutes much of the social experience at Bowdoin, and offered mixed opinions about future efforts to change the situation.

"We can program all we want for non-drinking activities, [but] it's an uphill battle," said Inter House Council President Alex Lamb '07.

Witkin suggested that the "big divide between drinkers and non-drinkers stems from athletics and teams."

However, not all members shared that opinion, and some maintained that the alcohol problem is overstated.

"I'm not convinced that the divide [between drinkers and non-drinkers] is an actual problem," Vice President of Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07 said.

Witkin added that it was important to make first years aware of the presence of Bowdoin security as a resource, rather than as a means of punishment.

BSG concluded its discussion regarding the eligibility of juniors returning from abroad to participate in a special election to replace Class Representative Erma Drigo '08. In a close vote of 10-13, it ruled to exclude juniors returning from a Fall 2006 semester abroad from running in the election.

All Class of 2008 officers attended the meeting to show their support for returning juniors, but BSG felt that it would be both unconstitutional and sloppy to change election rules now.

Class Representative Sam Dinning '09 supported the majority opinion that

it would be "incredibly inappropriate to do this right before an election."

The election will proceed as originally planned, with election statements due Wednesday, February 14, with the election on Thursday, February 15.

BSG debated the merits of the confidentiality policy regarding the election of new members to the Judicial Board, which decides cases of student misconduct. The election proceedings begin February 5.

BSG expressed the importance both of the general student population and the BSG itself having more influence in the election.

Brooks described the closed election process as "the worst case scenario."

"My concern is a lack of public time. People need to think about these candidates," he said.

Witkin echoed this opinion, pointing out that "the biggest decisions of students' lives are made on the J-board, [but] it's not an open process."

BRIEFLY

Third isolated staph infection of year diagnosed

A student was diagnosed this week with an antibiotic-resistant staph bacteria, forcing the College to close the Watson Fitness Center and the adjacent weight room from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday at about 2:30 p.m.

The Orient learned of the isolated case of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) from an all-employee e-mail sent Wednesday from Manager of Environmental Health and Safety Mark Fisher. Fisher sent the same e-mail to all students, but it had apparently not been released to the all-student e-mail list at the time of publication.

Fisher said that the student, after noticing a skin irritation, went to the health center, which identified it as a staph infection.

"Things went exactly as they should have," Fisher told the Orient. "I give the student a lot of credit."

Following the diagnosis, Fisher said the "standard infection control process" took place, which included having an outside vendor clean the student's "personal quarters and any other area where it was possible there

could have been contamination." Fisher wrote in the e-mail that the gym space was being cleaned as a "safety precaution."

Fisher would not provide specific information on the student, citing health privacy laws.

This is the third case of MRSA diagnosed at Bowdoin this year. The two other cases occurred in September and were unrelated, isolated cases. Fisher said that it was "complete coincidence" that three cases had occurred in one year, noting that these were the first-known instances of MRSA at Bowdoin.

Fisher said that the risk was less serious than the two cases in the fall because it is "one student in one apartment" instead of students living in closer conditions.

According to the Center for Disease Control's Web site, "Staph bacteria, including MRSA, can cause skin infections that may look like a pimple or boil and can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage." It can be spread by "close skin-to-skin contact, openings in the skin such as cuts or abrasions, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions, and poor hygiene," according to the Web site.

Beth Kowitz

Volent: Endowment should maximize returns

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Clean Energy Now, a student environmental advocacy group, was also pleased with the results of the campus management section of the report. She cited a green building policy and the purchase of 100 percent renewable electricity as evidence of progress.

"There is much to be proud of, and it is evident from my work with other colleges and universities in the Northeast that Bowdoin has distinguished itself as an environmental leader," Kirklín wrote in an e-mail to the Orient.

Both Kirklín and Orlowski expressed optimism that high marks for campus management would further encourage innovation and make the College more environmentally friendly.

"The capacities that we have developed thus far should only motivate us to work harder on these important issues," Kirklín said.

"If their effort stops now, I think that in five years, Bowdoin will probably not get 'A's. They have to keep at it," Orlowski said.

The endowment segment of the report, in which Bowdoin received lower grades, did not rate the College specifically on the size or growth of its endowment.

Bowdoin's endowment, according to the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) is valued at more than \$673 million and earned a return rate of 18.1 percent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

While the investment priorities category acknowledged that Bowdoin "prioritizes investing to maximize profit," the SEI chiefly examined specific endowment policies at Bowdoin.

According to the report, Bowdoin "has no known policy of disclosure of endowment holdings or its shareholder voting record" and "has not made any public statements about active ownership or a proxy voting policy." Therefore, the College received "F's" in the endowment transparency and shareholder engagement categories.

Senior Vice President for Investments Paula Volent maintains that allowing students or staff access to specific details about the endowment would raise a number of legal issues.

"We cannot legally provide informa-

tion about the endowment to the public," she said.

Orlowski thinks that Bowdoin should make efforts to become more transparent.

"I think it would open up new avenues for learning and new educational communities on campus," he said. "I would recommend that Bowdoin study peer institutions—places like Williams or Middlebury—to see if current endowment policies [at Bowdoin] make sense or if they should change."

At Williams, a list of investment holdings is available to the campus at the investment office or the vice's president's office. Its college proxy voting record is also available on a password-protected Web site.

Middlebury does not make its endowment holdings public, but an Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investment, created in 2006, includes faculty, staff, and students. The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding investments.

According to the SEI report, because "Bowdoin has not made any public statements about investigating or investing in renewable energy funds or community development loan funds," the College received a "C" in the investment priorities category.

Community development loan funds, according to Orlowski, "strengthen communities by providing things like affordable housing."

Volent, however, said such investments would be inappropriate for the College's endowment.

"I don't think the endowment is the right platform for community investment," Volent said. "Our main goal is to maximize returns on our investments."

Orlowski pointed out that the report did not take into account whether colleges had investments in unstable regions or in controversial industries.

"We didn't take Darfur into account, and individual holdings like tobacco were not examined," he said.

Next year's report may include another 50 or 100 schools, according to Orlowski.

"I'm excited to see a lot of change and improvement for next year from participating schools," he said.

Courses with fewer than five students are usually canceled

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ment, the Office of Student Records, or the dean's office. The administration says it tries to notify students as soon as possible about schedule changes, as well as help affected students find replacement courses.

Sophomore Ian Yaffe, who was enrolled in Freeman's Comparative Education course, said he received a "vague" e-mail on January 18, just four days before classes began, explaining that the course had been canceled.

"I had a hard time scheduling a new course because I already scheduled my work semester around my classes," Yaffe said. "Then I didn't have enough time free and I tried to find another class. ... I tried to do an independent study, but all the professors in my department were busy—it was too late in the game."

Freeman's Comparative Education course would have been her first class at Bowdoin, but was canceled because of her recent appointment as vice president for academic affairs for the Southern University System in Louisiana. Finding a new professor to teach the course would have been difficult due to Freeman's last-minute appointment and the fact that the course was a new addition to the curriculum.

"The reason I made the request not to teach was because I am going to be in and out, back and forth between these new responsibilities," Freeman said. "I completely apologize for the difficulties or hardships this may have caused, but I didn't want to cheat students by not being available."

Despite the inconvenience, Yaffe did find a "great class" to replace Comparative Education.

Dustin Brooks '08 also had to find a new course when Comparative Education was canceled.

"I was really looking forward to the course, was pretty disappointed, and pretty clearly unsettled," Brooks said. "The prospect of finding a new course in four days was a little overwhelming. I was kind of surprised that they didn't offer a set course of help. They essentially said 'it's canceled and good luck,' which is understandable considering waiting lists and things like that."

According to Brooks, although he understood the situation, he would have liked the opportunity to pursue an independent study related to the canceled course.

As for Martin's courses, Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd said they were canceled due to other opportunities for the professor.

"Professor Martin is on research leave this semester; the American Presidency course that she had been scheduled to teach is being offered with another instructor," Judd wrote in an e-mail to the Orient. "The students who had registered for her senior seminar were able to fulfill their requirements in other classes."

Calvin Mackenzie '76, a former Bowdoin trustee emeritus and current Colby College Goldfarb distinguished professor of American government, has assumed teaching responsibilities for Martin's American Presidency course.

According to Guo, his Advanced Seminar in Chinese Politics was probably canceled because of lower-than-expected enrollment and the need to offer a different course. It was suggested that Guo teach International Political Economy, instead. Some of the students enrolled in Guo's canceled seminar course opted to do independent studies.

"There is always this issue of balance between smaller and more intensive classes and better use of

resources," Guo said.

Judd also noted that certain factors cannot be predicted during the period when course offerings are designed, so adjustments are made later on as necessary.

"We think long and hard before we cancel a course," she said. "When a course is canceled for enrollment reasons, we try to identify this as soon as possible. In discussion with the faculty member and department, we then determine what other course the faculty member will offer instead."

According to the Faculty Handbook, "courses with a pre-registration of fewer than five students should normally be canceled by the department and replaced with a course likely to attract a larger enrollment."

The handbook also outlines possible exceptions for certain courses that do not meet this pre-registration minimum. Classes in the fall semester likely to be filled with first-year students, others necessary to meet the language curricula, courses with content necessary to maintain a "viable and serious major," those that would not provide majors with sufficient advanced work in their area if canceled would still be taught regardless of enrollment numbers. In addition, classes offered for the first time or "by instructors in the first year of a tenure-track appointment" would still be taught if enrolled by fewer than five students. The dean may approve other exceptions.

"Last fall 16 courses had enrollments of four or fewer students, this semester, 19 do," Judd said, adding that "small classes are an important part of the Bowdoin experience."

"However, too many classes with fewer than five students may impact our ability to meet the needs of students, so it is always a delicate balancing act," she said.

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Obama Facebook group boasts more than 50,000 members, with state chapters across the country

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there are 30,000 live, active members. However, as college students, we know they were not necessarily active and engaged," Chi said.

As a result of "ethical and leadership questions," students including Chi and Clark Gascoigne '08 resigned from Students for Barack Obama.

"There was an unwillingness of the leadership to take on a campaign field structure. It relied entirely upon communications," Gascoigne said.

Chi said that "mainstream media should not be so impressed" with Facebook groups that grow to a large number. "All the number of members of the group indicates is the attractiveness of the candidate. That's the danger of Facebook. At most 10 folks were regularly involved when I was told to sell 22,000 people on my press releases."

Indeed, the press release posted on the Students for Barack Obama Web site claims that "created just over six months ago on the social networking site Facebook, the group now boasts of a Web site, a blog, and nearly 50,000 members—with more than a thousand new students joining each day since Senator Obama's announcement of a presidential exploratory committee."

Segal answered that the "biggest challenge was the transformation from a Facebook group to a pretty strong real-world grassroots network."

The group only changed, she says, "when we were entrusted with the responsibility of planning the [George Mason] rally and saw that

[Obama's campaign] had an eagerness to work with us. It's a process that took a lot of time."

However, Segal said that Facebook was useful for a number of reasons.

"Facebook demonstrated youth support for Barack Obama," she said. "It was a great way to reach out to people. We advertised for leadership positions and solicited resumes through Facebook. It's also a great resource for local directors. You can see quickly who might be interested in joining a chapter rather than taking a shot in the dark."

"It's pretty cool to utilize these spaces that hadn't been used in the last election," she continued. "The more we can bring people to mediums with which they are comfortable, the better. It's a great gateway."

Another issue that ended in several Bowdoin students resigning from leadership positions occurred after the trip to New Hampshire during the fall. A couple of students claim that a van was taken out by Segal improperly.

Chi said that Segal "had broken school policy and took out a van with the authorization of the signature of Susie Dorn, and would reimburse the CSRC with money from Bowdoin Students for Peace. The problem was that this event was not community service or even Bowdoin related."

Segal said that she had discretionary use of funds for Bowdoin Students for Peace from fundraising earlier in the year.

"I had a discussion with a couple of directors of student activities," Segal said, "and they decided that it was an appropriate use of funding,

and was consistent with the mission of Bowdoin Students for Peace. The only thing not done in a professional manner was that there was an incorrect form handed in. There was never intent to do anything other than what was fully proper. I think the worst people can accuse me of is sloppy paperwork."

Gascoigne, also the treasurer of Bowdoin Students for Peace, wrote in an e-mail that "under no circum-

stances did we approve spending money on a Students for Barack Obama trip. If any funds from Students for Peace were spent on the trip, then they hadn't been approved by the group."

Director of Student Life and Smith Union Allen Delong said that "truthfully, there is no 'controversy.'"

"We in student activities work closely with students to plan, exe-

cute and assess co and extra-curricular programs," he said. "My staff did have a question about the Obama event and met with the student organizer, who answered it to our satisfaction."

The "Yes We Can! Rally" in honor of Obama is today at George Mason University, and invitations were sent to Washington D.C. area colleges and high schools in Fairfax, Virginia.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 1/26 TO 2/1

Friday, January 26

•An East Hall student was cited for an alcohol policy violation at Jack Magee's Pub.

•Three students in Brunswick Apartment N were held responsible for holding an unregistered event.

•An Appleton Hall student who became ill after consuming too much alcohol was transported to Mid Coast Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

Saturday, January 27

•A fire alarm at Chamberlain Hall was activated by a student using a curling-iron.

•Students reported that a brick was thrown through a door window at Baxter House at approximately 10:40 p.m. Christmas lights strung on the porch had also been damaged.

•A student was held responsible for holding an unregistered event on the fourth floor of Coles Tower.

Sunday, January 28

•A student at Ladd House reported that an intoxicated female student was ill in the first floor bathroom. The student was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•An intoxicated Coleman Hall student who became seriously ill after consuming hard alcohol was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•A bottle of hard liquor was confiscated from a room in Burnett House.

•A pellet gun and a supply of pellets were confiscated from a student in Helmreich House.

•A fire alarm at Brunswick Apartment D was activated by students burning food on a stove.

•A student reported that his mountain bike was stolen Saturday night or Sunday morning from the fifth floor of Stowe Hall. The bike is a red and white GT Saddleback 21-speed with Bowdoin registration 02050.

Monday, January 29

•A security officer transported a sick student to the Dudley Coe Health Center.

•A student reported that a registration plate was stolen from a vehicle that was parked at Pine Street Apartments. The plate is New York AUR7880.

•Graffiti was spray painted on the interior and exterior of Helmreich

House late Saturday night. A student was identified as the person responsible and the matter has been turned over to the dean of student affairs.

•A student who sustained an eye injury while playing a pick-up basketball game in Morrell Gym was transported to Parkview Hospital by a security officer.

Tuesday, January 30

•A staff member turned in a student's wallet that was found inside a college van. The student was notified.

Wednesday, January 31

•A student reported that her blue and gray Trek mountain bike was stolen from outside Thorne Dining Hall sometime between 7:30 and 8 p.m.

•A student reported that he believes his coat was mistakenly taken by another student from the coat rack at Thorne Dining Hall. The coat was hung beside an identical coat. It contains the owner's wallet and cell phone.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

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Alum coach helps riders saddle up

by Beth Kowitt
ORIENT STAFF

When Karen Lappas '88 was at Bowdoin, there was no outlet for her to continue her longtime passion of horseback riding.

During her first year at the College, Lappas said she and several other students tried to put together a team, but after they were unable to find a facility that worked for them, she had to resign herself to only riding in the summer.

"There were no indoor facilities in the area that could accommodate us," she said.

After graduation, Lappas entered the consulting field, but once she started riding again, she knew what she wanted to do.

That's how Lappas, eight years after graduating, found herself back in Maine, the owner of a farm.

"I quit the real world," she said.

Now, Lappas, coach of Bowdoin's equestrian team, works with five to 12 Bowdoin students each semester at her farm, Chez Chevaux Equestrian Center in Durham. It has an indoor arena, which allows the team to train year round.

"I just knew from my experience there that there was a group of students at Bowdoin who wanted to be able to ride," she said, noting that she also coaches Bates's team.

Sophomore Kathryn Grant is one of the students benefiting from Lappas's return to Maine.

"I just wanted to have access to horses," said Grant, who is one of the team's captains. "It's really nice to have the school's support, even if it is a club."

As a club sport, the group's reg-



Courtesy of Sarah Bernheim

Kathryn Grant '09, Suzanne Heller '09, Nora Meyer '08, and Sarah Bernheim '09 crowd in for a photo at a horse show. These four students are part of Bowdoin's club equestrian team.

istration fees at competitions are paid for by the Student Activities Funding Committee. Yet the students must pay for many of the expenses, including the group's equipment and lessons with Lappas. Lappas, however, gives them a substantial discount.

"A lot of people want to do more but can't because that's a financial drain on a college student," Grant said.

Most people on the team have one individual, two-and-a-half-hour lesson with Lappas each week, with competitions taking place on the weekend.

"Horse shows are an all-week-end thing," said Sarah Bernheim '09, who is also a captain.

She noted that not all of the 12

registered club members go to every show.

"It's kind of like the outing club," Bernheim said. "You pay the fee and then you can choose to go to whichever one you want."

Even though they do not practice as a team and not everyone goes to all the shows, Bernheim said she likes knowing that other students at Bowdoin share her interest.

"It's a communal thing," she said.

The team has two shows this semester, both in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. As many as six schools could be competing at the events against Bowdoin.

Before the competitions, Lappas evaluates the riders and then places them at different levels, which

range from beginner to advanced.

At the competition, each rider participates in two classes: for the beginners, two flat classes (without jumps), and for advanced riders, a flat and a jumper class. At each show, participants have to ride a horse they have never ridden before.

"They judge you by how you look and work with your horse," Grant said.

Bernheim noted that working with Lappas has prepared her for working with an unfamiliar horse at shows.

"She switches us around to different horses so we get a good variety," she said. "She's really good about helping students with whatever they need."

Grant said that since coming to Bowdoin, riding has become more "thoughtful" for her. "I tend to reflect more on the strategies now than I used to," she said.

Grant said that some of these changes in her riding are due to Lappas's influence.

"She expects the students to treat the horses well and work with them rather than make them do something," Grant said. "Maybe you think about how to ask rather than demand from the horse."

Grant, unfortunately, will not be able to participate in any of the shows this semester due to an injury. She was thrown from a horse and fractured her back.

"Because I've been riding for so long, I'm aware of the risks," Grant said. "I'm lucky this is my only serious injury."

The risk of getting hurt does not seem to faze Grant or Bernheim, possibly due to their years of horseback riding experience. Both have been riding since a young age and have their own horses; Grant keeps hers in her home in Virginia and Bernheim at a stable near Bowdoin.

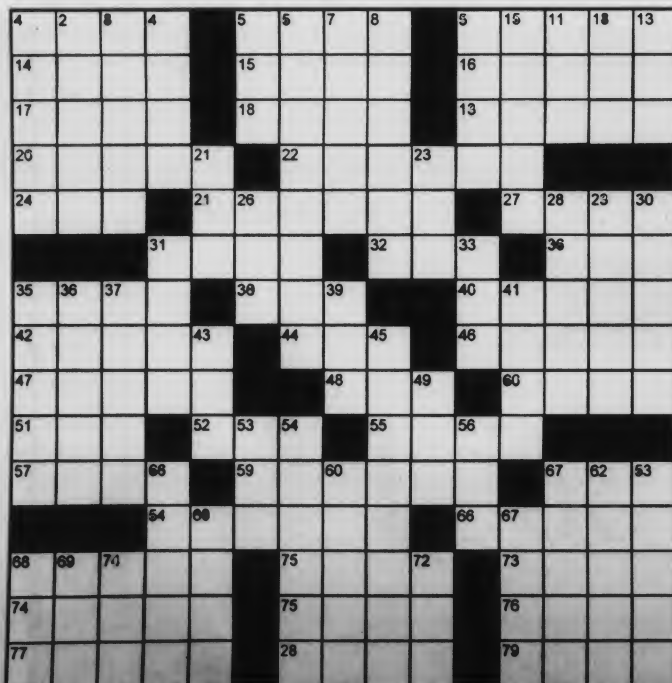
"They're like your teammates," Grant said. "They have their own personalities."

"We all have our favorite horses," Bernheim added.

Even though Lappas has made horseback riding available to Bowdoin students, Grant said that many students are not aware that their group even exists.

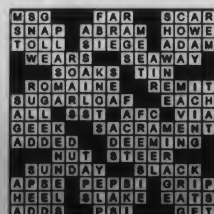
"We got our jackets," she said, "and people kept coming up to us and asking, 'We have an equestrian team?'"

Horsing Around



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Last week's solution:



Puzzle by Mary Heller Miller

There's no more mystery about the meat

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

A second helping of curly fries in the dining hall is less guilt-ridden when its nutritional values are unknown. But now, a perusal of the Dining Service Web site will reveal that one three-ounce serving of curly fries contains 291 calories, 15.67 grams of fat, and 315 milligrams of sodium.

It also has 9.9 milligrams of Vitamin C.

Since the beginning of the semester, nutrition information for the entrées served in Thorne Hall and Moulton Union appears on the Dining Service Web site. Diners now have access to information about food items' calories, fat, saturated fat, sodium, cholesterol, and vitamins, among other nutrients.

"I don't think a week goes by that somebody doesn't want to see more nutrition analysis," says Director of Dining and Bookstore Services Mary Lou Kennedy.

The information is obtained through a computer program, which the Dining Service has used in the past to keep track of inventory and determine the amount of ingredients needed for recipes. Now, when a recipe is entered into the database, the program collects the nutrition information for each ingredient and then adjusts these numbers to represent a single portion of the recipe.

Kennedy thinks that it is important for people to have access to information about the food they eat. For instance, she says that faculty and staff often monitor sodium levels in food, and she notes that "women, especially at college age,

ACCESSING NUTRITION INFORMATION ON THE WEB:

- Go to www.bowdoin.edu/dining.
- On the left sidebar, click on "Menus."
- Links to menu nutrition information appear on the right sidebar.

need to be concerned with their iron intake."

While Kennedy thinks it is important to have information available, she dislikes the idea of displaying the information in the dining hall next to the food because it would "take the pleasure out of eating."

She also stresses that to get the "whole picture" about nutrition, the information should be used in conjunction with other sources about healthy eating. She says such sources include the Web sites linked to by the Dining Service Web site and the bulletin boards in

the dining halls with tips for healthy eating.

Although the nutrition information is available on the Web, Kennedy says that there are still glitches that need to be worked out. For instance, the complete name of the entrée is not always visible, and sometimes the portion size of an item is miscalculated.

Kennedy laughs as she remembers how shocked she was when one of her favorite desserts, dirt cake, appeared to have 10,000 calories. She says she knew it was not particularly healthy, but was astonished when such a high number appeared. As it turns out, the calorie count represented many servings of the dessert, instead of just one.

It is also difficult for the computer program to consistently provide information for all menu items because the recipe database is constantly being changed. Recipes are

adjusted to be healthier or to accommodate the seasonal availability of certain ingredients.

The Dining Service also sometimes adjusts menus according to students' suggestions. For instance, Kennedy says that last year some students who were involved with a campus blood drive requested that foods high in iron be served during the week of the drive. At the time, Kennedy had no easy way to determine how much iron was in different menu items, but now she says that the new program would make such a task very simple.

In addition to providing healthy options and information about food, the Dining Service is working

toward giving people more control over portion sizes. For example, several items are self-serve or "make your own," and two cookie sizes are offered.

Assistant Director of Operations for the Dining Service Michele Gaillard has noticed a trend toward health consciousness among students. Specifically, she points out that students are drinking less soda and more water than they have in the past.

In response, the Dining Service is trying to find healthier beverage options so that diners do not have to rely on soda.

"Maybe someday soda will disappear," Gaillard says.



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FOX'S PRISON BREAK



"When I didn't have to wait tables anymore, it was like I was Harrison Ford."

Paul Adelstein '91



Courtesy of Liz Lang, Fox Publicity

Paul Adelstein '91 stars as Secret Service Special Agent Paul Kellerman in Fox's drama "Prison Break."

Alum steals the spotlight

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

Even though Paul Adelstein '91 now stars on the Fox series "Prison Break," he still remembers his small victories as a beginning actor.

"When I didn't have to wait tables anymore, it was like I was Harrison Ford," he said in a phone interview with the Orient.

No critical comparisons to Ford have come yet, but Adelstein has

made his mark on both the film and television industries. Before "Prison Break," he had roles in such films as "Intolerable Cruelty," "Be Cool," "Collateral," and "Bedazzled." On television, Adelstein appeared on episodes of "Without a Trace," "Hack," "ER," and "Scrubs."

In "Prison Break," which follows the quest of a man to break his brother, a man framed for the murder of the vice president's brother, out of prison, Adelstein

plays Secret Service Special Agent Paul Kellerman. The show's fall finale added a new twist when Kellerman shot a fellow agent because Kellerman, like the brothers, wished to expose the government's corruption.

Adelstein describes his character as a "talented, efficient, dedicated Secret Service agent. He's a patriot above all else, maybe to a fault."

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State Radio to draw wave of listeners

by Sara Tennyson
STAFF WRITER

STATE RADIO & PETE KILPATRICK

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.

Where: Sargent Gym

Admission: \$3 for students, \$7 for public

Led by former Dispatch front-man Chad Urmston, roots-rock and reggae band State Radio will hit Sargent Gym on Saturday at 8 p.m. for a very promising show.

The band, formed in 2002 by the man who penned such hits as "Flying Horses" and "The General," is based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and has accumulated an impressive following in New England over the past four years with its eclectic and powerful brand of music. In February 2006, the band released its first full-length album, "Us Against the Crown."

Campus Activities Board Concerts and Comedy co-chair Emma Reilly '09 said of the decision to bring State Radio to Bowdoin, "We felt that their genre of music would be appealing to a wide range of Bowdoin students. In addition, we hoped to book a band that the Brunswick community would enjoy."

Mixing its own hits with Dispatch classics and spontaneous covers, State Radio has received rave concert reviews as a result of its rare combination of stage presence, energy, and emphasis on audience participation. With a style that has been described as Bob Marley meets Green Day meets Matisyahu, the band's sound is dynamic and unique.

State Radio's songs recently caught the attention of Campus Activities Board co-chair Sarah Scott '07.

"I didn't listen extensively to State Radio before we decided to bring them to Bowdoin," she said, "but after listening to their CD, I'm captivated not only by their memorable [instrumentals], but also by their lyrics."

The band's songs frequently take on political issues, addressing humanitarian concerns that range from the struggles of the lower class to the rights of the elderly and

disabled to the war in Iraq. One powerful track from "Us Against the Crown," "Camilo," details the experiences of former National Guard Sergeant and anti-war activist Camilo Mejia.

Portland-based singer-songwriter Pete Kilpatrick will open. Kilpatrick and his band, Reilly said, are extremely excited about being invited to Bowdoin and have already generated a buzz within the area.

"Many of [the band's] fans have already bought tickets," Reilly confirmed. "This is exactly the type of response we would hope for with a ticketed event. While our primary focus is Bowdoin students, we also want to appeal to members of the community."

"Kilpatrick's music is very appealing and has a lot of support from throughout Brunswick and Portland," Scott agreed.

Kilpatrick has toured with O.A.R., Gavin DeGraw, and the Pat McGee Band. His 2005 album "Yesterday Love" held strong on the Bull Moose Music Top 10 for over a year, leading to his 2006 release, "Louder than the Storm."

The Portland Phoenix said it best in 2006: "Portland has the biggest crush on Pete Kilpatrick."

Scott expects great things for Saturday's event.

"The Campus Activities Board is very excited for the show and thinks that it's very in tune with the music tastes of Bowdoin students and the community," she said. "I think it will be one of the best concerts we've had at Bowdoin."

Tickets are available for \$3 to students and \$7 to the public at the Smith Union information desk and will be available at the door Saturday evening. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

'Bio-puppet play' celebrates life of Henrik Ibsen

by Katherine Lannon
CONTRIBUTOR

If puppetry conjures images of innocent childhood afternoons watching "Sesame Street" or "The Muppets," Friday's performance of "The Death of Little Ibsen" may surprise. The puppet show, staged by Wakka Wakka Productions, takes the audience on a voyage through the life of Henrik Ibsen, the celebrated Norwegian playwright, producer, and director.

"It's a bio-puppet play," said Department of Theater and Dance Chair Sonja Moser, reflecting on the originality of presenting a biographical work in this context. "Extremely entertaining, it turns really moving and ultimately hysterical."

Whether the ensuing hilarity is due to the actual events of the playwright's life or the sheer fact that the main character spends the entire length of the biographical play in

muton chops will be up to the audience.

"The puppet piece provides a good context for the films and other performances," Moser explained.

"It is something that not a lot of people get to see," Professor of Dance June Vail added. "We wanted to open up new windows and get away from simply the norm."

Indeed, the norm may soon become a thing of the past as audiences are treated to a diverse selection of performances. The puppet show launches a series of works by the playwright, including three vastly different films, a play directed by Professor of Theater Davis Robinson, and a Scandinavian performance featuring both dance and theater.

For those not intimately familiar with the works of the "Father of Modern Drama," it may be interesting to find that his work is the most frequently performed classical drama after Shakespeare. He revolutionized

"THE DEATH OF LITTLE IBSEN"

When: Tonight, 7 p.m.

Where: Wish Theater, Memorial Hall

Admission: Free

theater, shifting the focus from plot to the development of psychologically fascinating characters.

Ibsen's reputation for creating controversy is also a source of interest. While performing his works in 2007 creates little backlash, when Ibsen first began writing in the 19th century, his penchant for explicitly attacking traditionally held Victorian moral values made a stir. He rebelled against popular "moral dramas," in which good always triumphed over evil, virtue bred happiness, depravity begot pain, and the story culminated with the insipid "happily ever after." Ibsen instead chose to focus on revealing the "truths" of humanity



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Wakka Wakka Productions performs "The Death of Little Ibsen," a puppet show about the life of "the father of modern drama," Henrik Ibsen.

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Adelstein shoots to kill in TV's 'Prison Break'

SPOTLIGHT, from page 8

"I haven't gotten to play that kind of character before, and it's really enjoyable," Adelstein continued. "Being involved in something that people respond to is gratifying. [The show] gets its hooks in people."

In addition to shooting FBI Agent Alexander Mahone (William Fichtner), Adelstein's character participates in his share of violence on "Prison Break." While Adelstein was filming a water torture scene with a female character, there was an accident where the stuntwoman's face hit the bottom of a bathtub.

"I love playing the badass killer, but some of the violence turns my stomach," Adelstein said.

While at Bowdoin, Adelstein acted in as many plays as he could, most of them in the black box theater at Wish Theater: Adelstein's break came when he returned to his native Chicago the summer between his sophomore and junior years and worked at John Cusack's *commedia dell'arte* theater company, New Crime.

During that summer, Adelstein met Cusack and now knows him "quite well. He was my first director and is a great guy."

After he volunteered at New Crime for the summer, the company offered Adelstein a chance to be onstage. He took their offer and spent his junior year in Chicago, earning credits at Northwestern while he acted.

"I spent my junior year abroad at my parents' house in Chicago," Adelstein said. "The theater company was like basic training with the physical demand, the emotional strain. I was the youngest person by a long shot."

Even though he could have continued acting instead of returning to Bowdoin for his senior year, Adelstein chose to earn his diploma. An English major, he wrote an honors thesis on James Joyce and Samuel Beckett with Professor of English Marilyn Reizbaum.

"Senior year was the most enjoyable because I knew where I was going," Adelstein said. "I was a total tool. I was studious and spent a lot of time in the library. Once I finished, it gave me permission to do what I wanted to do."

With that permission to embark on his acting career, Adelstein's film roles have been mostly comedic, while his television roles have been largely dramatic. Other than "Prison Break," highlights include working with Harold Ramis, one of his favorite actors, and directors, on "Bedazzled," and filming "Intolerable Cruelty" with Joel and Ethan Coen, George Clooney, and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

"Working with the Coen brothers was not even in my wildest dreams. They were two goofy guys in their T-shirts, but everybody was at the top of their craft," Adelstein said. "The higher up you go, the nicer and calmer you are. People at the top of their game don't feel the need to throw their weight around."

Though acting with George Clooney and shooting "Prison Break" with a "wonderful group of people" is hard to top, Adelstein did have his fun at Bowdoin. He added that while he was at the College, the female hockey team used to streak around campus wearing just their helmets.

"It was a bonding thing," he said. "I don't want to explore the psychology of that."

Cast your vote for Oscar winners



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

It's that time of year again, when the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences defends its dubious title as the authority on America's preeminent cinematic achievements.

This year is full of the usual suspects: directors Clint Eastwood, president for three of the last four years, and Martin Scorsese, the six-time nominee. Meryl Streep also garnered her 14th nomination, a new record.

There are some newcomers present as well. The art house hit "Little Miss Sunshine" has been nominated for Best Picture, and its diminutive star Abigail Breslin, 10 years old, for Actress in a Supporting Role. After a long career, Eddie Murphy finally got his first nomination for "Dreamgirls" for Actor in a Supporting Role.

Then there's the biggest story of the nominations. The films "Babel," "Pan's Labyrinth" and "Children of Men," of directors Alejandro González Iñárritu, Guillermo del Toro and Alfonso Cuarón, respectively, racked in a combined 16 nominations.

But who will win? That's for you to decide. We are running a contest to see who can most accurately select the winners. The winner will get a gift certificate to Bart & Greg's DVD Explosion, located in the Tontine Mall. See how well you can predict what Oscar will do (not what you think he should do, he usually doesn't do that).

Completed forms should be dropped off in the Orient's ballot box at the Smith Union Info Desk. They are due no later than Thursday, February 22. Good luck!

2006 OSCAR BALLOT (CIRCLE YOUR SELECTION)

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BEST PICTURE:

BABEL
THE DEPARTED
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LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
THE QUEEN

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RYAN GOSLING, HALF NELSON
PETER O'TOOLE, VENUS
WILL SMITH, THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS
FOREST WHITAKER, THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND

BEST ACTRESS:

PENÉLOPE CRUZ, VOLVER
JUDI DENCH, NOTES ON A SCANDAL
HELEN MIRREN, THE QUEEN
MERYL STREEP, THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
KATE WINSLET, LITTLE CHILDREN

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:

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JACKIE EARLE HALEY, LITTLE CHILDREN
DIJON HOUNSOU, BLOOD DIAMOND
EDDIE MURPHY, DREAMGIRLS
MARK WAHLBERG, THE DEPARTED

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:

ADRIANA BARRAZA, BABEL
CATE BLANCHETT, NOTES ON A SCANDAL
ABIGAIL BRESLIN, LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
JENNIFER HUDSON, DREAMGIRLS
RINKO KIKUCHI, BABEL

BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY:

BORAT
CHILDREN OF MEN
THE DEPARTED
LITTLE CHILDREN
NOTES ON A SCANDAL

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY:

BABEL
LETTERS FROM TWO JIMA
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
PAN'S LABYRINTH
THE QUEEN

BEST DIRECTOR:

STEPHEN FREARS, THE QUEEN
CLINT EASTWOOD, LETTERS FROM TWO JIMA
PAUL GREENGRASS, UNITED 93
ALEJANDRO GONZÁLEZ IÑÁRRITU, BABEL
MARTIN SCORSESE, THE DEPARTED

TIE BREAKER: WHAT WILL WIN BEST FOREIGN FILM?

Stay classy at the open bar



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

Upon returning from a semester in Athens, Greece, I was confronted with a phenomenon that I wasn't quite ready for. Being old for my grade, turning 21 was nothing new to me. But fall 2005 was when a number of friends arrived at this milestone. To ring in this joyous occasion, said friends decided that an open bar would be the way to celebrate.

The open bar was new to me at the time, but I've since attended my fair share. After witnessing blatant violations of social drinking code, I feel obligated to use my voice for the common good. For those of you who have attended such an event, you may have questions that need answering. For those of you who have not or cannot remember the finer points, read on—this is for you. Thus, I present to you the rules of open bar etiquette. May you use them wisely.

1. Throw on a collared shirt. I speak to the fellas here for a reason. An open bar implies a social event to the female gender. An "evening" for ladies correlates to sharper dress. For us guys, anything with Solo cups, quarters, shot glasses, or a pair of dice (all 47 Bravo!), denotes a social event. Feel free to rock cargo shorts and Timberlands when there's a long table and classic rock. But for an

open bar, better err on the side of sophistication. You can don a tie and throw dice, but ratty flannel? Just not nice.

2. Don't show up with an empty wallet. Even if the open bar sponsor factors in tips, it won't kill you to throw down that dollar bill when ordering seven kamikazes, three Jäger-bombs, and a pitcher of Bud Light. Prove that you didn't borrow that polo shirt from your roommate and reward the bartender for serving a flock of drunk college kids.

3. Rule 3 is crucial: Don't pre-game the open bar, at the bar. Being face-down in the bar nuts with both palms raised in needy expectation when the guests arrive isn't "extreme"—it's pathetic. Under no circumstances should you arrive at the open bar before the host's parents get there to set up Period.

4. It isn't the best idea to pre-game the open bar at all. I know what you're thinking—believe me, I like to prime the pumps before the big show as much as the next guy. But when attending an open bar, I like to follow what I call The Rule of 9: "Beer before 9. It's just not time; 9 before beer? You're in the clear" (you heard it here first). If the event kicks off around 9, you're probably better off organizing a Jenga tournament to see who showers first. If the event isn't until 10 or later, feel free to oil the joints a little, which leads me to rule 5...

5. If you fear attending social events without a drink or two, you are a) an alcoholic, b) a college student, or c) is

there a difference? Whatever the case, if the event kicks off late enough, feel free to enjoy a couple casuals before heading out (Natty Lite anyone?). Just keep it classy—an open bar is not an opportunity to drive the final nail into your drunken stupor. Try a classy beer you haven't had before, not every shot on the menu. Avoid drinks that warn you in the title, such as: Abe's Tropical Night in Hell, Fiery Balls of Death, Urine Sample, and my personal favorite, Dead Dog Vomit.

6. Don't show up with a PBR in each pocket. Let's be an adult for a night and drink beer out of a real glass, shall we?

7. Don't hoard drinks. Distributing the five beers you ordered to your buddies is one thing, walking around with three rum and cokes—simultaneously drinking from each—well, that's just selfish. If the line is unbearable, ask a friend to tack your request onto their order rather than double-listing all night or God forbid stashing a stockade behind the "Big Buck Hunter" machine. Booze may be free here, people, but your reputation is something to earn. When meeting the host's parents, it's better to switch a drink out of your right hand than being forced to put one down.

8. In a sea of things not to do, my last rule is something that I endorse no matter the occasion: DO start a dance party. If there's one thing I learned in my four years, it's that a dance party makes any event more fun and more memorable. So offer someone a drink from your stash, free one of your hands, and hit the dance floor. Just remember, if you spill, you can clean up the mess with your roommate's polo shirt.

Ibsen celebration kicks off with puppets

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and exposing the realities behind Victorian life.

"He created a conflict between the practical and the idealistic, exposing very human decision making," said Vail.

Two of his most controversial and widely performed plays, "An Enemy of the People" and "Wild Duck," will be featured in the celebration. The former will be represented both through a modern film adaptation as well as a play, while the latter will be shown as a film directed by Ibsen's grandson.

Also presented are "Terje Vigen," a silent film from 1917, and the illustrious performance and dance "Die Eigentümlichkeit des Exhibitionismus und die Damen von Welt," hailing from Stockholm. The films and performances run through February, beginning this week with "The Death of Little Ibsen" on February 1 and 2, and culminating with performances of "die Damen von Welt" on March 30 and 31.

"It was a serendipitous and collaborative process of selecting the pieces," said Moser, "but I think they provide an accurate look at the work of Ibsen."

Each play, she noted, has a particular message and asks particular questions—questions, she thinks, audiences will leave the theater still pondering. Vail likewise hopes the attendees will "engage the question of what art and beauty really are."

Perhaps if audiences do, in fact, leave the theater questioning their own society, Ibsen's revolutionary ideas, which caused such a stir 100 years ago, will be able to do so once again.



Men's basketball beats Babson 69-60



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Sophomore Tim Lane passes the ball out to a teammate in a first-half scramble against the Beavers last night in Morrell Gymnasium. See article, page 11.

Women sink three on the road

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

Senior tri-captain Eileen Flaherty scored 13 points against Bates on Tuesday night and became the Polar Bears' new all-time leading scorer.

Going into the game, all she needed was seven points to pass previous record-holder Laura Schultz '96, who finished with 1,670 career points. Flaherty now has 1,679 points in her illustrious career and still has three more regular season games left.

The team did pretty well itself, too. The Bears won three road games, beating Trinity 74-59, Connecticut College 75-47, and Bates 58-50.

"Our success on the road these past three games is a credit to the team's collective effort and focus," said women's basketball Head Coach Stefanie Pemper. "We're coming ready to play mentally, physically and emotionally. We're staying positive and believing in ourselves."

Pemper also commented on Flaherty's record-setting performance.

Eileen has "been very driven, and very competitive, since the day she arrived," said Pemper. "Opponents

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Women's ice hockey skates past St. Olaf 5-3

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

Comebacks, overtimes, and big wins defined the week's play for the Bowdoin Women's Ice Hockey Team.

On Wednesday the Polar Bears faced the St. Olaf Oles. Early penalty trouble put the Bears in a hole, down 2-0, 15:00 into the first period. Refusing to give up, the Polar Bears capitalized on a power play opportunity, as captain Meghan Gillis '07 scored at 16:10, assisted by Lindsay McNamara '09 and Kat Popoff '08. Two minutes later, the Polar Bears evened up the score with a goal from Kristen Cameron '08 off a pass from Jayme Woogerd '07 at 18:28. Going into the locker rooms, the score was tied 2-2.

The Polar Bears came out of the gate strong in the second period, as Shana Natelson '10 scored her first college career goal at 6:27, assisted by Kristen Cameron '08 and Kara Kelly '10. Just as it seemed that the Polar Bears would end the second period with a lead, the Oles managed to score at 17:49. Bowdoin dominated the third period, outshooting St. Olaf 11-3, but the Ole defense held its ground, forcing the game into overtime. The Polar Bears continued their domination in overtime, and less than two minutes in, Gillis scored the game-winning goal to make it 4-3, her second of the night, off an assist from Katie Forney '07.

The Polar Bears also defeated

NESCAC rival Williams. The first period was evenly matched, with the first 15 minutes remaining scoreless. At 15:13 Williams scored on a power play, but just before time ran out the Polar Bears answered, as Meaghan Tanguay '07 scored at 19:26 to even the score 1-1 at the end of the first period.

The Polar Bears dominated the second period, outshooting the Ephs 19-11 and scoring two goals. Forney scored at 2:42 off assists from Gillis and Maria Nicolais '10. Minutes later Katherine Pokrass '10 scored at 11:18 with another assist off Gillis. The Ephs scored at 13:55 in the second for a 3-2 lead at the end of the second.

The third period highlighted the Bears' strong defense as Bowdoin was outshot 15-8, but only allowed one goal. The game-winning goal was scored by Woogerd at 4:17 on a power play. Katie Coyne '08 added another point to board at 13:15 to put the game away. The final score was 5-3 in Bowdoin's favor.

Bowdoin's only loss of the week came against Middlebury in overtime. The Polar Bears dominated the first period, outshooting Middlebury 13-5. Cameron scored the first Polar Bear goal at 16:48, assisted by Scooter Walsh '09 and Coyne. Less than two minutes later Caroline Currie '08 scored again for the Bears, giving the Bears a 2-0 lead. At the end of the first period,

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Meghan Gillis '07 maneuvers the puck past a St. Olaf skater in Wednesday night's 4-3 victory over the Oles.

Men jump over Babson

by Darian Reid-Sturgis
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's basketball team improved to 12-7 this season after an exhilarating 69-60 win against Babson last night.

The Bears hit the court running, making seven of their first 10 shots. Co-captain Kevin Bradley '07 jumpstarted the Bears' scoring streak with a series of three-point shots. The Bears increased their lead throughout much of the first half. But as the first half wound down, Babson rebounded with a vengeance, even taking the lead at one point before the Bears took control of the game, leading 37-32 at the half.

Babson attempted to catch up to the Bears, but a string of baskets from Bradley and six free throws from Andrew Hippert '08 in the last few minutes of the game clinched the win for Bowdoin.

But the Bears had mixed results over the weekend.

It has been eight long years since the Polar Bears of Bowdoin College defeated the Bantams of Trinity College. This year's Polar Bears accomplished just that, beating Trinity College 75-69 on Friday night, January 26, in Morrell Gymnasium.

Bowdoin jumped out of the gate strong, capturing an early lead thanks to a couple of three-pointers from sophomore Kyle Jackson. A strong Trinity team led by Robert Taylor (22 points) closed the gap, but the Polar Bears were able to hold on to a narrow lead (37-34) going into the half.

The second half proved difficult for both squads, as neither team was willing to go quietly. With four minutes remaining, Trinity's Kino Clarke made a great steal and lay-up to bring the Bantams within one (65-64). However, the Polar Bears, led by a stellar performance from Bradley (13 points 9 assists), started to pull away.

Clutch free throw shooting from Hippert iced the victory for the Polar Bears.

Bowdoin shot 62.5 percent in the second half, and featured a balanced attack. Five players scored in double digits including first-year Mark Phillips (12 points). Jordan Fliegel '08, who shot 7-8 from the field and grabbed five rebounds commented on the victory and the Polar Bears' balanced scoring.

"We have got a lot of guys who are



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Junior Andrew Hippert takes a shot in Saturday's loss to the Lord Jeffs.

capable of putting the ball in the basket," said Fliegel. "It has taken awhile for everything to gel together, but it's starting to look good. A win like this gives us the confidence to compete with anyone."

The Polar Bears would need that confidence when they played host to the nation's second-ranked Division III team, undefeated Amherst, on Saturday afternoon, January 27. Again, Jackson propelled the Polar Bears to an early lead with a few early baskets. The Lord Jeffs quickly tied the game and the two teams battled for much of the first half. A late run at the end of the first half helped Amherst secure a nine-point lead (33-24) going into the half. In the second half, the Lord Jeffs extended their lead and never looked back. Point

guard Andrew Olsen dished out seven assists to players like Ryan Baskauskas, who had a game high 18 points, and Kevin Hopkins, who chipped in 16.

The Polar Bears were led by Fliegel, who had 15 points and a rim-rattling dunk in the first half and Hippert, who added 13 points. Although Amherst outscored Bowdoin by nine in each half, the game was closer than the score suggests. With the game looking out of reach the Polar Bears were forced to foul and the Lord Jeffs made them pay by converting 13 out of 15 free throws in the second half.

"I thought we played well, just not well enough to win," said Hippert. "They played better and proved why they're at the top of league and the nation."

Men's indoor takes 4th

by Brian Lockhart
and Brian May

CONTRIBUTORS

The Bowdoin Men's Indoor Track Team placed fourth out of five teams last Saturday, January 27.

MIT won the meet, followed by Tufts and Springfield. Colby finished fifth.

Contributions from the sprinters included a third-place finish from Lamont White '08 in the 55-meter dash (6.77 seconds), while Brendan Egan '08 placed second in the 400m (51.97 seconds). In the 200-meter dash, Damon Hall-Jones '09 and White finished neck-and-neck for third and fourth place, respectively (23.53, 23.55). In the hurdles, Mike Krohn finished sixth in the 55m with 8.24 seconds.

In the middle distance events, Tim Katie '08 scored third place in the 1000m (2:36), while a Jay McCormick '09-Alden Gassett '08 duo took fourth and fifth in the 800m (2:00, 2:02).

In long distance, Tyler Lonsdale '08 took sixth place in the 5k with a time of 15:58, while Nate Krah '08 came in fourth in the 3k (8:55).

The race of the day for Bowdoin came in the 3k from first-year

Thompson Ogilvie. After 14 laps of drafting off an MIT runner's stride, the Bowdoin runner left him in the dust on the last lap, winning the race with a time of 8:42.

When asked how he felt about his performance, he replied, "All glory is fleeting," and ran into the sunset for a cool-down run.

In relay action, the 4x400m team placed second (3:28), and the 4x800m team finished third (8:22).

Amongst stiff competition in the field events, senior Robey Clark placed fourth in the pole vault, catapulting himself over a 12-foot bar.

Luke Fairbanks '09 led Bowdoin throwers with a fourth-place finish in the shot put while placing sixth in the weight throw (13.82m, 13.21m).

The Bowdoin men will prepare for the Maine State Meet next weekend against Bates, Colby, and the University of Southern Maine, determined to defend last year's title. Though the underdog, Bowdoin will have some key athletes returning to the lineup next weekend.

"The seeds lose their significance when the gun goes off," said junior Ken Ahika. "I like how things look. I'm confident we'll step up to the challenge."

MIT outruns women

by Lindsey Schickner
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Track Team beat Colby and Tufts by more than 60 points, and the showing landed the team a second-place finish behind MIT.

Wins came from senior co-captain Louise Duffus in the shot put and the weight throw, sophomores Ali Chase and Annie Monjar in the 600m and the 3000m, and first-year Haley MacKeil in both the 200m and the 400m.

Junior Laura Onderko ran the difficult mile and 3000m double and placed second in both events.

"Laura Onderko gave us a great boost in the mile and the 3k," said Head Coach Peter Slovenski. "She had a personal best in the mile, and she and Annie went one-two in the 3k."

Also placing second in two events was senior Erin Prifogle in the 55m

hurdles and the high jump. Other second place performances came in the middle distance events from junior Amy Ahearn in the 800m and senior co-captain Gina Campelia in the 1000m.

Third-place performances included sophomores Molly Seaward and Erin York in the triple jump and the 400m, respectively, and senior Jamie Knight in the 5000m.

But all the big finishes left Bowdoin short of the meet title with 172 points. MIT took first with 198 points, notably aided by taking four of the top five spots in the pole vault event. Colby finished third with 108 points, with Tufts finishing on its tail at 101 points.

The big lead against Colby is promising for Saturday's state meet. The women square off against Colby, Bates, and USM at 6 p.m. in Farley Field House. They hope to improve on last year's second-place finish.

Women's ice hockey prepares for home games

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Middlebury managed to find the back of the net, narrowing the Bears' lead to 2-1 at the end of the first.

The second period was a dead-lock, as the two teams traded goals twice, making the score at the start of the third 4-3. Middlebury took control in the third period, outshooting the Bears 6-2 and scoring the only goal at 3:05, forcing the game into overtime. Bowdoin managed to regain some ground in overtime, outshooting Middlebury 3-2, but at 3:09 the Panthers scored the game-winning goal to defeat the Polar Bears.

This week the Bears face two NESCAC opponents at home, playing Trinity at 7 p.m. today and Hamilton at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Pemper's .886 win percentage not an accident

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

Women's basketball Head Coach Stefanie Pemper doesn't want to be remembered for her team's accomplishments **PROFILE** on the court, and that's precisely what makes her great.

Being a coach means much more than instructing. Beyond a person with knowledge of the sport, a coach is a motivator, a teacher, a tactician, a mentor. It was this complex and multi-faceted nature of coaching that first attracted Pemper to the job. As a coach, "you have to be so many different things," Pemper said. "It's a balancing act."

Pemper isn't just a basketball coach. She "really incorporates being a teacher into her coaching," said Kelsey Borner '09. "All of her players completely trust her and trust what she's teaching them as a sort-of mentor."

And Pemper doesn't just teach her players about basketball. Aiming to help prepare her players for their futures, she teaches them about "leading by example, taking

risks (on the court, in the classroom, and in the community), reliability, and hard work" said Pemper. "Team sports challenge people like life does. Sports are so complementary to academic and extracurricular interests."

In practice, Coach Pemper doesn't concentrate on winning games.

"We just focus so much on getting better and that just consumes us," Pemper said. "We set our own little goals that we try to meet everyday."

Though Pemper does not judge her seasons by her team's win-loss record, her team has won a few games. In the middle of her ninth season coaching the Polar Bears, Pemper stands at an incredible 234-41 mark. She has an .886 win percentage over the past five seasons and owns a 16-7 record in NCAA tournament play. Her teams have reached at least the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in each of the last six seasons, and they have reached the Elite Eight for the last five.

Her 2004 team (30-1) was the first Bowdoin team to compete in an NCAA National Championship game. Having coached the win-

ningest team in Bowdoin women's basketball history, Pemper is the only Bowdoin coach to have won the NESCAC Women's Basketball Championship since its establishment in 2000. She was named the District One Coach of the Year in 2003 and the NCAA National Coach of the Year in 2004.

Yet Pemper seems to be more a teacher than a coach.

"She has high expectations and really believes in her kids," said Director of Athletics Jeff Ward. "She understands that she has bright players and encourages them to use their own minds."

By teaching her players how to assess a situation rather than how to make certain practiced shots, Pemper can create more complete players.

"She sets up practice situations and prepares you so you know how to react, but ultimately she forces you to make decisions as a team," Borner said. "When it comes time to do it in a game, you and your teammates know exactly what to do. We succeed because she's provided us with the opportunity and the skills to

know how to succeed."

After growing up playing all kinds of sports with two older brothers, Pemper says she is about as competitive as they come. "I understand that the scoreboard says a lot," Pemper said. "I definitely want to win and that drives me to be as good as I can be."

But in the end, she said she wants to be remembered not as a basketball coach, but as "a respected member of the community" and "a respected teacher and mentor."

When she finally puts the clipboard down, there is no question that Pemper will be known as an exceptional basketball coach. After all, she's already won the most games in the program's history and is one of the most successful coaches the NESCAC has ever seen. But that won't be enough for Pemper, the teacher.

"As much success as they've had, I don't think she judges herself on that basis," said Ward. "I think her real scorecard is 20 years down the line to see how athletics affected the lives of her players. I think she'll get straight As."

Is it the Zamboni? Men lengthen home streak

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

With all of the success at Dayton Arena this season, someone from the Bowdoin Men's Hockey Team should make a pitch to the Under Armour enterprise seeking a sponsorship. No one in Division III hockey has been as dedicated to the idea of protecting their own house than this year's group of men. With two more home wins coming over the weekend the Polar Bears improved their record at Dayton to an impressive 7-0-0 and snuck back into the nation's latest top-15 poll after an uncharacteristic disappearance last week.

Bowdoin greeted both the University of Southern Maine and Salem State with the same welcoming gill they've been giving away all season in Brunswick: a loss. The Polar Bears started last weekend with a hard-fought victory over the previously 14th-ranked Huskies. The home team got off to a quick start as first-years Ryan Blossom and Ieland Fidler put the men ahead 2-0 halfway through the second stanza.

The Huskies responded with two sharp and forceful goals in the space of three minutes before the close of the second period to silence the Dayton faithful. The two top-caliber teams proceeded to play out a stalemate until Matt Lentini '09 scored the game winner on a brilliant cross-



James Gadon '07 attempts to deke the Salem State goalie on Saturday as a Polar Bear teammate dives behind him.

ice pass from the spinning Mike Corbelle '10.

Salem State fell victim to the same

dose of Bowdoin hospitality as the Polar Bears skated to a 3-1 victory. The previous night's hero, Lentini,

started the show with the opening tally on a power play in the first period. Salem State equalized in a slop-

py, penalty-filled second period and forced the game into a deadlock until Bowdoin's attack woke up with less than eight minutes to go. Mike Collins '09 placed a well timed rebound into the back of the net to ensure that the final few minutes would be nothing if not exciting. The game remained tight until Colin Hughes '08 placed an exclamation mark on the result when he scored on an impressive solo steal and score effort with two minutes left.

Team captain Bryan Ciborowski '07 described the Bears' emotions after the weekend, saying, "It was an overall great rebound weekend for the team."

First-year net-minder Chris Rossi was particularly strong in the successful weekend. No. 32 helped secure all four points for the Polar Bears by turning it on at crucial points in both games. His presence was especially dominant in the closing periods, when he made a total of 15 saves without letting in a goal.

"He made the big saves when we needed them and guys noticed that," said Ciborowski.

The Bowdoin faithful will keep their fingers crossed this weekend as the young goaltender leads his team to their biggest test of the season. The Polar Bears will take their dismal 1-4-3 away record to the house of the NESCAC's best team, Amherst, today, before they face Hamilton on Saturday.

Men's squash topples favorites Tufts, Brown

by Sarah Podmaniczky
STAFF WRITER

The Men's Squash Team played two of its best matches this weekend, upsetting 14th-ranked Tufts 5-4 and 11th-ranked Brown 6-3.

The match against Tufts on Friday, January 26, secured the team a spot in the B division of the national championships in February. It also gave the team the confidence and momentum to topple unsuspecting Brown the next day.

The men began the weekend with one purpose: to upset Tufts in order to regain their spot in the B division for nationals. To this purpose they prepared for the weekend, focusing on the home match against the Jumbos. After two rounds (six matches) of play, the teams were tied, with three wins to each team: the outcome of the match had come down to the last three matches. Co-captain Matt Dresher '07, playing No. 2, first-year David Funk playing No. 4, and Ray Carta '08 at No. 7 stepped onto their courts with tensions high for both teams.

The many spectators from both teams watched as Tufts and Bowdoin battled for every point in each match. Carta finished off his opponent after overcoming an injury during the fifth and final game. Funk followed suit soon after, clinching the significant win for Bowdoin.

Amidst enthusiastic Brown fans on the Providence courts, the Polar Bears' relentless work ethic proved enough to break the Ivy League team.

"Beating Brown was amazing," said Funk, who also scored a key win for the team against Brown. "It showed us how hard we work and how well we can play."

"In our team meetings we kept discussing the fact that we have

immense potential and that we can beat any team that is already in the Bs—including Brown," Dresher said.

"The first three matches went on and we were immediately winning all of them," he added. "Suddenly the mood of the team changed. Everyone started yelling for their teammates and this determined look came across all the faces of the kids warming up to go on next. We knew going in that we could win the match, but it was that moment that we all realized the match began to lean in our favor."

"We've been working hard all season," said co-captain Jake Sack '08. "Finally this weekend we saw our efforts pay off. This marks a new chapter in Bowdoin squash."

The team hopes to bring the momentum it gained over the weekend to the NESCAC championships, which both Bowdoin teams will attend this weekend at Trinity.

The women's squash team swept Tufts 9-0 last weekend, but was unable to defeat seventh-ranked Brown, to whom the team fell 9-0.

"We were definitely feeling some nerves during our Brown match, and we probably could have played with a little more intensity," said Biz Gillespie '09. "It was so inspirational to see the men claim the win as the underdogs: I think this victory will give both the men's and the women's teams even more drive and motivation to play hard at NESCAC's this weekend."

Teammate Jackie Deysher '09 agreed.

"We all loved watching the men's team's sheer determination and heart result in a big win last weekend," she said. "Hopefully we will be seeing more upsets at NESCAC's this weekend on both the men's and women's teams."

Swim takes on Bantams, Cardinals

by Katie Yankura
STAFF WRITER

After not competing for the past seven weeks, and spending four of those weeks completing an intense training camp, the Bowdoin Swimming and Diving teams returned to action last Saturday with a meet against Trinity and Wesleyan, held at Colby.

Both teams proved that their hard work over break paid off, with the women defeating both Trinity (190-106) and Wesleyan (153-144) and the men dominating Trinity (171-121), with a narrow loss to Wesleyan (148-131).

Katie Chapman '07 led the meet for the women, with victories in the 100-yard and 500-yard freestyle events, as well as the 200-yard Individual Medley. Junior Carrie Roble and first-year Kirsten Chmielewski also captured victory for the Polar Bears. Roble took first in the 50-yard freestyle and Chmielewski captured both the one-meter and three-meter diving events.

The Bowdoin women placed securely ahead of Trinity throughout the entire meet. However, they entered the final event, the 200 freestyle relay, in a perfect tie with

Wesleyan. Swimming with this knowledge and pressure on their shoulders, the relay team of Kerry Twombly '08, Kerry Brodziak '08, Annie Cronin '07, and Roble secured the final win for their team with a first-place finish over Wesleyan's team by just .22 seconds. Bowdoin's second relay team of Christina Fish '10, Caroline Scholl '09, Aurora Kurland '09, and Katie Yankura '08 also contributed to this effort by beating Wesleyan's second team in the final seconds of the meet.

Head Coach Brad Burnham was well satisfied with the efforts of the team.

"I knew we were very tired and sore heading into the meet after a peak in our training," he said. "The team responded well with some tremendous swims and the women dug deep to pull out the meet all the way through. They just kept fighting."

On the men's side, two underclassmen, Ian Wandner '09 and Sean Morris '10, led the team to victory over Trinity with their wins in the butterfly events. Early on in the meet Wandner won the 200-yard butterfly, while his teammate Morris completed this domination by touch-

ing first in the 100 fly later on.

Ben Rachlin '08 and Max Goldstein '07 also contributed significantly to the men's success. Rachlin cruised to victory over Wesleyan and Trinity in the 100-yard backstroke by over two seconds and Goldstein took first in the 200-yard Individual Medley, as well as second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The swimmers return to the pool this weekend with a meet against close rival Colby at Bowdoin's own Greason pool. The upcoming meet will mark the last in-season competition for the team, which will then begin training for the NESCAC championships held later in February.

"We've been swimming a lot the last few weeks and working really well together as a team," Goldstein remarked. "I'm confident that this training is going to help us swim fast against Colby and at our conference meet."

Burnham shared this positive outlook for the rest of the season.

"I am confident that both teams will be more than ready for the conference meets in a few weeks," he said. "But we also have our sights set on some great swims at the Colby meet this weekend."

Women's hoops wins three on the road against Bantams, Lord Jeffs, Bobcats

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have worked hard to stop her since she was a freshman and she's responded by improving her game in big ways and in little ways, and managed to stay one step ahead."

Sophomore forward Jill Anelauskas continued the winning trend for the Polar Bears. Anelauskas won NESCAC Player of the Week honors for her work in,

the two victories in Connecticut. She averaged 19 points and seven rebounds in the two games, including a game-high 24 points on Friday, January 26, at Trinity. Before Tuesday, she averaged 12.8 points per game in the 20 games she had played.

"Jill is having a great sophomore year," Pempers said. "She's being more aggressive on both ends of the floor, her points, and rebounds are,

up, and she's impacting our team more on defense and more as a passer. For someone who made such a splash as a freshman, she's followed that year up magnificently."

Last year Anelauskas was named New England Women's Basketball Association's Rookie of the Year.

The Polar Bears travel to Colby this weekend for another road match at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Rex Grossman will carry Bears

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



"It's not worth playing if you can't win." Such was the famous line that was completed by pee-wee hockey superstar, Gordon Bombay, in **COMMENTARY** "Mighty Ducks," merely seconds before missing his game-winning penalty shot by a quarter of an inch, ultimately costing his team the championship in overtime. I think most professional athletes, this side of Latrell Sprewell, would agree with Bombay's statement, none more so than those playing in their respective title games.

And unlike any of the other three major sports, in football, just one game separates the men from the boys, the strong from the weak, the winners from the losers. Yet, at the end of the day, only one team can be crowned victorious, while the other, like Bombay and his squad, head home wondering what might have been, had that one, critical play gone in its favor. It's the Super Bowl, and honestly, there's nothing quite like it.

When the Indianapolis Colts (15-4) square-off against the Chicago Bears (15-3) on Sunday evening in Miami for Super Bowl XLI, we can guarantee that emotions will be running at an all-time high with the game's seemingly infinite number of subplots.

None of these, however, is more prominent than the showdown between the first two African-American head coaches in NFL history to lead their teams to the Super Bowl: the Colts' Tony Dungy and the Bears' Lovie Smith. Two of the game's most brilliant, poised and beloved characters will take center stage in rewriting the history books, in an epic clash of the nice guys. Did I mention they were best friends, too?

Then there's Peyton Manning (finally; finally?) making his long-awaited first Super Bowl appearance, and the city of Chicago reviving the "Saturday Night Live" line "Da Bears" with extreme alacrity; each story combining with one another to set the stage for football's biggest game. So without further ado, I give you the predictions for Super Bowl XLI.

Why the Colts will win:

When I was in fifth grade, I began to write my first articles dealing with professional sports. Initially, I wrote them to impress my teacher, an ardent Philadelphia Eagles fan, by regaling him with my "expert" knowledge of receiver, Irving Fryar, and secondly, to keep my classmates up to date with current sports affairs (very important). The first article I ever wrote was on Peyton Manning, then the rookie quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts, who captained them to a progressive, albeit dismal, 3-13 record in 1998. I remember writing about how Manning (26 TDs, 28 INTs) was trying his hardest every Sunday, but that he had minimal to no talent around him, which ultimately prevented his team from winning games.

Essentially, I was taking the blame off of the two-time MVP, and placing it on the rest of his starting cast. I titled the piece: "Playing hard without a decent team." (My father later informed me that descent and decent were two completely different words with two completely different meanings). Nevertheless, Colts management finally amassed several skilled players that eventually developed into an AFC powerhouse with Manning at its epicenter. Now, he's still playing hard, but on a better-than-decent team—a great team.

The Colts have arguably one of the most potent offenses ever to play in a Super Bowl—with Manning, Pro-Bowl receivers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne, and explosive rookie running back Joseph Addai, not to mention an impenetrable offensive line led by touchdown-machine Jeff Saturday. Also, the Bears' Cover 2 defensive scheme should create some tremendous opportunities for the versatile tight end Dallas Clark, who amazingly leads all postseason players in reception yards with 281. But believe it or not, the Colts' offense isn't even their strong point; at least not in these playoffs. Playoffs?!

Indianapolis will enter Sunday's game with the top-ranked defense this postseason, leading in takeaways (eight) and second in sacks (seven). Quite a turnaround for a defense that was ranked 21st during the regular season, wouldn't you say? With the erratic Rex Grossman under center for Chicago, the Colts' main concern will be running back Thomas Jones, who is coming off of a huge week against the Saints, in which he rushed for 123 yards on 19 carries for two scores in the NFC

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	9	3	1	12	4	1
Wesleyan	7	3	3	9	4	4
Colby	7	4	2	10	4	3
Middlebury	7	5	1	9	6	2
BOWDOIN	7	5	1	10	6	2
Williams	6	7	0	7	10	1
Conn. Coll.	5	6	2	5	10	2
Trinity	4	6	3	6	8	4
Hamilton	3	9	1	4	13	1
Tufts	2	11	0	5	13	0

SCOREBOARD

F 1/26 v. Southern Maine W 3-2
Sa 1/27 v. Salem State W 3-1

SCHEDULE

F 2/2 at Amherst 7:00 P.M.
Sa 2/3 at Hamilton 3:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	6	0	0	20	1	0
Tufts	5	0	0	13	6	0
Williams	4	1	0	17	3	0
Bates	3	2	1	11	8	0
Amherst	3	3	0	12	9	0
Middlebury	2	3	0	10	9	0
Wesleyan	2	3	0	11	7	0
Colby	1	5	0	5	14	0
Trinity	1	5	0	10	9	0
Conn. College	0	5	0	9	10	0

SCOREBOARD

F 1/26 at Trinity W 74-59
Sa 1/27 at Amherst W 75-47
Tu 1/30 at Bates W 58-50

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/3 at Colby 2:00 P.M.

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SCOREBOARD
Sa 1/26 at UNH Carnival 11th of 13

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/2 at UVM Carnival TBA

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	6	0	0	21	0	0
Trinity	4	2	0	16	3	0
Tufts	3	2	0	12	7	0
Williams	3	2	0	10	10	0
Bates	2	3	0	16	3	0
Middlebury	2	3	0	12	7	0
Wesleyan	2	3	0	6	12	0
BOWDOIN	2	4	0	12	7	0
Colby	2	4	0	11	10	0
Conn. College	1	4	0	11	9	0

SCOREBOARD

F 1/26 v. Trinity W 75-69
Sa 1/27 v. Amherst L 73-55
Th 2/1 v. Babson W 69-60

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/3 at Colby 4:00 P.M.
M 2/5 v. Maine-Presque Isle 5:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD
Sa 1/27 v. Tufts, MIT, Colby 2nd of 4

SCHEDULE

Sa 1/27 Maine State Meet (at Bowdoin) 6:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD
F 1/26 v. Tufts W 9-0
Sa 1/27 at Brown L 9-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/3 v. Middlebury (at Trinity) NESCACs 8:00 A.M.
Sa 2/3 v. TBD, NESCACs 3:00 P.M.
Su 2/4 v. TBD, NESCACs TBA

W. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD
Sa 1/27 v. Wesleyan (at Colby) W 153-144

SCHEDULE

Sa 1/27 v. Trinity (at Colby) W 190-106

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/3 v. Colby 12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	10	0	1	15	1	0
BOWDOIN	7	2	2	11	5	2
Amherst	8	3	2	12	5	2
Hamilton	4	5	1	6	10	1
Colby	3	5	3	5	7	5
Williams	3	5	3	6	9	3
Trinity	3	7	0	7	9	1
Wesleyan	1	6	3	3	12	3
Conn. Coll.	2	8	1	5	11	1

SCOREBOARD

F 1/26 at Middlebury L 5-4
Sa 1/27 at Williams W 5-3
W 1/31 v. St. Olaf W 4-3

SCHEDULE

F 2/2 v. Trinity 7:00 P.M.
Sa 2/3 v. Hamilton 7:00 P.M.
W 2/7 at Colby 3:00 P.M.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD
Sa 1/27 v. Tufts, Springfield, MIT, Colby 4th of 5

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/3 at Maine State Meet (at Bates) 6:00 P.M.

M. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD
Sa 1/27 v. Wesleyan (at Colby) W 148-131

SCHEDULE

Sa 1/27 v. Trinity (at Colby) W 171-121

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/3 v. Colby 12:00 P.M.

MEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD
F 1/26 v. Tufts W 5-4
Sa 1/27 at Brown W 6-3

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/3 v. Amherst (at Trinity) NESCACs 11:30 A.M.
Sa 2/3 v. TBD, NESCACs 6:30 P.M.
Su 2/4 v. TBD, NESCACs TBA

- Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

Championship game. The Colts run stoppage has been resilient as well, limiting Patriots' running back Corey Dillon to 48 yards last week, the Ravens' Jamal Lewis to 53 the week before, and the Chiefs' Larry Johnson to just 32 in round one. Jones should be a piece of cake for Booga McFarland & Co., thus virtually shutting down the entire Bears' offense.

Last note: Although Peyton Manning hasn't had great success thus far in the playoffs (two TDs, six INTs), he's certainly due, so don't be surprised if he unleashes the proverbial beast on Chicago's stout defense. Sorry, this is the last note: the Colts have Adam Vinatieri, too.

X-Factor: Ben Utech, TE.

Why the Bears will win:

Just think back to that Monday night game on October 16, 2006, in Arizona, when the Bears played their worst game of the season, turned the ball over six times, scored a measly three points on offense, and still came out of the desert victorious over the Cardinals, 24-23. (I need not insert the infamous quote

from Denny Green's post-game tirade here, for it goes without saying). Now granted, that was the Cardinals. These are the Colts. But the Chicago Bears have overcome incredible odds this postseason to reach Super Bowl XLI. They've done it with a mediocre defense (ranked seventh this postseason) that's allowed an average of 249 yards through the air, an unpredictable quarterback, and overall, a young, inexperienced group of players. But they seem to thrive on that.

Trust me, I, more than anyone else this season, have struggled in trying to uncover the mystery that is Chicago Bears' winning formula, and, in failing to do so, have labeled them as "overrated," "a joke," or my favorite, "so bad." But the truth of the matter is, they aren't any of those things. They're actually quite good, and, dare I say, underrated?

During the regular season the Bears possessed the fifth-best defense in the league, with the most forced fumbles (20) and the second-most interceptions (24). And Rex Grossman, whom I was convinced would fail in this league the second he was drafted by the Bears, really isn't that gross, man. Considering that Rams' quarterback Marc Bulger once went to the Pro Bowl in 2003 with 22 touchdowns and 22 interceptions, Grossman's numbers (23 TDs, 20 INTs) actually aren't too bad for a guy who is seen virtually as a walking stigma of himself, and bear in mind that he's thrown only one pick this postseason.

Ultimately, the Bears' hopes on offense will rely on its line, especially left tackle, John Tait, who will have to not only contain defensive end, Dwight Freeney, but create significant space also for running backs Jones and Cedric Benson, which could prove to be a daunting task. The same goes for guard Ruben

Brown and center Olin Kreutz.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bears will have to truly rise to the occasion to ensure that the lead doesn't get away from them too early. If defensive ends Adelewe Ogunleye and Alex Brown can pressure Manning into forcing some tough throws, cornerbacks Nathan Vasher and Charles Tillman are both quick enough to get in front of the speedy Harrison and Wayne, and could create some turnovers, especially if middle linebacker Brian Urlacher can pick up the second or third options on the Colts' plays to their solid core of tight ends.

Last note: The last time a perennial player entered the Super Bowl facing a potential incarceration suit following the game, like Bears defensive tackle Tank Johnson is, was Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis in Super Bowl 35. They won 34-7 over the Giants.

X-Factor: Muhsin Muhammad, WR (Don't forget kick/punt return specialist, Devin Hester, either).

Bottom Line: Before anyone even thought about this match-up, the obvious choice to win was the Colts, and all signs appear to indicate that this just might be Peyton Manning's year, especially after getting that gigantic New England monkey off his back two weeks ago. But if the old adage "defense wins championships" holds true, then the pick has got to be the Bears.

Just remember, that no matter what anyone tells you, the better team doesn't always win the championship, and I would strongly urge that Rex Grossman watch the famous "One Time" speech in the classic children's movie "Little Giants." For indeed, that's all the "worst" quarterback in Super Bowl history" needs to do: win one time.

Chicago 27 Indianapolis 24, MVP: Rex Grossman.

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Response Committee

Upon hearing news that President Barry Mills and the officers of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) had reached a tentative agreement regarding a proposed Community Response Committee to consider international humanitarian issues, our first reaction was one of disappointment. BSG wanted a college-level committee that would recommend institutional actions when humanitarian issues arise. Mills, on the other hand, proposed that student government create its own committee. This committee would include volunteer faculty and be given financial support. The problem with this sort of group, we thought, is that it would have no official power within the College as an institution.

However, after considering the pace of action for typical college committees, we realized that this new plan might be more effective. In November, the Board of Trustees approved the president's recommendations for an institutional response to the crisis in Darfur. The plan included the creation of a committee to identify a list of companies that do business in the region. Nearly three months later, the names of the members of that committee have not been announced. By the time the committee actually makes a recommendation (which will still need presidential approval), the symbolic effect may well be lost.

We hope that a student-led response committee will be able to move more swiftly. BSG meets weekly, allowing quick action on appointments and other administrative formalities. And because the group belongs to students, they will be determined to use it effectively. The forum will provide students and others a place to deliberate courses of action in an age when it's often difficult to know how we can affect the common good globally.

In order for the group to be successful, the College must supply it a level of access that it hasn't always been willing to offer. As evidenced by the national Darfur non-investment movement and the report issued last week by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, the issue of morally responsible investing has received increased attention lately. We expect that the proposed committee will make recommendations on endowment issues—at an institution with so much financial power, this is inevitable—but the group will primarily effect change through community education and consumer awareness. Still, the College should help the committee do its job by being more transparent than it might be to a typical BSG committee.

The historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. wrote, "If we are to survive, we must have ideas, vision, and courage. These things are rarely produced by committees. Everything that matters in our intellectual and moral life begins with an individual confronting his own mind and conscience in a room by himself." That may be true. But committees are a fact of life at a place like Bowdoin, whose future is ultimately entrusted to a committee—the Board of Trustees. The Community Response Committee will provide a place for individuals who have confronted problems of conscience to come together and find ways to respond together.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Fraternities part of history at Bowdoin

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to Alex Williams in the January 26 issue of the Orient ("Social scene keeps Bowdoin warm"). To state that disbanding Greek life at Bowdoin has escorted in a "warm atmosphere" that has made "the winters at Bowdoin a far more bearable time of year" is unfounded and disrespectful. What makes the comments most frustrating is that they come from someone whom, I assume, was not present on campus in 1998 or earlier, and is making statements regarding Bowdoin fraternity life that are based on conjecture, or even worse, depictions of Greek life in popular culture.

While Mr. Williams glowingly juxtaposes his Bowdoin experience to that of his hometown peers, he did not consider that Bowdoin's fraternity system was also markedly different than those on other college campuses. Bowdoin's warm atmosphere and welcoming community did not stop at the doorway of the fraternities, and I do not recall one experience of attempting "social suicide"

by attending a party hosted by another fraternity.

Bowdoin fraternities deserve their proper due within the College's rich history as creators of community and not caricatures based on outdated stereotypes. This legacy should not be tainted by presupposing that Bowdoin is a warmer place without fraternities. Bowdoin did not convert overnight into a welcoming environment, but has always prided itself on cultivating community. I can only hope that the College continues to foster these qualities that make Bowdoin such an exceptional place at which to live and learn.

Sincerely,
John B. Shukie '99
Alpha Kappa Sigma

Davis Park project a great start

To the Editors:

I had the pleasure of attending a public forum held by the Davis Park Brunswick collaborative of four Bowdoin College classes (davispark.brunswick.org) on Tuesday night. I found the work, even at this early stage, to be stimulating and exciting.

Our town's recreation department, represented by Peter Baecher, professors and students from the Bowdoin community, and many people from the neighborhood all turned out to discuss the history and current uses of this "secret park" in Brunswick, and how we might work together to improve access to and enjoyment of this community treasure.

I also observed with great pleasure how groups of students actively solicited community attendance for the forum, by handing out postcards door-to-door in the neighborhood promoting the event. These are excellent examples of the growing and ever-improving partnership between Bowdoin College and the Brunswick community, especially among the student body. I think we are all the better for it.

I want to thank the Community Service Resource Center and the other college staff for taking on this challenge, and urge those students and faculty involved to imagine great things for Davis Park. When your work is complete, I hope that you will consider presenting your findings to the town council, so we can begin putting these ideas into action.

Sincerely,
Ryan Ewing
Brunswick Town Councilor,
District 6

Butterflies to boogie: Jazz 101

by Annie Monjar

As a freshman in high school, years before I came upon Bowdoin's campus of Sufjan and Wilco lovers, I sat in a straight-backed wooden chair before the school jazz band conductor. This was a man who, over the course of his career, had led generations of extraordinarily talented musicians to 30 Downbeat magazine Student Musician Awards. He and the New Trier High School jazz ensemble had been featured on the cover of the March 2001 issue of School Band and Orchestra as well as the Spring 2006 issue of the Jazz Education Journal. And here I sat, before a gentleman who, in the most elite sense of the word, knew how to "boogie." My chest puffed to its capacity, I played a rickety, oxygen-depleted rendition of "Someone To Watch Over Me" on my plastic Yamaha clarinet.

But with the glazed look in his eyes that said, simply, "Go listen to some Top 40 on Kiss FM, sweetie," my aspirations to become the up-and-coming blonde Benny Goodman came to an end. My short-lived music career amounted to little more than playing a few long, off-key tones in the background of the school's annual winter performance of "Sleigh Ride," and the ability to "sing" along word-for-word to Outkast's "I Like the Way You Move."

Upon arriving at Bowdoin, I gave up the clarinet entirely and dedicated myself solely to the crooning of artists such as Rihanna and Jay-Z. Naturally, on a campus filled with culturally savvy students, my enslavement to rap, pop, hip-hop, and occasionally the "OC" or "Garden State" soundtracks has been looked down upon. But thus far I've stood my ground in the midst of musically curious and intelligent people, and often, in fact, scorned those who try to detach themselves

from the intoxicating grasp of "Call on Me" and "Slave 4 U." I actually once had the gall to say in front of the entire women's locker room that "every time I download something like Fiddy, I feel the need to counter it with some pretentious music like Belle & Sebastian." Fingernails and gym shoes flew at my face.

But the era of Eminem and Fall Out Boy, and generally denying the existence of music not played on the radio, had to come to an end at some point. When, this past semester, my roommate put my iTunes library on Our Tunes and labeled it "Annie Monjar's Music," prostituting my musical guilt to the whole of the Bowdoin campus, I knew that I had to change something. Somehow, I would regain the positive musical karma that went out the door with that abysmal jazz audition and my years of radio junkiedom.

Thus determined for musical enlightenment, I trudged over to Bull Moose, where I purchased Louis Armstrong's "100th Birthday Anniversary Anthology," on sale for \$11.97. While making friendly conversation with the cashier, who wore a shirt with the word "human" written in Sharpie on it, I pointed out what a nice compilation the album looked like. For here, I thought, was a musical connoisseur who I could relate to.

"Yeah," he said nonchalantly, "but, you know"—and here's the zinger—"liking Louis Armstrong is kind of like liking butterflies."

Ouch. Feeling entirely deflated of musical abandon and independence, I went back to my dorm, laid down on my bed, uploaded the trumpeting butterfly himself onto my computer, and listened to a scratchy recording of "I Want A Big Butter and Egg Man," and debated what to do next. Clearly, I would need help.

Someone I knew who had a lot of experience and knowledge of jazz

music lived downstairs from me, and within minutes of the "butterfly" incident, I arrived at her door. For an hour, I hunched over her computer as she put together a playlist for me on iTunes. Trying to sound somewhat adept, I would shout, "Oh! I love that one!" as her mouse passed over Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (at the time, I pronounced it "Vince Ghiradelli"). With admirable patience and restraint, she accepted these outbursts and when it was all over, I had a list of essential artists and albums. And with close to three valuable hours that could have been spent studying for my history final, I scoured the iTunes store and purchased several Christmas presents for myself.

I'm still very much in the midst of this jazz journey. With the lot of dutiful concentration, I've gradually replaced (some, not all) Cascadia with Coltrane, and (some, not all) Beyonce with the Buena Vista Social Club. More frequently, a song on my newly inaugurated "jazz" playlist will come on that is something I really enjoy, and maybe even recognize.

While my old clarinet continues to collect dust in the corner of my bedroom, and I grow further away from having any clue what the time signature is in a given piece (or what a "time signature" is, for that matter), I've managed to regain the appreciation I once had, and the knowledge I never had, for jazz. And though I'll never see how, out of all the bright and creative students like those at Bowdoin, no one can appreciate the genius behind "Toxic," I'm starting to see how exploring other music provides the sense of satisfaction that only comes with looking beyond your horizons and liking the new landscape that you see. Even if that is Belle & Sebastian...which I guess is okay...

Annie Monjar is a member of the Class of 2009.

A cure for writer's block: emulating the greats

by Jacob Daly

An admirable writer once advised would-be intellectuals, "If you're serious about effecting positive change, then you're going to have to embrace the fact that you're a lot less qualified to speak to certain issues than you think you are. So choose something that you feel strongly about. Study up on it. Form an opinion. Understand why people disagree with you. Then proceed in whatever manner you judge most reasonable, appropriate, and constructive." I took this to heart, and hours of painstaking research finally culminated in sitting down to pen my opinion on the problems of today's world. Caught up in the exhilaration of following this advice, however, I took it too far. Rather than simply write, I decided to replicate, to the finest exactitudes, the proven methods of the literary greats before me.

I looked first to the godfather of English literature—William Shakespeare. Whatever old Wily did when he sat down to write, I would do too. Clearly, I went with my research to the most reputable

biographical source available. Miramax's major motion picture "Shakespeare in Love." I watched the film 47 times, learning more about the master and his craft with each viewing. I came to understand that Shakespeare's greatness did not derive from his genius. All I had to do in order to write well was use a quill, parchment, and a candle. Then I could inherit the Bard's superior wordsmithing.

Good parchment being hard to find these days, and birds with sufficiently sized feathers too difficult to catch, I resigned myself to pen and paper. I procured a candle and a quiet corner, but quickly discovered the light was to dim for my purpose. Naturally, I surrounded myself with more candles, and finally able to see, began my work. No word escaped my grasp, and I flew through my inaugural opus with the speed of Puck himself. I briefly stepped away from my work to fetch an Elizabethan dictionary, but returning found my candle-lit sanctuary of the written word reduced to smoldering ash. With a thunderous "Zounds!" I cursed the candles and turned my back on the Shakespearean method. He didn't really write all of

those plays anyway.

Pondering anew the makings of literary success, I realized that great authors often write about what they know. For instance, Ian Fleming worked for British naval intelligence in World War II and bang! James Bond was born. However, since no one would be interested in a column about masturbation and arcane minutiae from the NFL record books, I sought new and profound experiences. War seemed like a perfect option: You've seen that commercial, with father and son remarking at how service changed the boy into a man. As worthwhile a venture as that might have been, however, I considered myself a conscientious objector to military activity, on the grounds that I'm lazy and out of shape.

Perhaps, I then said to myself, some political experience will yield literary excellence. I could write something as genius as "Gulliver's Travels" or radical as "All the King's Men." I've harbored a grudge against politics since the sixth grade, when the popular girl beat me in a class election (I still think she bribed the student body). But this is college, so why not give politics the good old

college try? Without rich parents or a photogenic smile, I decided I needed an "in" to the political happenings around me. I took the simplest job I could find, summarizing local government affairs for a small-time newspaper. There was no scandal, no eloquent expression of fundamental American beliefs, not even free refreshments. The most exciting part of my job was counting votes on budget referenda. Politics was out.

At this point, desperation began to sink in. I looked woefully to my bookshelf for somewhere to turn. Thoreau? Pond-side seclusion wouldn't work, since I don't much care for the taste of woodchuck. Poe? I unfortunately don't suffer from crippling depression. Melville? I get seasick. Nabokov? That's just disgusting. Ah, at last! Someone I can emulate—Hemingway. If anything could get me writing like the masters, it had to be that magic elixir of the authors, booze. I set to my project with great vigor and delight, but soon realized how difficult it really is to be a great author. My liver screamed in agony as countless bottles fell empty from my shaking, slowly numbing fingers. My jealous friends kept

demanding that I stop: "Just think how you'll feel tomorrow!" I replied I'd feel wonderful! This was a small price to pay for greatness. Just as my Coleridge-esque euphoria of literacy set in, however, my memory failed. I woke up in a puddle of various liquid concoctions with a note pinned to my newly brownish-colored shirt: "I owe you \$15 and a bag of chips. —Greg." Having hobbled back to my dorm, I called the editors at the Orient to explain my situation. I had tried so hard to write something masterful for them, but failed miserably. I knew they were sticklers for deadlines, but had to ask their mercy. "That all sounds good," they said. "Write it out and send it in to us."

I cried when they said this. I really cried. I endured so much, trying to write something great, and they were ready to print a barely coherent rant ostensibly about a sequence of failures. Is this all it takes to be a writer? Get drunk and rant about how bad things are? The big secret to writing great stuff is being a bum? Fine, good, I'm gonna be a bum. Greg, if you're reading, I'll need that cash.

Jacob Daly is a member of the Class of 2009.

Remember GOP's green past

by Brian Lockhart

In the upcoming presidential election, the environment should emerge as one of the most important issues. As our population continues to grow, the squeeze on resources becomes more acute. In a global economy, the exponential growth in China and other Asian countries exacerbates the problem for Americans. When the United States was the only country consuming large quantities of oil, we could afford to expend it. As other economies continue to expand, America no longer has free reign of the planet's natural resources. The depletion of the world's oil supply is by no means the only environmental issue at stake. Climate change, the loss of biodiversity, and mercury emissions are just a few of the other concerns environmentalists hold.

The "left" is generally credited for its activism with respect to nature. Democrats are viewed as pro-environment and Republicans as those who couldn't give a rip. However, history demonstrates otherwise. For the past 30 years, both Democratic and Republican presidents have very little pro-environment legislation to show. The environment has taken a back seat to other issues since Nixon. Before then, both Republicans and Democrats showed great interest in conservationism.

The whole movement started with Republican Teddy Roosevelt's presidency, when he set aside 194 million acres for national parks and nature preserves. Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon represented the Democrat and Republican parties, respectively, and both agreed on the importance of protecting the environment. The Johnson administration implemented the National Wilderness Preservation System and Nixon established the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Thus, while Democrats are credited as the party that cares about the environment, both parties share a rich history of being able to work together on conservation.

Even President George H. W. Bush signed the Clean Air Act during his presidency in 1990. The entire Republican Party is not anti-environment, and as new faces emerge for the 2008 election, it would be unjust to

assume that they all conform to the environmentally apathetic stereotype. For example, Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, has worked for the greater part of the last decade to prevent global warming. He and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Connecticut, worked together on drafting the legislation. Republicans and Democrats can and need to get along on this issue if the proverbial handwriting on the wall is to become clear to the American public.

Contrary to McCain's work, Rudy Giuliani's environmental record as mayor of New York City was described as "pretty unremarkable, and at times dismal" by the chief energy economist for the Natural Resources Defense Council. In addition, Giuliani joined a law firm notorious for representing large energy companies such as Enron, ChevronTexaco, and Pacific Gas & Electric. Republican voters should take this knowledge into consideration as they choose their next candidate.

There is no anti-environment party. No one destroys the environment "just because." The anti-environment stigma is a result of a cost-benefit struggle where industry and, let's face it, the American cost-conscious consumer, generally wins. Protecting the environment is remarkably inconvenient. It also happens to be very expensive. Let's face it, regardless of political persuasion, all will gripe about shelling out \$3.50 for a gallon of gas. Without considering the toll it takes on the environment, it is still very economically favorable to use energy derived from oil and coal rather than wind and solar. For a typical Bowdoin student's family, a 20 percent increase in energy cost as a result of cleaner energy is probably not going to keep any food off of the table.

However, there are many households that would proportionally be adversely affected from such an increase. A single mom who teaches at a public school in a city, lacking sufficient income to live close to work, is going to be hit hard by an increase in oil prices in an effort to clean up the air. Democrats, often seen as champions of the poor and middle class workers, will therefore be caught on both sides of the environmental cost-benefit issue. Legislation that is "progressive" with respect to the environment may act as a regressive "tax" on the working class.

Republicans, like Democrats, have a rich history in environmental protection and only lately have gained the stereotype of apathy.

The fact that fossil fuels are running out only aggravate the dilemma. It is a difficult balance.

I must add that it is not only those who would be hurt most by an energy increase that are preventing the progress. Those who actually can afford the clean energy increase are often the most guilty in obstructing it from becoming inexpensive. As we attempt to take advantage of natural resources, affluent members of both parties need to recognize that windmills may obstruct views from a Cape Cod mansion. They may just have to see several more on their cruise or sailing trip, in order that we maximize our natural resources.

As voters make a point to vote a pro-environment president into office, they must not count out every member of the Republican Party. Republicans, like Democrats, have a rich history in environmental protection and only lately have gained the stereotype of apathy. Certain members of the GOP have legislative histories that demonstrate their commitment to the environment and would work in office to accomplish similar goals with both Democrats and Republicans in Congress. In addition, voters need to keep in mind the balance between marginal cost and benefit when environment issues are involved. The answer is certainly not continuing on our present course; the externalities are too great. Neither can we switch to a completely green economy. These are complicated concepts, especially considering the environment generally does come with an attached dollar value. When choosing a candidate on this issue, evaluation should be made on his or her understanding and honesty of both the marginal cost and marginal utility of protecting the environment, as well as his or her dedication to finding the balance.

Brian Lockhart is a member of the Class of 2008.

Invest endowment for common good

by Ian Yaffe

Bowdoin's endowment is currently estimated at \$673 million. That's a lot of money, but as we've discovered recently, not too many people know how it is being invested. I will admit my own ignorance on this subject: I know only what is available to the public and haven't sought information from internal sources here at the school. Nevertheless, a January 24 article in the Boston Globe, "Colleges hit for lack of openness in investing," concerned me.

The article describes the most recent report issued by the Sustainable Endowments Institute (SEI). SEI's report essentially graded "100 leading colleges" on energy use, buildings, food, and most importantly, investments. These 100 colleges—of which Bowdoin is included—hold \$258 billion in endowments, approximately 75 percent of all higher education endowment investments.

And the results: Bowdoin received an "A" in each of the categories of administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, and green building. In the area of investments, Bowdoin received a "C" in investment priorities and an "F" in the categories of endowment transparency and shareholder engagement. Overall, we received the grade of "B-."

According to the Globe article, most schools that made public comments about the report said they do not release their investment holdings lest they be put at a competitive disadvantage with other institutions as well as private investors. As a school, we would fall on the positive side of competition. Our endowment rate of return for the last fiscal year was 18.1 percent, nearly twice the national average of 10.7 percent. Whatever we're doing with our \$673 million, we're doing a good job, at least in terms of maximizing profit.

But here's my question—and the question that the SEI asks—should we be doing more with our money than, well, making money? Given our mission to be committed to the common good, I think so. Our lack of endowment transparency and share-

holder engagement does not mean that we aren't investing our money in ways that advance the common good. It just means that we don't know. And quite frankly, that's not good enough.

In its May 10, 2006, statement to Barry Mills, the Advisory Committee on Darfur said "the endowment is not a place for expression of social or political activism." The case for not investing in Darfur was because the issue at stake was not "simple activism"; we were dealing with a "requirement of conscience." I disagree with both ideas. First, I think our endowment is just the place to express social and political activism and second, I believe our decision to symbolically divest from Darfur was directly influenced by those two fields.

Our \$673 million or the cumulative total of 100 schools' \$258 billion is a substantial amount of money that could be used to do some serious good in society. For example, we could invest that money in alternative energy sources and other socially responsible investment funds (especially since my understanding of our policy is that we only indirectly invest in companies, through funds). Such investments could even prove to be fiscally rewarding for the College. But we have to move beyond that. It's not just about us. It's not just enough to make money to support a college that's tuition continues to rise well over the pace of inflation (a separate issue altogether). In the case of our investments, I don't believe that the ends justify the means.

It's time for us to make more and more information public about the very systems and structures that have made Bowdoin one of the best—and most elite—colleges in this country. Investment holdings should be revealed to the community on a regular basis, if not the public as well. Only when that happens will we know and be assured that our mission is not a selectively applied ideal, but a framework that shapes our every action. Only then can we be assured that Bowdoin is a positive force in this world.

Ian Yaffe is a member of the Class of 2009.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

February 2-8

Friday

"The Death of Little Ibsen"

A 50-minute puppet performance about the life of renown playwright Henrik Ibsen.
WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
7-9 P.M.

Women's Indoor Track and Field

The Polar Bears will compete in the state meet.
FARLEY FIELD HOUSE,
6 P.M.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

icicles form on the back of Hubbard Hall. The National Weather Service predicts snow today and tonight.

Saturday

"Storm Over Asia"

There will be a screening of this 1928 Russian epic about rebellion in Mongolia. Professor Jane Knox-Voina will lead a discussion. Free with Bowdoin ID.
EVENING STAR CINEMA,
10:30 A.M.

State Radio Concert

With a unique sound and songs about current political issues, State Radio will perform with special guest Pete Kilpatrick. Tickets (\$3) are available at the Info Desk.
SARGENT GYMNASIUM,
8 P.M.

Sunday

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team takes on the University of Maine at Presque Isle.
MORRELL GYMNASIUM,
5 P.M.

Tuesday

Richard Judd Speech

A professor at the University of Maine, Judd will give a lecture titled "The Untilled Garden: Science, Religion and Conservation in Nineteenth-Century America."
ROOM 4, DRUCKENMILLER HALL,
4 P.M.

Wednesday

Gerry Bigelow Lecture

Archaeologist Gerry Bigelow will deliver a lecture titled "Researching a Buried Township in Northernmost Scotland: The Archaeology of Sandstorms in the Little Ice Age."
CONFERENCE ROOM WEST,
HUBBARD HALL,
7-8 P.M.

Thursday

"Africana Studies: The State of the Field"

Africana studies scholars from various universities will participate in this public symposium. A reception will follow.
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
4 P.M.

"Terje Vigen"

A 1917 silent film that is an interpretation of Tancrea Ibsen's poem about a fisherman captured during the Napoleonic Wars.
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.



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Sean Murphy '09 and Bernardo Guzman '08 of Xeno Groove Quartet perform in the pub Thursday night.



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College seeks birth control solution



by Anne Riley
ORIENT STAFF

Since the College lost its contract with contraceptive manufacturer Organon last week due to the rising cost of prescription medications, college administrators and the staff of Dudley Coe Health Center have been working to get birth control back on the shelves.

"Students' health and well-being is first and foremost," said

Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett.

"We recognize that students are upset, but it wasn't intentional," she said. "The rising cost of drugs is impacting everyone."

According to Student Health Program Administrator Caitlin Guthheil, Organon had been providing oral contraceptives Desogen and Cyclessa to the health center for about \$1.80 a pack and the NuvaRing for about \$3 a pack. At

that price, the College had been able to cover the costs and distribute the medications to women on campus free of charge.

However, the price of prescription medication has risen drastically since the College developed its contract with Organon around 2004, and the same products are now sold for more than \$20 a pack for oral contraceptives and \$30 a pack for the NuvaRing.

"They've contacted us and said,

basically, 'the deal's over,'" Guthheil said.

In a December 2005 interview, former College Physician and Director of the Health Center Jeff Benson said that birth control was, by far, the most commonly prescribed medication at the health center.

Benson's abrupt departure from his post at the health center and the

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING

BSG voices J-Board concerns

by Sam Waxman
ORIENT STAFF

The lack of transparency in Judicial Board elections has prompted the Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) to try to change the committee's policies.

Members of BSG voiced concerns that neither BSG nor the campus community as a whole has enough say in the elections, especially when the board makes decisions that

TRANSPARENCY ISSUE

At Wednesday's meeting, BSG leaders said the J-Board process needs an increased level of transparency.

impact students' lives.

"It needs to be a more holistic process, if any committee affects diverse groups on campus," Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 said.

Currently, the Judicial Board

chooses its own members during closed proceedings. The only non-member to take part in the meetings is BSG President DeRay McKesson '07, who is present, but cannot approve candidates.

"I cannot participate and cannot vote. It's pointless," McKesson said. "More people should be included in the process."

BSG then approves Judicial Board

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Body approves Community Response Committee

BSG unanimously voted to adopt the Community Response Committee (CRC) proposal put forth at its meeting Wednesday.

According to its official mandate, the committee will consider issues it deems humanitarian crises and to suggest a College response, including "educational, fiscal, administra-

tive, and other types of College activity, as needed."

Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '07 stressed that this committee must be a campus-wide endeavor.

"There always has to be a public phase and a private phase [to] allow people to get engaged and involved,"

he said.

The CRC will consist of three student members, three faculty members, and two additional staff members. One staff member and one student will serve as co-chairs.

The response would come as a

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Plan set for new multicultural house

Dean says scheme for 30 College St. reflects student input

by Anna Karass
ORIENT STAFF

The College has unveiled plans for renovations for 30 College St. The building, which currently has nine residential units, will provide a new home in the 2007-2008 academic year for the student multicultural organizations that currently use Boody-Johnson House.

On February 2, Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett shared the plans, drafted by a local architect, for the renovation of 30 College St. with the student groups that will no longer have access to Boody-Johnson House.



Margot D. Miller, The Bowdoin Orient Multicultural groups will move to 30 College St. from Boody-Johnson.

"I had a meeting with them to put my designs on the table to get their feedback. I gave the plans to Hillel and offered other club leaders the plans to take back to their groups,"

Hazlett said.

According to Hazlett, the plans for 30 College St. strongly reflect the input of students.

"We got a sense of what the needs were," said Hazlett. "Then we sort of prioritized those needs."

President of the African-American Society Dudney Sylla '08, who attended the meeting with Hazlett, believes that with the renovations, 30 College St. can accommodate the needs of Bowdoin's multicultural groups.

"Progress has been made," Sylla said. "They tossed out some plans. I got the impression that students were okay with it. The dean's office indicated that it was a more a temporary solution until we can get to a more advanced cultural center."

Despite the efforts of the College to include students from multicultural groups in discussions regarding the renovation plans for 30 College St., not everyone is enthusiastic about the administration's plans.

Chris Lew '09, the Asian Student Association (ASA) Boody-Johnson House representative, believes that the administration failed to adequately inform students of the meeting to present the architect's proposal.

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Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Maine and Winthrop halls are now undergoing renovations, after housing first years in the fall. Their residents moved to Moore and Coleman halls over break.

First years adjust to remodeled dorms

by Emily Guerin
ORIENT STAFF

Settling into a new living space is a challenge that is inherent to the experience of all college first years. But after going through the ordeal twice, the occupants of Moore and Coleman halls may be getting the hang of it.

With Maine and Winthrop undergoing renovation, students who lived in those dorms during the fall had to leave and move into the newly reno-

vated Moore and Coleman for the spring semester. Despite a few complaints about having to pack up their rooms during finals, most students say they are pleased with their new living situation.

Students cited the spacious public study rooms as well as individual common rooms as some of the best features of the new dorms. Cam Swirka '10, who lives in Moore, said he appreciated the "huge common

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Board of Trustees meeting to focus on student aid

Trustees will also vote on tenure appointments

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

The Board of Trustees will meet this weekend to discuss faculty tenure, financial aid, and the College's budget.

Starting today, the Trustees will break up into committees, which include financial planning, student affairs, and academic affairs.

Tomorrow, the Trustees will con-

vene for a plenary session, to discuss a broad topic. While last May's meeting focused on Darfur, this weekend's topic is financial aid.

"It's an ongoing issue that takes staying in touch with to understand the dynamics of it," said Secretary of the College Dick Mersereau. "It's typical for a topic that trustees are going to focus on."

Joking that they were not going to be focusing on room draw or parking, he added that the issue, if not global, would at least be "something fundamentally important and fairly compli-

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A capella group to spread the love at Valentine's concert.

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FACULTY MEETING

Faculty discuss budget, dean position creation

by Bobby Guerette
and Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

The administration is proposing a \$111 million budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, representing a 5.5 percent increase over the current fiscal year. Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Katy Longley said at Monday's faculty meeting.

The budget proposal maintains need blind admissions, and projects maintaining an enrollment of 1,700 students and a first-year class of 475 students.

Longley said she hoped any increase in the comprehensive fee will total less than the 5.5 percent rise for the current fiscal year.

One notable category increase includes a 5 percent rise in the library materials budget, which has remained flat in recent years.

The capital expenses portion of the budget foresees the renovation of Adams Hall, which is expected to begin as soon as the construction on Maine Hall and Winthrop Hall is complete.

Longley said challenges in the budget include health benefits, which grew to 6 percent of the operating budget, and utility expenses, which are expected to cost \$5.5 million.

The proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees this weekend, and will be put to a final vote at the board's May meeting.

In her presentation to the faculty, Longley also detailed previously reported intentions to acquire more than 434 acres of land from the federal government at the

Brunswick Naval Air Station site. No major development plans currently exist for most of the land. Possible uses include playing fields, environmental classrooms, and off-campus Information Technology facilities.

In other news, Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd outlined plans for a restructuring of the Office of the Dean for Academic Affairs.

The proposal includes the creation of a full-time, non-tenure-track associate dean for curriculum position.

Responsibilities for the dean would include curriculum oversight and student academic support. The dean would also act as a liaison with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

The College hopes to have the new dean installed by July 1.

Judd said that the creation of the new position was planned before the announcement that Dean for Academic Advancement Kassie Freeman would be departing the College.

Also, the Research Oversight Committee presented an update on the College's new policies on human and animal research. Professor of Biology and Neuroscience Patsy Dickinson said the new approval procedures adhere to moral and legal concerns. The procedures apply to both faculty and students completing certain research projects that include either human or animal subjects.

Also, Associate Professor of Film Studies Tricia Welsh urged faculty to encourage students to apply for post-graduate fellowships.

BSG debates J-Board selection process

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candidates, but there is no room for debate when the Judicial Board comes before it.

Members of BSG are seeking to increase both BSG's role in the election process, and that of the entire campus community, especially in the early stages of the process.

"There should be public time early in the process, if you know something that would bring the character of any candidate into question, bring it forward. I think that could be important," said At-Large Representative Sophia Seifert '09.

Clark Gascoigne, Class of 2008 representative, advised the BSG to take an active role.

"Maybe we should be appointing them. We are the elected body on campus," he said.

Brooks said that although he thought BSG should have a role in the process, the College should not use a "majority rule" system.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07 suggested forming a committee of "two [members] from BSG, three from the J-Board, some faculty and staff" to monitor the progress of the Judicial Board elections.

In an e-mail, Class Representative Sam Dinning '09 questioned the merits of opening Judicial Board proceedings to the public for fear of character assassination, citing "the potential for this forum to be used as a way of personally attacking an individual."

Longfellow Days celebrate poet's bicentennial birthday

Art professor Wethli
commissioned to create
plaque for downtown

by Nick Day
ORIENT STAFF

The bicentennial celebration of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's birthday will include lectures, poetry readings, performances, and yes, even cake.

The third annual Longfellow Days: the annual celebration of community runs from February 10 through February 27 and honors the life and work of the world-renowned poet, Maine native, and graduate of the Class of 1825. The events are sponsored by Bowdoin and the Brunswick Downtown Association.

Unlike previous years' events, when the celebrations centered around a specific Longfellow poem, this year's festivities emphasize his overall legacy.

"Instead of picking a specific poem, we chose to honor the 200th birthday of Longfellow in a more general sense," said Claudia Knox of the Brunswick Downtown Association.

Planned events will be held on the Bowdoin campus and at several Longfellow locations. According to Knox, this will help to "bridge the gap between Bowdoin and the rest of the Brunswick community in a meaningful sort of way." All of the events are free, another way in which Knox said the celebration will bring the community together.

"We didn't want cost to be an inhibitor to celebrating," Knox said.

The Longfellow Days kick off with Brunswick and Topsham events on February 10 with a poetry slam and a documentary about one of Longfellow's best-known poems, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere."

On February 23, noted biographers Charles Calhoun and Christoph Irmischer will present a joint lecture, "Longfellow at 200: Why Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Was the Most Famous Bowdoin Graduate Ever." Calhoun, author of "Longfellow: A Life Rediscovered," and Irmischer, "Longfellow Redux," have each written extensively on the life and works of Longfellow.

"The common myth about Longfellow is that he was a stuffy

All that inhabit this great earth,
Whatever be their rank or worth,
Are kindred and allied by birth,
And made of the same clay.

Henry W. Longfellow.
Henry W. Longfellow

Courtesy of Mark Wethli

Created by Professor of Art Mark Wethli and students, this plaque features an excerpt from Longfellow's poem "Keramos."

Victorian with a long beard who wrote sentimental ditties," Irmischer wrote in an e-mail to the Orient. Instead, Irmischer asserts that the work of Longfellow was intended to be read by the common man, regardless of social class or educational background.

"[His work] was meant for the masses...[he] saw to it that so many of his books were available in editions that were affordable. He was a poet of the people."

Following the lecture by Calhoun and Irmischer, current Bowdoin students will read several of Longfellow's student letters, including one addressed to his sister and another to his parents. In them, he eloquently and affectionately describes daily life at the College, his living situation, and his studies. (He writes to his parents, "I find I have sufficient time for the preparation of my lessons and for amusement.")

On Saturday, February 24 in Kresge Auditorium, performances by Maine's Poet Laureate Betsy Scholl, a Topsham ballet school, the Bowdoin woodwinds, and the campus a capella group The Longfellows, will honor Longfellow through verse, dance, and song.

On February 26, a facsimile of a bronze plaque commemorating Longfellow with a short excerpt from his poem, "Keramos," will be unveiled at a Brunswick town meeting. Crafted by Lily Abt '08, Mina Bartovics '07, Emma Sears '06, Allegra Spalding '08, Sean Sullivan '08, Kerry Twombly '08, Mary Vargo '06, and Professor of Art Mark Wethli, the plaque will be set into the lower Maine Street sidewalk (between Pleasant Street

and Mason Street) this spring or summer.

The Longfellow plaque is the first in a series of four as part of a planned downtown literary arts walk. The other plaques will commemorate Nathaniel Hawthorne (Class of 1825), Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Robert P.T. Coffin (Class of 1915), all respected and well-known authors.

"Because Brunswick is such a historical town, [we] wanted to make a meaningful monument" said Bartovics. "The hope is that people will pause to read these plaques, and take a moment to think about what each one says."

Professor Wethli sees the plaques as "an expression of civic pride in these authors' ties to Brunswick."

"I'm very proud of the work this group of students accomplished together, and delighted that their designs, as well as the words and sentiments they convey, will add something to the community of Brunswick for many years to come," added Wethli.

The Longfellow Days will conclude on February 27—Longfellow's actual birthday—with a poetry reading by Brunswick fourth-grader students at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Pleasant Street. Cake, courtesy of Wild Oats Bakery, will be served afterward.

"Our approach has been that the Longfellow Days should be about fun," said Knox. "It should be about getting together, exchanging ideas, and having a good time, especially in the middle of winter."

A full schedule is linked to from the Orient's Web site, <http://ori.ent.bowdoin.edu>.

Seven faculty members up for tenure at trustee meetings

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cated."

A final vote regarding tenure nominations will also occur this weekend, after many months of work. The academic affairs committee, after having listened to tenure presentations with Dean of Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd, voted in January to grant tenure to seven candidates that were recommended to them. The nominations are confidential until after the Trustees' vote.

The Trustees' executive committee heard the recommendations of the academic affairs committee, and voted to advise the Trustees to endorse this recommendation. The vote this weekend will probably take place very quickly, according

to Mersereau, but only on account of the months of work that have been put in already.

"By the time it gets to the full board, most of the questions have been answered," he said. "The idea is not to have a town meeting, but to figure it out ahead of time and come to some agreements, then move forward."

The same process applies for the financial planning committee, in terms of decisions about the budget.

Though students may not see many trustees while they are on campus, they still have a stake in some of the decisions that are made by the board. Most committees include one faculty member and two students.

"The process is a lot more trans-

parent [here] than at a lot of other colleges," said Mersereau.

Though the first meeting of the academic year was conducted at The Bowdoin Campaign kickoff in Boston, the meetings usually take place on campus. According to Mersereau, this is done so that trustees will have a chance to see the campus, see what changes have been made since their last visit, and interact with as many students and faculty as time allows.

Though this weekend's meeting will follow the same structure as most previous trustee meetings, the focus of the dinners, discussions, and events will be on the school's most currently pressing issues.

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Dump and Run logistics handed to non-profits



Courtesy of Bowdoin College

Items abandoned by students await sale at the Dump and Run at Dayton Arena. Starting this spring, the College will no longer coordinate the sale, and will instead delegate control to a group of non-profits.

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

This June, the College will no longer coordinate the annual Dump and Run sale. Instead, a group of non-profit organizations are taking control of the event, now known as Give and Go.

Since 2002, the Dump and Run sale has allowed students to recycle items that they can't fit to bring home or don't want anymore. Students discard their belongings at drop-off sites around the dorms and these objects are sorted and resold in the Dayton Ice Arena.

Coordinator for Sustainable Bowdoin Keisha Payson said that the College will still help and provide access to certain facilities, but that it can't maintain the program on its own. Consequently, the non-profit organizations in charge will have to cover rental fees, liability insurance, and other costs.

"It's a lot of work to organize and there's really only one person who works in Sustainable Bowdoin. I'll still participate, maybe eight hours a week to plan and then on the days of the sales, as well," said Payson.

Bowdoin requested that local non-profits submit proposals to make a commitment to take over the pro-

gram. Two groups submitted proposals: Sweetser, a mental health treatment and support organization, and another group composed of members of various nonprofits who decided to pool their resources and efforts.

The College chose the committee representing several local nonprofits, including A Paw in the Door (a Bath-based organization that provides free spaying and neutering for pets owned by low-income families), the Eagles Wrestling Club, Daughters of Isabella (a Catholic women's organization), and the American Legion Post 171.

"A committee like this is good because everyone has their strengths. Everyone is able to bring something to the table," said Joanne Adams from A Paw in the Door.

Participants said that Give and Go is advantageous because, as opposed to each group having small yard sales or events, the event allows many nonprofits to earn money for their organization without investment. When the profits are split, each group can receive compensation for up to 100 hours, which is crucial to those without government funding.

The committee said it would prefer Bowdoin continue running the event, but appreciated that Bowdoin would then hold the ultimate respon-

sibility of staff, insurance, and coordination.

"I see that [Payson's] job is recycling and the end of the school year seems like a major time for her. To be really focused on this project took away from her job, but her enthusiasm in getting it started has set it up to be a win-win situation for both the school and the community," said Linda Blanton of the committee.

Before Dump and Run, students threw all their belongings into dumpsters outside their dorms or apartment buildings. Other students and members of the community would dive into the dumpsters and rummage for goods, while the remains went to the landfill. Mike Taylor, representing the Eagles Wrestling Club, said he used to watch dozens of people a day stop by the dumpsters while he worked on campus.

Payson originally got the idea from other colleges, including Bates College, whose Dump and Run was student-run until two years ago.

"I saw lots of good things going into the dumpsters. The community would come and try to pick things out, so this seemed like a more logical way to capture all that stuff, hold a big yard sale, and let the nonprofits benefit," said Payson.

Bates Environmental Coordinator

Julie Rosenbach said Bates's event is still financially run by that college, but that she likes Bowdoin's idea to transfer the responsibility to the nonprofits.

In 2006, 35 nonprofit organizations participated, contributing 2,322 volunteer hours and raising \$35,310 in profits. Revenue has risen each year, as only \$12,000 was raised in 2002.

For previous Dump and Runs, Payson said that the College played a fundamental role in collecting, sorting, and arranging the objects to "essentially create a mini department store."

Adams and others commented on the extensive collection of usable items they find each year. By sifting through the heaps, volunteers find dishes and utensils taken from the dining hall, IT Ethernet and TV cables, and jerseys and sports gear from athletics. All food items and toiletries are donated to the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Center in Brunswick, and left over clothing and items are donated to other nonprofits.

The College will still cover some expenses, including those for Facilities to clean and set up the hockey rink, but will seek reimbursement from the profits.

But the committee will have to pay

other costs for the event. Dayton Arena will be rented for a month and a half, there is liability insurance to buy, and other administrative expenses and duties to cover.

However, the committee, composed of Dump and Run veterans, said the process should not change much this year.

Collection boxes will start circulating the dorms in mid-May, and collection begins May 19. The sale will be advertised in local papers and the town, open for Bowdoin students on Friday, June 8, and then for the campus and Brunswick community on Saturday, June 9.

"I think pretty much everybody has thought it's amazing, that it's great to do this to prevent throwing items in the landfill, and the nonprofits raise money through their labor. Really, it's thanks to the generosity of the Bowdoin students," said Payson.

Although the committee will certainly miss Bowdoin's coordination of the project, the members are eager to carry on this year.

"I really believe in the recycling. I think it's so wonderful that these things aren't going into the dumpsters or landfills," said Blanton. "It is fun and we're going to have a good time."

CORRECTIONS

Incorrect legal interpretation, class year

"BSG says returning juniors remain ineligible for office" (1/26) should have stated that an "entire academic year" provision is included in the election rules, not in the constitution. Also, Sam Dinning is a BSG representative for the Class of 2009, not 2008.

Wrong name

A photo caption for the story "Grey's" star Dempsey could go polar" (2/2) misidentified Elise Krob '10.

Headline mistake

The headline for a story on a recent sustainability report (2/2) should have indicated that the College received a 'B-' on overall environmental practices, not endowment practices. The College received lower grades on sustainable endowment practices.

Editor's note

Due to space limitations, in "BSG resolves 2008 representative election controversy" (2/2), explanation of the election controversy debate was truncated. In addition to officers from the Class of 2008, Nate Tavel '08 attended the meeting to urge the body to expand its interpretation of election rules.

Send correction suggestions to orient@bowdoin.edu.

Dems, Bush push for increase in grant aid

by Adam Kommel
ORIENT STAFF

The maximum Pell Grant is likely to increase for the first time in four years, thanks to both Congress and President Bush.

Pell grants are need-based aid given by the federal government to post-secondary students.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted on Wednesday, January 31, to increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$260 to \$4,310 for the 2007 budget.

This Monday, Bush took the Pell Grant a step further, proposing an increase to \$4,600 for the 2008 fiscal year.

Bush also set a schedule to ultimately increase the Pell Grant to \$5,400 by 2012.

Democrats charge Bush is paying for the boost by diverting funds from other higher education grant programs, primarily the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, a grant for students with exceptionally high financial need.

In contrast, the Democrat-led increase approved by the House would not cut funding from any

other education program. The House increase will instead use funds gained from eliminating most earmarks in the budget and by moving out of the bill money that the government would have spent on military base closings, according to a report on the Web site InsideHigherEd.com.

Director of Student Aid Stephen Joyce said on Monday, before Bush's announcement, that although a raise of \$260 may seem like a small amount, when multiplied over all recipients, the increase can make a serious impact.

A student's Pell Grant is dependent on a two-factor schedule: the expected family contribution and the cost of attending the student's school.

Joyce said he believes that although only the maximum grant will be increased, all recipients can expect a \$260 bump in their grants.

Joyce said that about 210 students at Bowdoin receive Pell Grants.

If each of their grants is increased by \$260, the Pell Grant program will distribute more than \$54,000 to Bowdoin students.

Because Bowdoin meets students' full financial need, the proposed increase in Pell Grant size actually means that money that Bowdoin would have otherwise supplied will now be given by the federal government.

However, Joyce noted that Bowdoin students will not benefit as much as most eligible college students.

"Bowdoin meets full need, so if the Pell Grant weren't there we would find some way to make sure that we funded their full financial need," he said.

Because Bowdoin meets full need, the increase in the Pell Grant size actually means that money that Bowdoin would have other-

wise supplied will now be given by the federal government.

The net effect of this situation is that eligible Bowdoin students will be negligibly affected by any increase to the Pell Grant, while the College will reap the benefits.

"That \$50,000 could be spent in other ways," said Joyce, when asked if the savings would be reinvested in financial aid.

The House passed the bill by a vote of 286-140, but the Senate has not yet agreed to the House's measure.

However, it is likely to do so, according to Inside Higher Ed and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Approval should come by February 15.

Bush's proposal, however, is far from implementation.

According to Inside Higher Ed, presidential budget requests like Bush's Department of Education proposal are often used only as starting points for extensive debate.

"Budgets often don't materialize," said Joyce on Wednesday.

"The key is still how to pay for this and what would be sacrificed," he said.

30 College St. will be interim space for multicultural groups

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"I hardly know at all what is happening. I am really disappointed that no one has taken the time to tell us what is going on," Lew said.

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) President DeRay McKesson '07 also voiced his concern regarding the changes to 30 College St.

"The people who were considered the appropriate students to be met with was limited," McKesson said.

"The cultural groups were involved to some extent, but this is clearly an issue which affects the campus. In the move, 30 College St. will be off the [housing lottery] and that affects the whole campus. I don't think the people who represent the campus were there," he said.

The plans for 30 College St. include a communal kitchen and dining area downstairs, as well as a large common space that could accommodate group functions. In particular, Hazlett cited

a need for study and prayer space for students.

"The proposal is to bump out the house [toward] the garage, move the kitchen to the larger, brighter social room of the house. We want to make a large programming space that could seat 30 people," Hazlett said.

She also noted the possibility of a second design that would include turning the garage into a dining area so that the building could accommodate two separate social spaces.

The other floors of 30 College St. would not undergo significant renovations. The upstairs would be used as office space for various multicultural organizations. There would also be a few residential spaces.

The building will also comply with Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Upstairs there wouldn't be any physical or structural changes, but there would be offices," Hazlett said.

For Hazlett, the question is not whether the renovations will take

place, but when.

"The cost is the next phase," she said. "We wanted to know what we could do with the space. Now that we have plans, we can price it out and see how much it costs."

While BSG Vice President of Facilities Will Donahoe '08 supports the College's renovation plans, he believes it is important that they are shared with the entire Bowdoin community.

"Per what they were talking about, it sounds like they have a pretty amazing plan. Now I think they should have a formal announcement to campus," he said.

While Hazlett recognizes that not all student groups are eager to move their headquarters to 30 College St., it can serve as an interim solution.

"I think there is an underlying agreement that neither Johnson-Boddy House or this space [30 College St.] is ideal, but as an interim space—there is an opportunity to bring more groups together," she said.

BSG's response committee will act on 'humanitarian crises'

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recommendation to the president of the College.

However, BSG struggled to define "humanitarian crisis" and how a suggested issue's pertinence to the board's mission should be determined.

At-Large Representative Sophia Seifert '09 echoed the general opinion of the BSG that an issue for the board must "show there is some sort of crisis, with some legitimate research showing it is nonpolitical."

Concerned about vague definitions, Class Representative Ben Freedman '09 cautioned against "writing in the ambiguity we're trying to eliminate from the J-Board."

Brooks presented two amend-

ments to the original proposal one defines "humanitarian crisis" as "an urgent situation negatively affecting human life in a significant way," and the second states that "concerns must be well researched and formally presented."

Both of these measures passed, although the former was a close vote of 12-10 due to questions about the appropriateness of the word "urgent."

Matt Martin '07, a guest for "public comment" at the meeting, put forth suggestions for increasing the committee's effectiveness, including coordinating efforts with other comparable institutions and securing alumni involvement in the board's efforts.

In other business, BSG will begin

an appointment process, instead of an election, for the Class of 2008 representative seat vacated by Emma Drago.

BSG voted previously to interpret that the election rules prohibit potential candidates who have not been on campus for the entire year to run for office.

However, as no one attended any of the three information sessions that the BSG held for potential candidates, the candidate pool will now be enlarged to include juniors who were abroad last semester.

Brooks acknowledged a need for election reform, citing the need for an "amendment to the constitution to deal with resignation."

—Sam Waxman



Courtesy of Alyssa Phanidasack

First years living in Maine Hall decorated the walls before renovations began. Renovations on Maine and Winthrop halls will be completed in the fall.

New dorms bring perks, disappointment

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rooms" located at the end of each floor.

James Ecker '10 appreciated the extra living space, but said that the bedrooms in Moore were much smaller than in Maine.

Jane Koopman '10, a Coleman resident, agreed that the bedrooms felt small compared to Winthrop, which had the same floor plan as Maine, especially because she lived in a double there.

"The two-room doubles in Winthrop had more privacy," she said.

Abbie Mitchell '10 said that there was more storage space in the doubles in Maine, while Alex Locke '10 had to send home two boxes of things that she could not fit into her new room in Moore.

Despite these concerns, students reported that they like the wide hallways in the new dorms. The north and south sides of both Maine and Winthrop halls had been divided by a bathroom that also serves as hallways between the two sides.

"The hallways are awesome," said Ingrid Alquist '10, who lives in Moore.

Bathrooms were also a plus. Caitlin Stauder '10, also in Moore, said that the new bathrooms are much cleaner, and she appreciates not having to share them with men.

Mark Bellis '10 said that because Coleman was so clean when he moved in, there is an incentive to keep it that way. Mitchell said that she appreciates being able to walk around barefoot.

Students said that initially wireless Internet and hot water did not work in Coleman, and wireless was a problem in Moore. Both problems have since been resolved.

Because the rooms in Maine and Winthrop were doubles and triples, students acquired new roommates

when they moved into the quads in Moore and Coleman.

Kim Pacelli, director of residential life, said in an e-mail that students for the most part kept their same roommates and joined with another roommate pair.

"In some cases, the arithmetic worked such that we had a group of two and three (five total) moving into one room and a group of three moving into another room," she said.

"In those cases, we worked with all eight students on the floor to see if there was a natural person to switch roommates and join with the group of three," she said.

Stauder said she did not mind moving in with two new people because she lived on the same floor in Maine as her new roommates. "We were sort of living together already," she said. Alquist also said she was close with her new roommates before the move.

Along with the first-years, there are two rooms for juniors in the basement of Coleman. Knowing that Coleman and Moore were being renovated, Julia Ledewitz '08 requested to live in a freshman dorm on her return from abroad. She lives in one of the larger end-rooms with one other person.

Ledewitz said that the dorm was probably some of the nicer housing on campus, and was pleased with her placement.

"The common space is really nice," she said. "It doesn't feel like a basement."

Though appreciative of the new dorms, some students said they would have been content to stay in Maine or Winthrop.

Alyssa Phanidasack '10 said that she missed the character of Maine, and Claire Ronan '10 said that Winthrop was homier than Coleman. Two students said they missed being on the quad. Locke said that what she missed most about Maine was the ivy.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 2/1 TO 2/8

Thursday, February 1

•A hockey player who was hit in the nose with a puck was transported to Mid Coast Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

Friday, February 2

•A security vehicle was damaged when it struck a tree in the Pine Street Apartments parking lot. The officer was not injured.

•A Brunswick Apartments student with a shoulder injury was transported to the Dudley Coe Health Center by a security officer.

•A security officer discovered the remnants of an unauthorized bonfire at Pine Street Apartments.

•A Brunswick Apartments student complaining of nausea and abdominal pain was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event on the third floor of Coleman Hall. Two students were held responsible for the alcohol policy violation.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event on the second floor of Moore Hall. Three students were held responsible for the alcohol policy violation.

Saturday, February 3

•At 1 a.m. Saturday, a student reported that a stained glass window at Baxter House was smashed out. The investigation identified a student responsible for throwing a beer bottle through the window. A report was filed with the Office for the Dean of Student Affairs.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event on the first floor of Stowe Hall. Two students were held responsible for the alcohol policy violation.

•A fresh water pearl and gold bracelet was found on the Sargent Gym floor following a concert. The item may be claimed at the security office.

Sunday, February 4

•A student reported that a wooden panel had been kicked out of the main door at Baxter House.

Monday, February 5

•A security officer transported a student with a swollen foot from Chamberlain Hall to Parkview Hospital.

•A fire alarm in West Hall was activated by steam from a boiling coffee pot.

•A security camera in the lobby of East Hall was vandalized.

•A staff member reported receiving a vulgar phone message from an unidentified person.

•A security officer transported a student with a facial laceration from Morrell Gymnasium to Parkview Hospital.

•A student reported that his biological psychology textbook was stolen from a computer workstation at Smith Union.

•A student reported that her light blue North Face down jacket was taken from the Thorne Dining coat rack around 7 p.m. The jacket contained a black Samsung cell phone.

•The manager of Magee's Pub reported a possible unauthorized entry into the bar area late Saturday or early Sunday.

Thursday, February 8

•A staff member turned in a cell phone that was found at Thorne Dining Hall.

•A housekeeping staff person reported that ceiling tiles in a men's room in Druckenmiller Hall had been tampered with.

•The fire alarm in Coles Tower was activated by a person cooking food on the 16th floor.

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Bowdoin may help create consortium to get cheap birth control; prescriptions are temporary solution

CONTROL, from page 1

College's sudden loss of its birth control contract one week later were in no way related, Hazlett said.

According to Staff Nurse and Clinical Care Coordinator Wendy Sansone, the health center ordered 1,632 packs of Desogen, 960 packs of Cyclesse, and 1,386 NuvaRings in 2006.

In-stock Cyclesse will be available through the end of the semester. Plan B emergency contraception, which is not supplied by Organon, will also still be available. While it is now distributed free of charge, the price is going to increase, according to Sansone.

"We are not sure how we will manage that increase, which is significant," she said.

The health center staff is working to find a solution to the recent distribution halt. According to Guthiel, the staff is considering buying generic versions of the previously offered contraceptives, and is also working with other Maine schools to create a consortium that could save money by purchasing birth

control in bulk.

The idea to collaborate with other schools was suggested to Bowdoin via e-mail by staff at the University of Maine-Farmington. As the staff of the Bowdoin health center began discussing this possibility with neighboring schools, it became apparent that Bowdoin is one of the few colleges to have offered birth control free of charge, Guthiel said.

Bates College, which has also lost its contract with Organon, used to offer oral contraceptives to students at the low cost of \$2 to \$5 a pack.

"As our supplies run out, we won't be able to do it anymore," said Bates College Health Educator Cindy Visbaras in a phone interview with the Orient.

"It's a nationwide problem," Visbaras added. "I think they've pretty much just let their contracts expire."

Until a more permanent solution is found, the Dudley Coe Health Center will be writing prescriptions for students that can be filled at any local pharmacy.

"This was such short notice, or we

would have planned ahead," Hazlett said.

Tara D'Errico '08 is not satisfied with the temporary solution.

"There are many Bowdoin students who are still under their parents' health insurance plans, and many of these girls would probably prefer not to have their parents know they are on birth control," D'Errico said. "I think girls in general would be less hesitant to go and get birth control if they knew it was completely confidential."

Sophomore Shelley Barron agreed with D'Errico, calling the current situation "unfortunate."

"The issue of getting a prescription, taking it to town, waiting to get it filled, seeing if your insurance is going to cover it—that whole process was simplified a lot by the health center," Barron said. "Even if students are going to have to pay for [birth control] in the future, having it there will make things easier."

Although students can opt to pay for the prescriptions themselves at local pharmacies instead of using their parents' insurance and paying only a

co-pay, such a plan could be costly. The prices for a one-month supply of Desogen, Cyclesse, and NuvaRing at CVS without a prescription plan are \$50.99, \$59.59, and \$49.79, respectively. At Planned Parenthood, the cost of contraceptives is based on a sliding fee scale and depends on the customer's income. According to staff members at Planned Parenthood in Portland, the majority of students can expect to pay about \$12 a pack for oral contraceptives and \$15 a pack for the NuvaRing.

Some students said they wondered why the health center chose not to continue buying birth control from Organon at full price and offer it to students at that cost until a better plan could be negotiated.

In response, Guthiel said that "the health center isn't set up to operate as a pharmacy or to bill students' insurance, so that's not an option we pursued."

While a number of students are upset about the sudden change in distribution policy, many understand that the change in contract was, in many ways,

out of the College's hands.

"While we are still upset about the situation, it sounds like the administration is doing everything they can to figure out a new plan that will work best for the Bowdoin community," said Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) Treasurer Becca Ginsberg '07.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 agreed.

"From my understanding, this is truly no one's fault and we'll all have to be patient as the College begins to creatively work to resume contraceptive distribution," he said.

Bowdoin Women's Association (BWA) Chair Cassia Roth '08 is working alongside the health center to ensure that women on campus know what this change in policy entails and what options are available.

With a public question-and-answer session planned, the BWA hopes "to let the campus know what their options are for obtaining birth control, and that it is not impossible to get it," Roth said.

"A lot of people are not in the know," she said.

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FEATURES

Six claim their birthright in Israel

by Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Six Bowdoin students went on a 10-day excursion to Israel during Winter Break, and now they wonder why any Jewish student would not take a vacation like theirs.

After all, the trip is free.

As long as travelers are Jewish, between 18 and 26 years old, and have never been to Israel with a peer educational group before, the organization Taglit-birthright israel will pay for almost all travel expenses, including food, hotel, and transportation costs.

The Bowdoin students thought the trip was particularly interesting because they had been learning about Israel for so long.

"You go there, and you already know a lot about it, but you don't know what to expect," Casey Dlott '07 says.

For instance, Lowell Walker '07 says that he was expecting to eat bagels.

Then I found out those were invented in New York," he adds lightly.

On its Web site, Taglit-birthright israel says that it operates on the belief that it is every Jewish person's birthright to travel to Israel. The journey is paid for by the Israeli Government, North American Jewish Federations, and private philanthropists. So far, the organization has paid for over 120,000 people to travel to Israel.

Dlott and Walker were accompanied on the trip by Jeanette Goldwasser '10, Becca Van Horn '09, Shelly Goulder '07, Jordan Krechmer '07. In Israel, six students joined a group of about 40 American students from small colleges.

"We bonded with other people from schools without a lot of Jews," Krechmer says.

The group traveled around the country in a bus, and visited Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Golan Heights, drove along the Jordan Valley, took a boat



Courtesy of Jordan Krechmer

Camel riding was just one item on seniors Shelley Goulder and Casey Dlott's busy itinerary in Israel. They are two of the six Bowdoin students who went on a birthright trip to Israel during Winter Break, which was paid for by Taglit-birthright israel.

ride on the Dead Sea, and slept in a Bedouin camp in the Negev desert.

"In one day, we saw Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan," Van Horn says.

They did not actually go to these countries, Van Horn explains, but they could see them from Golan Heights.

Although these students did not all know each other prior to the trip, they now eat dinner together every Thursday night. Judging from their irreverent comments and relaxed demeanor in a recent interview, they could pass for a group of old friends.

While they agree that the trip was valuable, they have no qualms about touching on its lighter side.

Van Horn likes the two rules that their tour guide gave them during the trip: "We are all family," and "Blessed is he who gave us elbows." She explains that the elbows are for nudging people out of the way if they get too close.

They all laugh about how people who go on the birthright trips often find romance.

But then one of them adds, "I guess we blew our chance."

Van Horn pulls a tattered, miniature notebook out of her bag that she took notes in during the trip. She flips through and exclaims, "Oh, I found the five pillars!"

She is referring to the five pillars of Judaism—memory, family, Mount Sinai, state of Israel, and Hebrew language—which were explained during a lecture on the trip.

Another student suggests that her favorite Israeli food should be the sixth pillar.

The students are particularly eager to share the knowledge about camels

that they acquired in Israel. They take turns imparting facts about the animals: Their humps are fat, not water, their knees are double-jointed to allow them to get close to the desert sand, they drink their snot, and they urinate on their legs to cool themselves.

To sum up the value of the experience, Dlott says, "The bottom line is that it's a very worthwhile trip to go on."

If you meet the requirements of the program, "there's no reason not to go," says Walker.

Your V-card: Cashing in or holding out?

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST



People come to college with varying degrees of sexual experience. Some of us have lots of it, while others arrive never having even kissed someone. Regardless of where you stood upon arrival your first year, you knew after the first few weeks of school which of your close friends were virgins and which weren't. Somehow there was an invisible line that separated the ones who'd had sex and the ones who hadn't.

Coming to college as a virgin, I secretly looked up to my friends who had had sex. Somehow I thought they were more experienced or sophisticated than me. Now I realize that this was probably not the case.

Cashing in your V-card, that is, your virginity, is a highly debated topic among high school and college students. In high school, all the "cool" kids were doing it. And in college, it feels like everyone is doing it. But, is everyone really doing it? And if they are, why are they doing it, when are they doing it, and why did they do it for the first time? A global sex survey done in 2005 by Durex (yes, the condom maker) found that the average age for losing your virginity is 17. Young people are losing their virginity at 16—earlier than older generations did.

If you could rewrite your college sex life, would you? And how would it read if you could?

I asked one of my best friends who goes to Hamilton College about losing her virginity. She said, "I was relieved to lose it. I thought to myself, 'Thank God I'm not going to be a virgin forever.'" Another friend said she wanted to have sex for the first time so she could give

advice to her friends and "finally get what everybody was talking about." Others romanticized losing their virginity, waiting until they found someone they believed they were in love with.

Regardless of how or why these girls lost their virginity, most of them said that having sex for the first time was not all it was cracked up to be. No fireworks, and certainly no orgasm. For most, especially those who were having sex with someone who was also a virgin, it was awkward to say the least. One of my guy friends, who lost his virginity his sophomore year, looking back wishes that his partner was also a virgin so that they could have "shared in the experience together." While another guy friend, who lost his virginity during his first year at college, characterized having sex for the first time as "no big deal."

Going in to senior year, most people just assume that everyone is having sex by now and that the only

ones who aren't, are those of us with religious obligations or other personal principles to uphold. But this is not true. There are plenty of people who don't have sex because they're not ready to deal with the pretty serious consequences sex involves, or they haven't found the "right" person. According to a Bowdoin survey done in 2006 by the Health and Wellness Committee, 27.6 percent of the students surveyed have sex at least twice a week, while 32.3 percent never had sex in 2006.

While sex can be fun and exciting, people who abstain from sex aren't at risk for the host of sexually transmitted diseases that sexually active people are. When you don't have sex, you don't have to worry about getting pregnant or getting somebody else pregnant. You're also not at risk for that emotional rollercoaster that comes with it. While I'm in no way anti-sex, let me ask you this: When it comes to sex, is it easier or harder to abstain in

college? Are our mothers right: Does sex really just complicate things?

D.H. Lawrence wrote in 1928: "Sex is the one thing you cannot really swindle, and it is the centre of the worst swindling of all, emotional swindling...Sex lashes out against counterfeit emotion, and is ruthless, devastating against false love." Since Lawrence's time, sex has become a cheap commodity. But don't kid yourself, sex is still a big deal—even if MTV tells us it's not. And losing your virginity is an even bigger deal. Choosing whether or not to have sex for the first time is for some people an important, life altering decision, while for others it's, simply put, "no big deal." In my time at Bowdoin, I can tell you this: Have sex because YOU want to have it, not because someone else wants you to. Have sex with someone you trust, whether it's the first time, or the hundredth time. And if you're not ready to take the plunge, don't.

Farmers' market sprouts honors research

by Margot D. Miller
ORIENT STAFF

Senior Larissa Curlik goes to the Portland Public Market every week, despite the fact that it has been closed since last summer. But shopping is not part of her agenda anyway; she goes to research the market's history and future for her honors project.

Pursuing a self-designed major in environmental design, Curlik has invested a large portion of her senior year into studying agriculture and the ways it impacts communities. Curlik's interest in local farmers' markets sprung from her frequent childhood visits to them. As a sophomore, she visited the Portland Public Market but was disappointed to see such potential being wasted.

With a course load that includes environmental science, visual art, and sociology, Curlik finds influences in many disciplines. In a recent architecture class, she studied urban planning and was able to apply it to this project.

"I learned that one institution can transform so much social and economic energy in one specific area," Curlik says.

With the assistance of her three faculty advisors, Curlik is researching the first year-round public farmers' market in Portland, which opened in the early 1800s. Initially envisioned and funded by Maine philanthropist Elizabeth B. Noyce, the market reopened in 1998. Noyce died before it opened, but she had hoped that the market would eventually revitalize the city while celebrating Maine's rich food traditions.

Upon Noyce's death, the Portland Public Market was handed over to the Libra Foundation, which Noyce

HONORS PROJECTS: ORIGINAL RESEARCH

EDITOR'S NOTE

Some seniors are finishing their Bowdoin educations by creating original honors projects that help us see the world in new and interesting ways. This is the fifth installment in a continuing series that highlights those projects.

established in 1989. Last summer the Libra Foundation sold the \$9 million structure, which was built specifically to house the farmers' market, to Guggenheim Real Estate LLC.

"I've yet to hear explicitly why the market was sold, but from what I understand, it was losing money and it seems like it was becoming too much of a financial burden," Curlik says.

Curlik is currently investigating reasons for the market's failure to sustain. The majority of her research consists of interviews with vendors who once worked at the market. She has been able to contact most of the 28 vendors with help from the director of the market, Ted Spitzer. Spitzer has catalogued magazine and newspaper articles relating to the market since its closure in the summer of 2006. His archives are essential to Curlik's research.

After conducting numerous interviews in person and through e-mails, Curlik admits that a new motivation has evolved. She describes the number of people who have poured their lives into the market and the risks they took.

"It is a challenge talking to those who were once involved in the mar-



Margot D. Miller, The Bowdoin Orient

Senior Larissa Curlik, a self-designed major in environmental design, is doing an honors project that uses the Portland Public Market, which closed last summer, to examine how agriculture impacts communities.

ket," Curlik says.

"I hear their stories and want to make sure that I do them justice," she says.

According to Curlik, several of her interviewees express interest in re-creating the market in a different location. Four of the previous vendors have banded together and moved to Monument Square with plans to re-open their businesses. Farmers and restaurant owners remain invested in this venture and

hope to see a new market impact Portland in ways that the previous one failed.

In the early years of the market, the planning board and vendors envisioned it becoming everything from a local resource to a tourist destination. However, these expectations fell short.

In response to a desire to reestablish a market Curlik says, "It could work, but it would have to be a community effort. Maine has a lot to cel-

ebate and it would be wonderful to bring that in and make a public market work in Portland."

Asked what the biggest challenge of her project is, Curlik emphasized the size of the project and discussed how difficult it is to keep revising her perspective on the market.

"This project has given me the opportunity to pursue a passion and has been the most fulfilling academic endeavor of my Bowdoin career," says Curlik.

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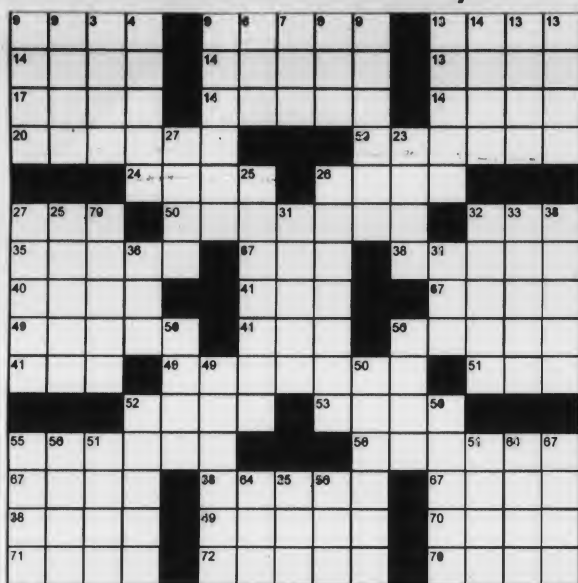
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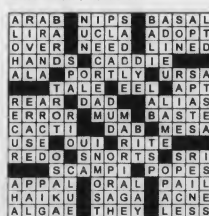
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Celebrate Valentine's Day with a cappella



Above: The Longfellows rehearse in the Bowdoin Chapel for the upcoming Val Jam. The concert will take place on February 13.

Left: Members of Miscellania gather around the piano to prepare for the concert.

Photographs by
Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

by Carolyn Williams
CONTRIBUTOR

Two of Bowdoin's a cappella groups plan on celebrating Valentine's Day early this year.

On February 13, Miscellania and The Longfellows will serenade the campus with love songs from different genres during the second-annual Val Jam.

The theme for this holiday concert? "We usually try to do more love songs," said Abbie Isaacson '08, one of the leaders of Miscellania.

As Glen Ryan '07, musical director of The Longfellows, stated more directly, "Love. The theme of life is love."

Although this concert marks only the second year of Val Jam, both groups hope to make the concert a tradition.

The Longfellows are a relatively new group at Bowdoin, and Ryan said the group wants to "establish traditions that will sustain us on campus."

Isaacson added that the concert provides a "fun thing for people to go to the day before Valentine's Day."

Ryan said that even though the concert "is a unique first" on campus, "it only makes sense to sing about love on Valentine's Day."

The concert will include a set of songs from each group and will culminate in a duet involving both Miscellania and The Longfellows. Although this year's duet remains a surprise, last year the singers

VAL JAM

When: February 13, 8 p.m.
Where: Bowdoin Chapel
Admission: Free

crooned, "You're All I Need to Get By," by Marvin Gaye.

Longfellows business manager Chase Cicchetti '09 said that Val Jam presents a unique opportunity because a cappella groups on campus "don't usually do duets with other groups."

"Expect love songs of a variety of genres," said Ryan.

Isaacson added that the Val Jam "kicks off" Bowdoin's a cappella spring season. Later this semester, Miscellania and the Longfellows will both be involved in an a cappella invitational and a spring concert with other Bowdoin singers.

This year, Val Jam will serve as a benefit concert for Safe Passage, an organization that provides support for Guatemalan children to further their education. Safe Passage was founded by the late Hanley Denning '92. Admission to the concert is free, but there will be a donation box available for those who want to contribute.

Isaacson and Ryan both agreed that "you don't need a date to go to Val Jam."

However, Ryan added, "If you are a young gentleman or lady concerned about date originality, Val Jam is, at the very least, a good start."

The concert will take place at the Chapel on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Norah Jones turns low-key on 'Late'

by Boz Karanovsky
STAFF WRITER

Jazz pianist and singer Norah Jones has been a critic's darling ever since her first album, "Come

COMMENTARY Away With Me," was released in February 2002. It blew away everyone else on the jazz scene and took home a trophy case of awards, including eight Grammys. Her sophomore effort, "Feels Like Home," changed directions from jazz to country (not severing the pop influences that marked both albums) and sold even faster than the first one. The album also earned her three Grammys.

Now Jones ventures on a different path again. Her third album, "Not Too Late," was released on January 30 and is the most subdued, personal, and independent-minded record of her career. It blurs the lines between different styles and makes it even harder for the critics to pigeonhole Jones's talent into one genre.

Maybe this can be attributed to her status in the music industry right now, which gives her the opportunity to experiment after finding mainstream success. Maybe she has become tired of her image as the "young singer taken from the '70s." Maybe she likes to emphasize her songwriting talents (all material in this album is original

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and includes no covers).

But most of all, it is likely due to the death of her longtime producer Arif Mardin last year. The Turkish-American guru of the music industry produced records for Dusty Springfield, David Bowie, Ringo Starr, Chaka Khan, Phil Collins, Aretha Franklin, the Bee Gees, Queen, and others throughout his 40-year career.

So Jones wrote and recorded the album in her home studio, collaborating with boyfriend, Lee Alexander. The result is more artsy and less nostalgic than her previous

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Miniseries 'The Pacific War' to feature alum war hero

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

On October 12, 1944, Andrew Haldane '41 was killed by a sniper's bullet during the World War II battle on Peleliu, one of the Palau islands east of the Philippines. His story doesn't end there.

Haldane's role in World War II's Pacific theater will be featured in an HBO miniseries called "The Pacific War," set to premiere in 2009.

"Even in cases when he didn't have to go into direct fire, he did," said Steve Moore, Haldane's nephew, in a phone interview. "He was always up there with his people leading the way. As a captain, he didn't have to do it."

Moore, who was born seven years after his uncle died, followed Haldane's lead and became a Marine captain. He has devoted much of his time to researching Haldane's life. When Moore provided the studio with information about his uncle, the producers decided to expand Haldane's character in the miniseries.

"The Pacific War" will tell the story of Haldane and other soldiers in a manner similar to the 2001 miniseries "Band of Brothers," which recounted the European theater of the war. Peter Ambrose, the son of historian Stephen Ambrose,



Courtesy of Steve Moore

Captain Andrew Haldane '41 coaches a fellow Marine in rifle shooting. Haldane will be featured in the upcoming HBO miniseries "The Pacific War."

is a researcher for the upcoming miniseries. "Band of Brothers" screenwriter Bruce McKenna is also writing for "The Pacific War."

Moore traces his decision to enter the Marines back to his childhood, when he saw his uncle's portrait on his grandmother's mantel. When Moore asked his grandmother who "the army man" was, she replied, "One: he's a Marine. Two: he's your uncle."

"I became a Marine that day," Moore said. "Everything good I

heard about him I associated with the Marines—his enthusiasm, companionship, brotherhood stuff. He was a strong athlete without the ego."

Haldane's athleticism and ambition made him attractive to the Marines. While at Bowdoin, Haldane was captain of the football team and president of the student council. His Marine unit, the K35 Rifle Company (Kilo Company,

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George Martinez '07

What's the best album ever made?

GM: Either The Beatles' "White Album" or "Master of Puppets" by Metallica. Everyone knows how amazing the "White Album" is, with "My Guitar Gently Weeps" and all, but "Master of Puppets" was my life in high school and is nearly flawlessly executed.

Who is the greatest living musician?

GM: Technically, I would go with John Petrucci. He is incredible on guitar and still has unique voicing in his music. However, Doug Martsch, in my opinion, deserves so much more credit than he has gotten recently. Built to Spill will rule the world.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

GM: Metallica, Summer Sanitarium. Incredible two-hour set—all old material and then an hour-long encore, which featured the heaviest-hitting songs. My friend and I couldn't speak or move our heads afterwards (yes, George Martinez was headbanging).

What is the first album you ever bought?

GM: Third Eye Blind's self-titled album. Gotta love the doo-doo-doo's on "Semi-Charmed Life."

What's your music guilty pleasure?

GM: I'm not sure how guilty this is, but I am growing more and more obsessed with the Monkees. "Hey, Hey We're the Monkees" is one of the greatest songs ever written.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

GM: The R-E-C-Y-C-L-E song from "Rocko's Modern Life." That way, we could be environmentally conscious while also trying to bring back one of the greatest cartoons ever made.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

GM: David Wright is a god—and can anyone loan me a couple hundred bucks?

Martinez's show, "The Fuzz Box," airs on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

Cerveza Fever con Weaver

by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

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Two weeks ago, I stressed the importance of putting the reconnection with friends high on the list of things to do upon returning from Winter Break. Now that the hollow "so how was your break" questions have all been asked, the icy kegs tapped, and the preliminary open bars (classily) attended, what stands chief atop the priority hill now? Why, Spring Break, of course!

That's right. Now that the novelty of new professors, different classes, and preparation-free meals has worn off, I find it somewhat ironic that what many people are looking forward to now is a two-week stint back home, away from Bowdoin. No doubt about it, the Bowdoin bubble is a great place to be. But let's be honest, that desire to get back into the academic grind toward the end of Winter Break loses its appeal pretty quickly. So as you stare blankly at that one-page response paper as if it's the SAT, what can you do to ensure that the upcoming Spring Break you so fiercely earned will be the best one ever? Two words: Mexico, baby.

If you're like me, Spring Break in Cancun spells a couple of

things, none of which are particularly appealing. I picture an overweight hype-man, sitting poolside in a tank top that looks like it came from Baby Gap, yelling "Cancun, what?" on obnoxious into a microphone as crazy co-eds fight viciously to catch the free T-shirts being hurled into the air as if a free T-shirt was synonymous with a

free week's stay at a resort. But don't laugh.

Spring Break in Cancun has a lot to offer. And if you don't believe me, just ask my three roommates, who recently booked an all-inclusive five-night stay at a four-star beachfront resort in sunny Cancun.

Suffice to say, they are excited about their shot at MTV Spring Break glory (I'm just excited about the pictures). But if you don't have the cash (or the desire) to go bar hopping to the sounds of authentic mariachi, don't fret. For 10 bucks, you too can have a little taste of Mexico. So while my friends are drinking warm, sandy Miller Lites on the scorching beach while the hotel staff takes care of their ant problem, you can settle in for the "Gilmore Girls" marathon with a nice refreshing Negra Modelo.

Before I begin to tell you all the mouthwatering details, I will be blunt: If you are looking for your next beer tasting to be an earth-shattering experience, this is probably not the beer for you. But what ~~like~~ best about Negra Modelo is that its taste is smooth and crisp, but otherwise fairly run-of-the-

mill—it's like the oldest brother of Hanson: fun and talented, but not the main attraction (damn you Zachary!).

As a dark lager, NM pours a dark caramel color, but is reasonably well carbonated, but produces little to no head. The aroma is dominated by sweet maltiness (think Yuengling) and doesn't singe your nose hairs, but rather makes them tingle with anticipation. After downing my first sip, the word that first came to mind was "pleasant." I don't mean pleasant in the way that your grandmother describes her Sunday drives, but rather like a cup of hot chocolate after an afternoon skating on the pond—it just feels right. Negra Modelo is to your stomach what bad publicity is to Lindsay Lohan: companions for life. If that doesn't grab you, the bottle cap comes wrapped in flashy gold tinfoil, so you feel like you're drinking a mini bottle of Cristal (at least before the top comes off).

So while many think that Spring Break in Cancun is a collegiate rite of passage, always remember that you can have a slice of Mexico right in your own living room. All you need is soothing mariachi music, some fake sand, and a case of Negra Modelo. While your tan may not benefit from your decision to stay stateside, your dignity certainly will. Besides, if it is sun and fun you are looking for, you can always play 20 Questions with yourself in the tanning bed. But for an authentic Mexican beer, you need not suffer through the neon man thongs and king-sized bed for three. Cancun, what?

Mexican directors share successes

by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Perhaps this year's biggest cinema story, and my favorite, is the three Mexican directors—Alfonso Cuarón, Alejandro González Iñárritu, and Guillermo del Toro—who have been dubbed the "three amigos." All produced major films achieving widespread critical success in America. "Children of Men," "Babel," and "Pan's Labyrinth," respectively, rank among the year's best.

These directors do not merely share the same cultural background and artistic successes. With references to each other in acceptance speeches and credits in each others' films, the connections between these friends and filmmakers go deeper than the content of their movies.

This success doesn't come out of the blue. Cuarón is best known to American audiences as the director of the art house smash "Y Tu Mamá También" and the third film in the Harry Potter series, "The Prisoner of Azkaban." González Iñárritu guided Hollywood stars to Oscar nominations a few years ago in "21 Grams," and del Toro has directed mainstream films like "Blade 2."

Increased funding within Mexico has also helped revitalize cinema at the grassroots level. Also, successful stars like Salma Hayek (who played iconic Mexican artist Frida Kahlo in an American film), and the American-award winning telenovela

"Ugly Betty" have increased the quality and awareness of Mexican films and actors.

Coupled with the growing commonality of Spanish on many goods and foods Americans buy, it is tempting to say Mexico is achieving an American cultural appeal that it has not had before.

This success, though, did not assure anything for the three amigos. "Children of Men," based on a novel, is a dystopia in 2027 Britain where all women in the world have gone infertile. Theo (Clive Owen) divorced Julian (Julianne Moore) after the death of their son, but she calls him to help get a woman through government checkpoints.

Like other dystopias, the world of "Children of Men" seems eerily close to that of our own, perhaps too close. Illegal immigrants are rounded up and kept in cages on London sidewalks, and transit papers are necessary to travel anywhere. The government's ideology gap is only slightly more egregious than our own, purporting a Britain that is peaceful and under control while only barely holding on to it.

Despite the superficial bleakness, Cuarón instills a humor and vitality in the relationship between Theo and Kee (Claire-Hope Ashitey), the woman he is protecting. Their banter may at first seem out of place, until one realizes that humor is one of the few ways to escape the bleakness of their current situation. This humor enables these two very different people to connect and strive for their cause.

"Babel" tells four interconnected stories taking place in Japan, Morocco, California, and Mexico. The main event in the film occurs when Susan (Cate Blanchett) is shot while vacationing in rural Morocco with her husband Richard (Brad Pitt). Though it seems evil and premeditated, the shooting is a young boy's accident. That doesn't stop the American government from calling it terrorism and sending a massive, vengeful crew to find the perpetrators.

Throughout "Babel," González Iñárritu weaves images of modern alienation and the divisions that exist between people who are actually connected. This is more vividly portrayed by Chieko (Rinko Kikuchi), a mute Japanese teenager. Standing essentially unconnected from all of the film's other characters, she allegorizes the desire to connect and be loved with heartbreaking strength. It ranks as one of the year's best performances.

Misery does not stem from the events themselves, but from the lack of understanding that precipitates blind reactions. Watching Richard and Susan's children interact at a Mexican wedding, with the joy and excitement of a cross-cultural connection permeating the screen, you believe that even with different languages and political ideologies, interconnectedness is still possible to achieve.

"Pan's Labyrinth" agrees that belief and vigilant persistence matter. The film takes place in the early 1940s in Spain after the Civil War.

After her father's death, young Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) and her mother move to a military outpost where her new father is a Fascist captain. Though the progressive Second Republic has fallen, resistance fighters still remain in the woods surrounding the house, vowing to hold out against Franco's repressive government.

Desperate to escape her reality, Ofelia meets Pan, a faun (a man with the hind legs of a goat), who offers her a way out if she completes his assignments. Drenched in magical realism, "Pan's" has much visual imagery to offer viewers. The movie also preaches that while good may not always triumph over evil, in the end it is the desire to affect the world and the effort you put in that matters.

All three films are the product of confident directors working at the top of their craft. Though different in tone, all are emotionally powerful films with relevant social and political messages.

Some may wish these amigos left their messages south of the border. Me? I'll welcome them back anytime, eager to see what they come up with next.

Remember the Oscar contest! Ballots are online at orientbowdoin.edu in the archives under my name, or you can simply write down your choices for Best Picture, Director, the four acting and two writing categories, and Foreign Film as a tiebreaker. They are due February 22. The ballot box is at the Smith Union Info Desk. Good luck!

Third album presents new directions, sounds for singer Norah Jones

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efforts. The songs are exactly what you would write if you were melancholic in your cozy apartment during winter with your beloved. It has jazz, pop, country, and blues influences. The first single, "Thinking About You," may create the wrong impression, since it is one of the most "pop" songs on the record and the only one that resulted from a collaboration with someone other than Alexander. It was written with the help of saxophonist Ilhan Ershahin.

The album sounds low-key because of its numerous acoustic guitars, slow rhythms, and gentle piano. The lyrics are also somewhat unconventional but reveal personality. Jones even gets political during several songs, remaining true to the trend of last year. Most of the songs are lazy, long, and very intimate. Little is to be found of her jazz roots that made her so successful in 2006; some songs sound a little funky instead. The best tracks are undoubtedly "Until the End," "Little Room," and "Sinkin's Slow."

Jones's moody and haunting vision has garnered her a lot of attention again. "Not Too Late" became the most pre-ordered album on Amazon.com and this is no surprise. She strips away all labels while remaining true to herself. This will surely win her many new fans because she does what artists ought to do to stay fresh—experiment.

Andrew Haldane '41—Marine, football captain, student council president—to be featured in HBO's 'The Pacific War'

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines), included two other Bowdoin graduates: Edward Everett Pope '41 and Paul Douglas '13.

Before Peleliu, Haldane earned the Silver Star, the third highest honor awarded for valor. Peleliu was the worst battle that Haldane's Marines faced, with the greatest number of soldiers killed in a battle.

"It was a murderous, awful island," Moore said. "During that last battle, his hair went gray."

There was no water because the 55-gallon drums were tainted with oil, it was 110 degrees, and the Japanese dug tunnels around the island so they could move unseen.

Many Marines were shot in the back because the Japanese could pop out of the tunnels behind them.

By the end of the month-long battle, only 85 of the original 235 Marines still stood. Haldane was not among them.

"R.V. Burgin, who was right next to him when he was killed, told me that to this day, he still wishes it was him," Moore said.

Many others felt the pain of losing Haldane. The memory of Haldane's courage and congeniality has stayed vibrant in the minds of family, friends, Bowdoin graduates, and fellow Marines. Even though Moore never knew his uncle, many members of the Methuen, Massachusetts, community where Haldane grew up told him stories about the fallen Marine.

"I got away with murder because

the principal adored him," Moore said.

There were plenty of other stories a teacher broke down when she saw Moore because she had dated his uncle and considered it "a wonderful experience"; a classmate of Haldane's, Johnny Walker, felt lost after Haldane's death because Haldane had taken him under his wing, and numerous people who spoke at the dedication of a Methuen baseball field in Haldane's memory.

Still, Haldane was a soldier. "He could go from easy-going guy to ferocious fighter," Moore said. "As a Marine, you always get the benefit of the doubt. Nobody questioned him because he was an honorable guy."

"He wasn't a saint," Moore continued. "He was a regular guy with qualities that people could see the whole thing right away. Even his Marines now refer to him as Andy. There is no way they would have called him by his name back then. Everyone called him [Andy] at home and everywhere else. In most cases he needed no more introduction than that—most people already knew of him."

Haldane kept his sense of humor while in the Marines, even participating in an illegal moustache-growing contest to pass the time at Guadalcanal, another battle site. He also kept the moustache.

"[People adored him] because he never said anything bad about anyone. It was pheromones, charisma—he just threw it off," Moore said. "The effect he had on people, I just can't do justice to it."



Courtesy of Steve Moore

Andrew Haldane '41, sporting a moustache illegal by Marine standards, poses for this photo at Guadalcanal.

Desai's 'Loss' paints picture of Indian desolation, beauty

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

This year's winner of the Man Booker Prize is a novel told from the perspective of an illegal immigrant. Through this immigrant, the author reveals the miseries of India and America, and the destructive dredges of imperialism.

"The Inheritance of Loss" by Kiran Desai is not a story of triumph. There are few successes to be tallied and moments of redemption are even harder to come by. Desai exposes her readers to futility, desperation, and cruelty. But her story is truthful and therein dwells a beauty that challenges its reader. Amidst the desolation of her narrative, humanity is laid bare, nonsensical and recurrent in its presentation of difficulties.

An unhappy and long-retired judge is central to the narrative. In accordance with his Indian family's gauzy hopes for the rewards that come with a British-educated son, the protagonist is sent away as a young man.

He returns with few of the accomplishments that his family had imagined; he arrives home with nothing more than a dependence on British frivolities and an impatient disgust for his wife and family. Content to live alone with his dog and his cook, the judge's indulgent misery is interrupted by the appearance of his granddaughter.

Parallel to the judge's history

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run the hopes of his son Biju, who is sent to New York to reap the wealth of the New World. Desai's illustration of the impoverished immigrant's life exposes the extensive disparities between the American dream and the bottom rung of American survival. Biju is tossed from one unsanitary kitchen to another, wary of being deported and convincing himself that this life in America is better than what was available to him in India.

Sai's discovery of love with her Nepalese tutor adds a further element of strife to this expertly constructed version of 20th century existence. The typical frustrations of young love are compounded by disparate backgrounds and the beginnings of a Nepalese insurgency.

The vibrant colors unique to India shine out from the pages of this book, but the reader is not taken on a pleasurable tour through the country. The British foreign influence continues to wreak havoc years after India's independence is declared. The country's citizens' lives are made miserable, either by

their poverty or their loss of identity.

Desai describes a community crippled by its abandonment of its national identity for the mannerisms and tastes of a foreign power. The characters have learned to measure their success with American dollars and British austerity, constantly striving for a place in the world that ultimately disappoints and ruins them.

Each person in this novel about the destructive force of foreign invasion is undermined in his or her attempts to live a white dream of success. The system of foreign wealth and achievement proves intolerant of outside infiltration, and Third World aspirations to First World successes are crushed.

Although "The Inheritance of Loss" is comprised of a reputable series of unfortunate events, Desai does not dwell on constant reappearance of misfortune. Her writing suggests the banality of the situations, alluding to the extent to which such events are commonplace, and making one aware of one's privilege with each twitch of surprise.

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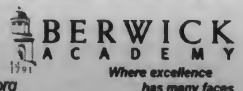
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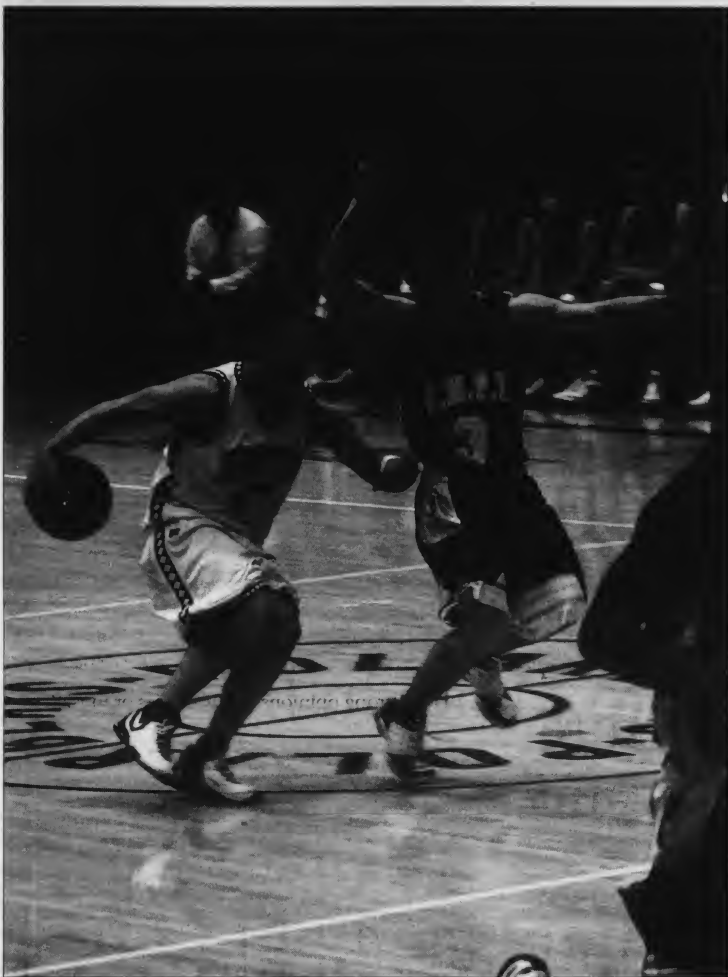


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SPORTS

Bradley breaks 3-point record on Senior Night



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Co-captain Kevin Bradley '07 dribbles the ball behind his back in Wednesday's victory over U-Maine-Presque Isle.

by Darian Reid-Sturgis
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The men's basketball team celebrated its Senior Night, the final home game of the regular season, with a 98-45 victory over the University of Maine-Presque Isle on Monday. But earlier in the week, the Polar Bears suffered a conference loss to Colby in a game with critical playoff implications for both teams.

In their matchup in Waterville on Saturday afternoon, the Polar Bears simply could not find an answer for Colby point guard Nick Farrell. The Polar Bears were able to jump out to another early lead in this contest, but behind 15 first-half points from Farrell, Colby not only clawed its way back into the game, but went into halftime with a slight advantage (30-29). Farrell's sharp shooting continued in the second half as he poured on 24 second-half points to finish with 39.

Co-captain Kevin Bradley '07 led all Polar Bears with 19 points in the 81-67 loss.

The loss to the Mules puts Bowdoin in a tie for eighth place in the league with Wesleyan, as both teams are now 2-5 in conference play. However, Wesleyan holds the tiebreaker advantage after beating the Polar Bears 63-61 on January 20. Colby and Middlebury, which are directly ahead of Bowdoin in the standings with 3-4 NESCAC records, also hold tiebreakers over the Polar Bears.

Needing to put the loss behind them, the Polar Bears returned to Morrell Gymnasium on Monday afternoon for their last regular season home game. The Polar Bears rebounded quickly, dismantling the Owls of Presque Isle 98-45. The win gives the Bears a 13-8 overall record and Presque Isle a 3-18 standing.

On a night to honor the seniors, both senior captains turned in fine performances in the contest. Co-

captain John Goodridge '07, who has appeared in every Polar Bear contest during his career, started the contest and turned in a strong all-around performance. Playing 25 minutes, he scored six points on two three-pointers, pulled down six rebounds, and ripped away four steals.

"It was a great feeling," says Goodridge of his Senior Night. "It's something I will remember forever. Hopefully, we can extend our season this weekend."

Bradley put on a show for the crowd, too, making his final home game a memorable one. Bradley scored a career-high 30 points in only 23 minutes.

Bradley also eclipsed the school record for three-pointers made in a game, hitting nine. Bradley now ranks second at Bowdoin all-time in career three-pointers made, with 203. The Polar Bears also set new marks for three-pointers attempted in a game and made by going 19-42 from behind the arc.

"This was an emotional game and it's great to accomplish something like that in your final home game," Bradley said. "What's more important is that the team played well. We're going to need to play well to win this weekend."

But it wasn't just the senior class contributing the first-year class gave a glimpse of the future. Kyle Hebert '10 looked impressive scoring 11 points, hitting three shots from behind the arc, and grabbing six rebounds. Mark Phillips '10 also scored 11 points, including a monstrous two-handed dunk thanks to an impressive pass from fellow first-year Mike Hauser.

The Polar Bears have a tough road ahead of them this weekend. Today they travel to Medford, Massachusetts for a 7 p.m. matchup against Tufts (13-8, 2-5 NESCAC). On Saturday, the Bears visit rival Bates (18-4, 3-4 NESCAC), which already defeated the Polar Bears earlier in the season.

Women's basketball to fight Tufts for No. 1

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

Although this weekend is officially the final weekend of regular season games for NESCAC Women's Basketball, one might call this weekend's games the start of the playoffs, as Bowdoin jockey for the top seed in the NESCAC playoffs. The Polar Bears return home today after six straight road games for two of their toughest matches of the regular season.

The team is ranked first in the nation according to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Division III poll and second on D3hoops.com to Messiah College. The team is 21-1 on the season and looking to make some serious noise this postseason.

Tonight Bowdoin will play host to the only other team that can challenge the Polar Bears for the regular-season conference title: Tufts. The two teams are both 7-0 in conference

play and a Polar Bear win would ensure home games throughout the conference championship tournament.

The Jumbos feature one of the NESCAC's top forward-guard combinations in senior Valerie Krah and junior Khalilah Ummah.

"Ummah will definitely get a lot of attention from our defense," said Bowdoin Head Coach Stefanie Pempers. "We have to limit her touches, play her tough when she catches, and keep her off the boards."

"Tufts is very good," Pempers added. "They have everything—athleticism, depth, defense, maturity, good coaching, and a strong inside-outside game."

As good as Tufts is, the Polar Bears will look for a win and senior captain Eileen Flaherty is confident in the Polar Bears' abilities.

"Tufts is always a good team, and

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Men's hockey splits away games

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

It seems like Brunswick has a case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde to deal with after last weekend's results for the Bowdoin Men's Ice Hockey Team (11-5-3, 8-5-2 NESCAC). The men went from the highest of highs, defeating high-ranking Amherst (12-6-1, 9-5-1 NESCAC), 5-1, to the lowest of lows, losing to NESCAC bottom-dwellers Hamilton (6-13-1, 5-9-1 NESCAC), 2-1, in a 24-hour span.

The 5-1 victory over the Jeffs was particularly impressive considering Bowdoin's dire 1-4-3 away record going into the matchup.

The men used five unanswered goals to make a statement against the 10th-ranked team in Division III hockey. Amherst scored first, 6:06 into the second period, but the one-two punch of Bowdoin's Ryan Blossom '10 and Mike Westerman '08, who scored back-to-back goals in a 1:15 span in the second period, ended up being all the Bears would need.

The Polar Bears wanted to be as thorough as possible, however, and third-period goals from Blossom, Colin Hughes '07, and Mike Corbelle '10 put the nail in the coffin.

First-year net-minder Chris Rossi made an impressive 31 saves en route to his third straight win. The rookie with gaudy numbers (2.27 GAA, .911 save percentage) appears to be settling in just at the right time for Bowdoin.

Hamilton did its best to bring out Dr. Jekyll, however, as it forced a disappointing 2-1 loss out of the visiting Polar Bears. The Continentals got all the offense they needed—two goals—in a two-minute span in the opening frame as Bowdoin was unable to muster any sort of response. Leland Fidler '10 did his best to rally his team with an answering goal in the first period, but ultimately Hamilton was able to hold on for a narrow 2-1 victory.

The real highlight of the weekend was undoubtedly the excellent form of the first-year class. The

group continues to surprise and impress spectators from all over Division III hockey. The crew combined for four of the weekend's six goals and have contributed over one-third (27/75) of all goals scored by Bowdoin this year. When you add that offense to the outstanding play of Rossi between the pipes, the sheer potential of this group becomes very clear.

"They definitely bring a spark to this team and have performed above and beyond so far this year, and I'd hope it stays that way right through the playoffs," said team captain Bryan Ciborowski '07, describing the role of the rookie class.

The talented group will hope to maintain this high standard tonight as they face NESCAC rivals Trinity at Dayton Arena.

Two weeks remain and it would be hard to find a closer race for first place in NESCAC history. The 13th-ranked Polar Bears will be bolstered by the return of team stal-

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Swimmers in Saturday's home meet against Colby dive into the water for a freestyle event. The Mules defeated the women's swimming and diving team with a close final tally of 152-142.

Women's swim falls to Mules in final event

by Katie Yankura
STAFF WRITER

The Colby Mules narrowly defeated the Bowdoin Women's Swimming and Diving Team at the Polar Bears' last in-season meet.

The evenly matched teams seemed to trade victories at every step of Saturday's competition. Colby's team of Hillary Rockey, Kelly Norsworthy, Maddie Given, and Courtney Chilcote won the first event, the 200-yard medley relay. Immediately following this relay, Bowdoin's Jessica Horskotte '08 claimed victory in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Bowdoin then went on to take first place in eight of the next 14 events, outswimming Colby in a number of individual wins.

Victorious for the Polar Bears were senior captain Megan McLean in the 200-yard freestyle, the 100-yard butterfly, and the 200-yard butterfly, senior Katie Chapman in the 400-yard individual medley; junior Carrie Roble in the 50-yard freestyle; and first-year Kirsten Chmielwski in the one- and three-meter diving events. Later on in the meet, Horskotte went on to also capture the 500 freestyle.

Unfortunately for the Polar Bears, their individual successes did not score enough points to surpass Colby. The team trailed Colby by only one point going into the final event of the competition—the 400-yard freestyle relay. Despite noble efforts by Kerry Brodziak '08, Annie Cronin '07, Roble, and

McLean, Colby narrowly defeated Bowdoin's relay by just .22 seconds.

"The atmosphere of the meet was filled with intensity and excitement," said Brodziak. "The last relay was definitely a high point as we knew we had to win [the race] in order to win the meet."

The final score of 152-142 put the Bowdoin women closer to beating Colby than they have been in the past five seasons. The team felt a sense of accomplishment and expressed a positive attitude, despite its loss.

"We have worked really hard this year, and it was great to see it pay off," said Aurora Kurland '09. "We came 50 points closer to Colby this year even though we only had one new swimmer. That means everyone

on the team has improved and was swimming their best."

Other members of the team shared Kurland's enthusiasm.

"In my four years of swimming I've never seen the team come together quite so well in our fight against Colby," said Cronin.

First-year Christina Fish agreed with her teammates.

"The whole team really swam for each other," she said. "I think it got everyone super excited for how we are going to swim at NESCACs."

On the men's side, Bowdoin also fell to the Mules, with a final score of 173-113. However, like the women, the men came together to post several outstanding swims. Bowdoin controlled the butterfly events for the second weekend in a

row. Early in the meet, sophomore Ian Wandner took first place in the 200-yard butterfly. First-year Sean Morris later captured the 100-yard butterfly race by over three seconds, followed in second place by Wandner.

Dave Swanson '09 and Max Goldstein '07 also swam to victory for the Polar Bears in the 50-yard freestyle and 400-yard individual medley, respectively. Bowdoin's team of Swanson, Morris, Ben Rachlin '08, and Josh Kimball '09 dominated the final event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Overall, Head Coach Brad Burnham was pleased with the efforts of his team.

"I was so proud of the team this weekend," he said. "There were so many great swims, I can't begin to list them all. We knew going in that it would be close from start to finish—Colby has a strong team and they bring the best out of us every year. It is reassuring to see people swimming well at this point."

Bowdoin's final losses to Colby placed the women's record at 4-3 and the men at 3-4 for the season. The next competitions for both teams are the NESCAC championships. The women will compete February 16 through 18 at Williams College, while the men will enjoy home-pool advantage on February 23 through 25, as the NESCAC championship is to take place at Bowdoin.

The team looks forward to the final competitions with high expectations.

Said senior captain Lana Tilley, "Our improvement against Colby and the great racing of the team shows me that we will be very competitive at NESCACs."



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

A Polar Bear competes in a butterfly event in Saturday's loss to Colby. The Mules defeated Bowdoin by the handy margin of 173-113.

Survival 101: The Dead Zone

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris
Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



It must have been when Colts head coach Tony Dungy was being showered with Gatorade by his players in rampant celebration of their **SPORTS COMMENTARY** Super Bowl victory when it dawned on me: The NFL season had reached its abrupt conclusion, just like last year, and the years before it. And suddenly, it felt like someone had turned out the lights, leaving all of us in the dark. Or maybe that was the Bears' disappointing performance, or even Shawne Merriman perhaps? (Please do the dance now if you feel so inclined.) Nope, neither. It was looking ahead and searching for athletic entertainment/competition in the immediate future that did it...and it scared me. A lot.

No more football. No more Sundays filled with peaceful relaxation and boneless chicken wings. No more Coors Light fake press conference commercials. No more T.O. dropping passes or Nick Saban triple-pumping on challenge flag throws. No more of any of that. At least for now. Because the moment the last second expired in Super Bowl XLII in Miami a mere five days ago, we entered into a cold, depressing time when we are bombarded by snow, homework, and 4 p.m. sundowns. But more grimly, it is a time when football ceases to exist, baseball is just out of reach, hockey is M.I.A., and basketball...well...we aren't to March yet. It is a time that over the years has come to be known infamously throughout the sports world as the Dead Zone. So, my friends: Welcome.

We reach the DZ (not to be confused with Discovery Zone; oh, how I miss that place) annually in February, and anxiously await a ray of hope to come our way and rescue us from the abyss. But what always ends up happening is that this ray never comes, and we end up tucking ourselves away for the winter, essentially hibernating until the turn of spring. Not this time, however. Luckily, for all of us, I have prepared a vital, invaluable survival kit that will help us all through these troubled, lifeless times, and all you need to do are follow the steps.

1. Watch the NBA on ABC

"What?!" "Are you out of your mind?!" "The NBA sucks!!!" "It's terrible!!!" "I refuse to watch that \$%&@." By simply conversing with different people around campus post basketball, it's clear to see the overwhelming sentiment concerning the NBA. But just this once, let's put down our shields, and not let our adamancy get the best of us.

It's true that the NBA is not what it used to be, and that it has become more of me-first kind of game, but tune in and I promise that you will be impressed with guys like Steve Nash, LeBron James, and Gilbert Arenas, who all represent the antithesis of the league's apparent stigma.

To echo the CEO of the Men's Warehouse, George Zimmer: You're gonna like the way it looks. I guarantee it. (If that doesn't do it for you, just remember that the All-Star Game and its stimulating festivities including the three-point competition and dunk contest, can all be seen next weekend on TNT. They know drama.)

2. Purchase VERSUS

I'm surprised that the network above hasn't yet used that rhyme as its catchphrase, but nevertheless, it would be a worthy investment for all of us to somehow gain access to the NHL's new home. Now obviously, for those of us living in dorms, this will be an issue. But I'm sure that one of your comp-sci majoring buddies would be able to figure out how to feed it into your room, maybe even Jim Carrey, as long as he doesn't "just wanna hang out!!!" If all that fails, you can always watch it on Saturday afternoons on NBC, which would probably be the right, less illegal way to do it.

3. Stay in College

Right now, nobody in Division I men's college hoops has fewer than two losses, which is pretty rare for this point in the season. The Florida Gators, currently at No. 1, entered Friday with a 21-2 record, followed by UCLA (20-2) and Ohio State (20-3). And with Cinderella stories Texas A&M, Butler, and Nevada all in the top 11, and the normally perennial Stanford, Arizona, and Boston College all outside the top 25, the right to play in March Madness is still very much up for grabs. The stage is set for some thrilling, electric basketball for the rest of the season...and that's just the men.

The Duke/UNC women's game of the remaining two undefeated clubs Thursday drew possibly even more excitement than the men's game on Wednesday. Also, let's not forget our own Polar Bears. Be sure to get out there and support them through their respective stretch runs to the playoffs.

4. Start a fantasy baseball league with your friends

Baseball season is approximately seven weeks away, and for nearly three of those weeks we will be on vacation. Now is the perfect time to gather up some people, join a fantasy league, and draft your pal's favorite players. A-Rod (again) is ranked at No. 1 in terms of overall value in a number of polls, but might I suggest passing on St. Sensitivity for the more reliable likings of oh, I don't know, say Albert Pujols or Alfonso Soriano?

5. Do not tune into the Pro Bowl

It will only frustrate and smother you with a sea of nostalgia, leaving you longing for the season that was. It is the worst all-star game out of the four major sports, and nobody takes it seriously. But then again, it is football, so you better watch.

6. Watch "24"

Just do it, you won't regret it. Jack Bauer said so.

So there you have it: your complete kit for surviving the Dead Zone. And guess what? If none of that works for you, the first pitchers and catchers will report to Spring Training beginning on February 14. Yup, you're gonna make it.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Wesleyan	9	3	3	11	4	4
Amherst	9	5	1	12	6	1
BOWDOIN	8	5	2	11	5	3
Colby	8	6	1	10	7	2
Middlebury	8	6	1	11	7	2
Trinity	6	6	3	8	8	4
Williams	6	7	2	6	11	2
Conn. Coll.	6	9	0	7	12	1
Hamilton	5	9	1	6	13	1
Tufts	2	13	0	5	15	0

SCOREBOARD					
F 2/2 at Amherst			W	5-1	
Sa 2/3 at Hamilton			L	2-1	

SCHEDULE					
F 2/9 v. Trinity			7:00 P.M.		
Sa 2/10 v. Wesleyan			4:00 P.M.		

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	7	0	2	21	1	1
Tufts	7	0	15	6		
Bates	5	2	13	8		
Wesleyan	4	3	13	7		
Williams	4	3	17	5		
Amherst	3	5	12	11		
Middlebury	2	5	11	11		
Trinity	2	6	11	10		
Colby	1	6	6	15		
Conn. College	1	6	10	12		

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 2/3 at Colby			W	78-32	

SCHEDULE					
F 2/9 v. Tufts			7:00 P.M.		
Sa 2/10 v. Bates			6:30 P.M.		

M. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 2/3 v. Colby			L	173-113	

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	ECAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	11	0	1	17	1	1
BOWDOIN	9	3	2	13	6	2
Amherst	8	3	2	13	5	2
Hamilton	5	6	1	7	11	2
Colby	4	7	3	6	9	5
Williams	3	6	3	6	11	3
Trinity	4	8	0	8	11	1
Wesleyan	2	6	4	4	12	4
Conn. Coll.	2	9	2	5	12	2

SCOREBOARD					
F 2/2 v. Trinity			W	6-1	
Sa 2/3 v. Hamilton			W	4-2	
W 2/7 at Colby			L	6-5	

SCHEDULE					
F 2/9 at Wesleyan			7:00 P.M.		
Sa 2/10 at Wesleyan			3:00 P.M.		
Tu 2/13 at St. Anselm			7:00 P.M.		

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 2/3 Maine State Meet (at Bates)			1st of 4		

SCHEDULE					
F 2/9 at Boston University			6:00 P.M.		

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD					
F 2/2 Maine State Meet (at Bowdoin)			1st of 4		

SCHEDULE					
Sa 2/10 at Boston University			10:00 A.M.		

NORDIC SKIING

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 2/2 at UNH Carnival			11th of 11		

SCHEDULE					
F 2/9 - at Dartmouth			10:00 A.M. (F)		
Sa 2/10 Carnival			9:30 A.M. (Sa)		

W. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 2/3 v. Colby			L	152-142	

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	8	0	23	0		
Trinity	6	2	19	3		
Tufts	4	3	13	8		
Williams	4	3	11	11		
Bates	3	4	18	4		
Colby	3	4	12	10		
Middlebury	3	4	13	9		
BOWDOIN	2	5	13	8		
Wesleyan	2	5	7	14		
Conn. College	1	6	11	11		

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 2/3 at Colby			L	81-67	
M 2/5 v. Maine-Presque Isle			W	98-45	

SCHEDULE					
F 2/9 at Tufts			7:00 P.M.		
Sa 2/10 at Bates			3:00 P.M.		
Tu 2/13 at St. Joseph's			7:00 P.M.		

WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD					
Sa 2/3 v. Middlebury			W	5-4	
(NESCACs, at Trinity)					

Sa 2/3 at Trinity			L	7-2	
(NESCACs)					

Su 2/4 v. Bates			L	6-3	
(NESCACs, at Trinity)					

W 2/7 v. Colby			W	9-0	
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MEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD					
F 1/27 at Brown			W	6-3	
Sa 2/3 v. Amherst			L	6-3	
(NESCACs, at Trinity)					

Sa 2/3 v. Conn. College			W	8-1	
(NESCACs, at Trinity)					

Su 2/4 v. Tufts			W	5-4	
(NESCACs, at Trinity)					

SCHEDULE					
Sa 2/10 v. Bates			2:00 P.M.		
Sa 2/10 v. Northwestern			5:00 P.M.		

-Compiled by Parag Khandelwal
Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

Women's hockey wins 2 of 3

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

The Polar Bears continued their march towards the top of the NESCAC conference, routing rivals Trinity and Hamilton at home, though losing to Colby on Wednesday in an overtime thriller.

Wednesday's game in Waterville proved exciting, but ultimately disappointing for the Bears, as the Mules scored the game-winning goal 3:08 into overtime. After taking several penalties, Bowdoin was down 3-1 at the beginning of the third period. The Polar Bears held their ground in the second period, trading goals, and then took the momentum and ran with it in the third.

Kristen Cameron '08, Katie Forney '07, and Meghan Gillis '07 all scored goals within 10 minutes of each other, and the Polar Bear defense only allowed one goal in the third frame, evening the score at 5-5 and pushing the game into overtime.

But the Mules (6-9-5, 4-7-3 NESCAC) proved too much for the Bears (13-6-2, 9-3-2 NESCAC), and Colby's Rebecca Julian scored the winning goal to give Colby a 6-5 victory.

"In their first match of the week, Bowdoin faced Trinity on home ice. Bowdoin dominated from the beginning, outshooting Trinity 13-3 in the first period. Although the first period was scoreless, it didn't take much time for Bowdoin to get on the board once the second period began. Just 45 seconds in to the second period, Katie Coyne '08 took a pass from Gillis to score. Despite some penalty trouble, the Polar Bears continued on their scoring tear led by Katherine Pokrass '10, who scored two shorthanded goals in the period.

The score was 3-0 at the start of the third period, and the Polar Bears had not lost any of their momentum during the break. Kat Popoff '08 and Kate Leonard '07 both scored unassisted goals at 4:31 and 6:40, respectively, before Trinity managed to get one past goalie Emileigh Mercer '09 at 7:31. The Polar Bears responded quickly to the Trinity goal, as less than two minutes later Caroline Currie '08 found the back of the net, assisted by Julia King '09, making the final score 6-1.

On Saturday, the Polar Bears faced Hamilton, and again they controlled the game from start to finish. The Polar Bears came out strong, as

Forney scored the first goal just 37 seconds into the first period, assisted by Jayme Woogerd '07 and Meghan Tanguay '07.

At 12:16 Lindsay McNamara '09 capitalized on a power play, scoring an unassisted goal to make the game 2-0 at the end of the first. In the second period Bowdoin outshot Hamilton 15-4, but the Continentals managed to get one by the Polar Bear defense, making the score 2-1 at the end of the second.

At the beginning of the third period Hamilton evened up the score, but Bowdoin regrouped to regain control of the game. At 14:30 in the third, McNamara tallied her second goal of the game, assisted by Gillis, and then in the final minute of the game, Woogerd found the back of the net off a pass from McNamara to make the final score 4-2.

Mercer had an impressive weekend in goal, posting a .917 save percentage and a 1.5 goals-against average.

The women's hockey team plays Wesleyan tonight at 7 p.m. in Middletown. The Bears and the Cardinals will then face off again on Saturday at 3 p.m. On Wednesday, Bowdoin will visit St. Anselm for its regular season finale.

Women's hoops to face Tufts for top NESCAC spot

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this year they're even better," she said. "We're just prepared to play our game."

This Saturday, Bowdoin will play host to another tough NESCAC foe, in-state rival Bates. Last week, Bates gave the Polar Bears quite a scare, but Bowdoin managed to eke out a victory on the road, 58-50.

"We always expect Bates to challenge us, so last week wasn't much of a surprise," said Flaherty. "We're

definitely excited to play them again this weekend though."

The Bobcats sit at third place in the NESCAC, with a 5-2 conference record, behind Bowdoin and Tufts, which are tied for first.

"We never need extra motivation for Bates," said Permer. "We expect them to play us tough and we certainly bring our best effort when we face them. It's the best rivalry in the NESCAC; we've played them four consecutive years in the conference final."

In last week's action, the team

traveled to Waterville to play rival Colby. Every player Polar Bear in the game scored in the dominating 78-32 road win.

"Any NESCAC win is great for us, especially on the road too," said Flaherty. "At Colby, we came out hard and really set a tone in the beginning of the game that put us in a position to get an impressive win. We've really been practicing great lately and everyone just competes hard every day, which really gives us confidence in games."

Adu leads men's track to first

by Brian Lockhart
CONTRIBUTOR

For the second year in a row, the Bowdoin Men's Indoor Track Team entered the Maine State Meet as underdogs, and for the second year in a row, the Polar Bears emerged victorious. The team's confidence was not unfounded as the Bears defeated Bates, the University of Southern Maine, and Colby.

Historically, Bowdoin has been weak in several sprinting events. That, however, was not the case on Saturday. In the 55m dash, the Polar Bears scored three of the six scoring places, including junior Lamont White's second place (6.68s), sophomore Damon Hall-Jones' fourth (6.71s), and first-year Zach Tretter's fifth. Hall-Jones returned in the 200m, placing fourth (23.56s), where he was joined by senior Joe Adu, who took third (23.54s). Adu was by no means done for the day, as he turned around and reclaimed his title as state champion in the 55m hurdles (7.96s). A sophomore duo of Michael Krohn and Ike Irlby followed Adu, placing fourth and sixth in the hurdles, respectively (8.40s, 8.48s).

In middle distance action, Bowdoin grabbed four out of six places in the 400m. A trio of juniors, Brendan Egan, Steve Bartus, and Brian Lockhart, placed second, fifth, and sixth (51.04s, 54.12s, and 54.87s). Sophomore Robby Halliday joined in with a remarkable second

lap, taking fourth (53.64s). In the 600m, junior Eric Lee took sixth (1:26.96). The 800m was one of the more exciting events of the day. After three laps, a tangle of three runners resulted in sophomore Jay McCormick's fall, effectively taking him out of the race. However, Alden Gassert came from behind, taking third (2:02.46), while eking out a Bates runner by only three one-hundredths of a second.

The 1000m had a remarkably close finish, where senior Owen McKenna and first-year Thompson Ogilvie finished together at second and third (2:37, 2:37), followed a second later by junior Tim Kathic in sixth. Earlier on, Ogilvie and McKenna teamed up for a one-two punch in the mile (4:21, 4:21), wasting the competition by over 30 yards. "Those two were an awesome duo," said Lee.

The Polar Bears also overachieved in the field events.

"Luke Fairbanks and Ben Wharton were seeded second and fifth in the shot put, but they gave the team a big lift by finishing second and third," Head Coach Peter Slovenski said.

Luke Fairbanks also finished fifth in the weight throw (13.34m), followed by '09 Tony Thrower (11.78m).

In the high jump, a first-year trio gave Bowdoin a huge lift, including Ben Weemont (second, 1.81m), Cliff Webster (third, 1.81m), and Omar

Aquino (sixth, 1.76m). The long jump went even better for the Polar Bears, as Tim Fuderich '10 and Adu took first and second (6.50m, 6.47m) and first-year Colin Hay placed fifth (6.11m).

"The long jump was our highest scoring event of the night. I was very impressed with Tim Fuderich's preparation for the meet and then his poise in the competition," said Slovenski.

Finishing second in the long jump gave Adu high-scorer honors for the meet.

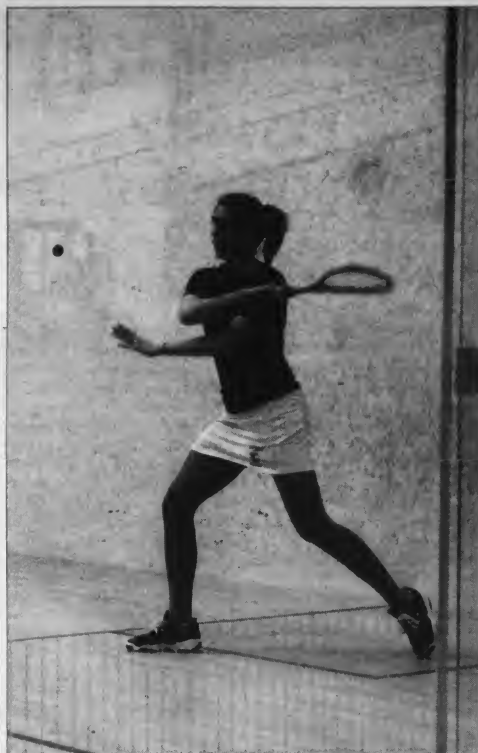
"I was impressed by Joe's leadership and clutch performances," Slovenski said. "He was the MVP of the state meet."

In the pole vault, senior Robey Clark took third (3.74m). Hay hit the runway, too, taking third in the triple jump (12.56m).

In the 5k, three juniors placed, led by Nate Krah in second (15:29). Patrick Pierce, in his second race back from a nearly two-year-long nagging Achilles injury, finished fifth (16:03), while Ken Akiba took sixth (16:07).

Bowdoin took third in both the 4x400m and 4x800m relays, beating Bates by 18.5 points. When McCormick crossed the finish line, first-year Alex Carpenter summed up the meet: "If you're not first, you're last."

Qualifying individuals will continue their season at Boston University this weekend.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sophomore Jackie Deysher earned a win on Wednesday against the Mules.

Men's hockey third in league

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wart Ciborowski, who has been skating with the team all week after recovering from a torn MCL. The captain hopes to contribute in any way possible as the team continues its push for the top spot in the conference. If nothing else, the team will gain from his positive and determined approach.

"Guys are really fired up coming down this home stretch," Ciborowski said. "We have nothing but that first-place seeding on our minds."

Bowdoin will face Trinity at 7:00 p.m. today and then face off against Wesleyan, currently the NESCAC's top team, at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Women's track team takes first in Maine

by Laura Onderko
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Track Team reclaimed the Maine State Championship from the University of Southern Maine (USM), the two-year defending champion, in a close meet, earning enough points in the last few events of the meet to put the Bears 16 points ahead. The Bears finished the meet with 164 points to USM's 148.

Louise Duffus '07, Erin Prifogle '07, and first-year Haley MacKeil led the Bears by winning both of their events. Duffus took first in both the shot put and weight throw, while Chelsea Jackson '09 brought in a second place in the shot put. In the sprints and jumps, the women faced tough competition from the Huskies, who traditionally dominate those events.

MacKeil and Erin York '09 added the necessary speed that Bowdoin lacked in previous years. MacKeil took first in both the 200m and 400m, and she anchored the second-place 4x400m-relay team. York took fourth in the 400m and came back to place third in the 200m.

"Erin York improved her seed position by four places, and gave us a big lift," said Head Coach Peter Slovenski. "It was late in the meet, and her performance put us in the lead for the first time all night."

Prifogle followed up a first-place performance in the high jump with a win in the 55m hurdles, adding more points to the team's total.

"Erin Prifogle turned the tide for us by taking a first in the hurdles, and then she had a great upset win in the high jump," said Slovenski. "Those were important points that Erin shifted from USM to Bowdoin this year."

Bowdoin also dominated the 400m, taking a second- and fifth-place finish. Meanwhile in the 600m, 800m, and mile, Ali Chase '09, Amy Ahearn '08, and Laura Onderko '08 all brought in second-place finishes.

Sophomore Lindsey Schickner ran two personal bests, taking fourth in the mile and third in the 1000m an hour later. Teammate Courtney Eustace '08 accomplished a similar feat with a fifth-place finish in both the mile and 800m. Senior Gina Campella completed the most difficult double of the night, coming back from her 400m to take fifth in the 1000m only 30 minutes later.

Bowdoin garnered two more fifth-place finishes in long jump and triple jump from sophomore Molly Seward. First-years Cassie Rodriguez and Helen Wen took fourth and fifth in the pole vault. In the 3k, sophomore Annie Monjar and Onderko took another fourth and fifth place.

According to Slovenski, Monjar's season has been exemplary.

"Annie Monjar has had a terrific season. She has improved her time for four consecutive weekends which is very hard to do in the 3000m," said Slovenski.

In the relays, the 4x200m relay team, composed of Courtney Bell '10, York, Elizabeth Onderko '08, and Jessica Sokolow '09, took fourth. The 4x400m relay team of Sokolow, Campella, MacKeil, and Bell finished second. The 4x800m relay run by Dana Riker '10, Kristina Dahmann '10, Lindsay Hodge '10, and Ahearn took third.

Tomorrow the Bowdoin women are on the road at Boston University for the competitive Valentine's Day Invitational.

Women's squash defeats Colby 9-0

by Sarah Podmaniczky
STAFF WRITER

The women's squash team swept the 15th-ranked Colby Mules 9-0 in its last regular-season and home match of the year on Wednesday night. The Polar Bears were strong from the first point of each match, maintaining pressure and energy throughout. The win secures Bowdoin's ranking at No. 11 for Nationals—just one place behind Bates.

Earlier in the week, the team captured a narrow victory over fifth-seeded Middlebury before going on to battle top-seeded Trinity and rival Bates, taking fourth place at the first annual NESCAC Squash Championship over the weekend.

The men, meanwhile, fell to fourth-seeded Amherst in their first round in the tournament on Saturday, but defeated Connecticut College and Tufts to take fifth place.

The women's team, having topped Middlebury 7-2 earlier this season, hoped for a quick first-round win on Saturday. Before the team knew it, however, Middlebury had taken four wins from Bowdoin, and the match came down to sophomore Alex Franceschi's match, which she led 2-1 in games over Middlebury's No. 3 player. After a few stressful points, Franceschi took the game and match for Bowdoin, moving the team into the winner's bracket.

Next the women faced eventual NESCAC champion and 2006 National runner-up Trinity. Bowdoin approached the match knowing that it had nothing to lose, and its relaxed attitude paid off. Susie Martin '07 quickly defeated her opponent in the No. 9 position, and after a hard-fought five games co-captain Lydia Pillsbury '07 followed suit at No. 8,

taking down her opponent in five games, leading to a final team match score of 2-7. Sophomores Biz Gillespie and Maddie McQueenie also took games off their opponents in the No. 7 and No. 6 positions, respectively. Sarah Podmaniczky '08 won her match in the No. 10 position.

The Polar Bears faced their greatest challenge on Sunday when they paired off with third-seeded Bates for the second time this season. In the team's first matchup, McQueenie took the sole win for Bowdoin, at the No. 8 spot, although many of the matches were tight contests. This time around, the Polar Bears took three wins from the Bobcats, thanks to Kate Gormley '09 at No. 2, McQueenie, playing No. 6 this time, and Martin at No. 9. This improvement has left the team hungry for a win over Bates at Nationals, taking place February 16 through 18 at Yale.

The men began their weekend with a tough 6-3 loss to Amherst, seeded only one spot ahead of the Polar Bears in the tournament. This was, however, an improvement over the team's last interaction with the Lord Jeffs, in which Bowdoin fell 9-0, despite several very close matches.

The Polar Bears regrouped with a resounding 8-1 victory over eighth-seeded Connecticut on Saturday night, and completed the weekend with a satisfying 5-4 win over Tufts. Co-captains Matt Dresher '07 and Jake Sack '08 avenged previous losses at No. 2 and No. 5. Ray Carta '08 at No. 7, Rob Lynn '09 at No. 9, and David Funk '10 at No. 4 delivered three more wins for Bowdoin.

The men will face a strong Bates team, ranked ninth nationally to Bowdoin's No. 15, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday in Lubin Squash Center, as well as Northwestern at 6:00 p.m.

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A short-term solution

Last week, Dudley Coe Health Center announced that it would no longer provide students with free birth control after losing its contract with its contraceptive provider, Organon. This turn of events was sudden and unexpected, and has caused Bowdoin students—both women and men—a great deal of anxiety.

A significant percentage of Bowdoin women rely on the health center for their birth control needs. In 2006, the health center handed out enough Desogen, Cyclessa, and NuvaRings to supply 331 women with a full year of birth control. Because abruptly ending a hormone regimen often causes adverse side effects, the College should treat the contract loss as a pressing community health concern.

To its credit, the health center has been proactive in its response. By collaborating with other Maine schools to alleviate the rising cost of birth control medication by looking into bulk-purchasing, the staff at Dudley Coe has taken the first step toward a long-term answer to this setback. We applaud them for recognizing the exigency of the problem, and urge them to formulate a sustainable fix as soon as possible.

By providing free birth control, the health center had been giving Bowdoin students an outstanding deal—one not available to students at many peer colleges. We appreciate that now more than ever. The result of such an extraordinary system has been that a large number of women count on the health center for birth control in terms of cost, confidentiality, and convenience. These women now find themselves at a loss.

Many students here operate on limited budgets, and cannot afford to buy birth control at full price. For some, even an insurance co-pay is problematic. Many women would prefer not to use their parents' health insurance to pay for birth control for privacy reasons. Finally, on a birth control regimen, where timing and consistency are crucial, the convenience of having a source for birth control on campus should not be underestimated.

Under such circumstances as these, a short-term solution is just as critical as a long-term one.

The health center has been forced into a tough position, and its staff are certainly not to blame for the predicament at hand. Still, we feel it is vital that Dudley Coe resume its program of free birth control until the end of the semester (While Cyclessa will be available for free through May, this is the least popular brand of birth control among Bowdoin women, according to health center records—and suddenly switching types of birth control can cause unpleasant side effects.) As much as the College was caught off-guard by this change, the students are the ones who must adjust to these new conditions. Because the change happened so abruptly, we feel that continuing to provide contraceptives without charge while students re-evaluate their options is the course that is both fairest and safest.

We realize that with the sharp increase in wholesale prices, offering such a service will be expensive for the College—we estimate between \$20,000 and \$30,000. We feel as though this case warrants discretionary spending, and we are confident in the College's ability to procure necessary funds.

This weekend's meeting of the Board of Trustees presents a unique opportunity to address this issue, and matters of funding in particular. The Trustees ought to work with college administrators to ameliorate this problem that has been untimely pressed upon us.

The editorial represents the majority view of The Bowdoin Orient's editorial board. The editorial board is comprised of Bobby Guerrete, Beth Kowitz, Anna Karass, Steve Kolowich, and Anne Riley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Privacy is key to successful investments

To the Editors:

I disagree with Ian Yaffe's suggestion in "Invest endowment for common good (2/2)" that Bowdoin make its endowment more transparent irrespective of whether such transparency hinders returns on investment. The best way in which Bowdoin can serve the common good is by pursuing its essential objective—the effective education of its students. If, in order to maintain its endowment's superior returns (returns that are necessary if Bowdoin is to remain an excellent college), Bowdoin must keep the contents of its endowment's portfolio private.

Moreover, because many hedge fund managers (whose funds tend to outperform mutual funds) do not

permit the publication of their portfolio holdings by their clients, it is likely that Bowdoin's endowment's returns would suffer if Bowdoin decided to make public the contents of its endowment's portfolio (and was precluded from investing in, or forced to divest from, certain hedge funds as a consequence).

Sincerely,
Miles Pope '09

GOP supports Big Oil, not environment

To the Editors:

Brian Lockhart voiced a common theme of those who are lukewarm about environmental protection in his article when he said, "Protecting the environment is remarkably inconvenient. It also happens to be very expensive."

There's a scene in "An Inconvenient Truth" where Al Gore

shows the image of a scale. On one side, there's a bunch of gold bars. Oooh, gold. Everyone loves gold. On the other side...there's the fate of the entire planet.

When Lockhart says, "There is no anti-environment party," he should take a long, hard look at the party who didn't think the CEOs of ExxonMobil and Chevron needed to swear to tell the truth when defending their record profits in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The same party prevented National Intelligence Agency director John Negroponte from saying the words "global" and "warming" in the same sentence. The same party pressured 279 government climate scientists to downplay the climate threat.

The day that George Bush entered office, gas cost \$1.47 a gallon. It means nothing as a statistic, but it's a good metaphor for this administration's relationship with the oil industry. The GOP may have once had green roots, but they have long been subsidized by Big Oil.

Sincerely,
Alex Locke '10

Fetch, MacBook Pro, fetch!

A Sojourn in Civilized Life



by Annie
Monjar
COLUMNIIST

Man has a new best friend. Spot may be able to catch and return a tennis ball, but I'm willing to bet that you can't throw him a word and have him bring back 3,482,976 pages of information on it. Rover may nuzzle your leg when you're blue, but he probably doesn't sing you your entire collection of Sarah McLachlan albums in one sitting. Fido may even be the best listener in the world, but you can't blog on him (I guess this is where the analogy dies). For the 21st century, Lassie has been replaced by the laptop.

Between e-mail, AIM, questionable Google searches, iTunes, and Facebook, your laptop is your portable confidante, nourisher, and therapist. You are hopelessly lost without it. To college students who are adjusting to a new home and life, their laptops are their surrogate mothers. We hold it by the hand wherever we go and don't allow ourselves to cross the streets of college academia and socializing without it. How do we learn about the world? How do we become acquainted with people? How do we find ourselves? What is the meaning of life? Those who are old-fashioned might suggest "reading books," "talking to people," "thinking," "love," or other such antiquities. The modern answer is: "laptop."

That being said, it's been an hour since I wrote that last paragraph. In that hour, I've checked my e-mail approximately five times (keep in mind I have the iBook Mail program that automatically "bveeps" when you have a new message, but it can't hurt to check, right?). I've also gone on Facebook twice, filled in the blank spaces in my iTunes library a few times (someday, I might want to know what album "Shake That" is on!), read e-mails I sent to my parents a year ago, e-mailed people I know perfectly well I could have just called, changed my desktop picture, and run my finger across the finger/mouse-pad thing so I could watch the cursor dart back and forth.

I think you smell what I'm stepping in here. Our laptops cause us to lose our sensibilities. I've lost hours to activities that, upon retrospection, look completely absurd, staying up until three o'clock in the morning is kind of a large price to pay to get to the "livid" level on websudoku.com, after all. And, looking back on it, it probably wasn't really worth going to both foodtv.com and the Godiva Chocolaterie website to find a fudge brownie recipe worth committing homicide for. I don't even own a pan. Simply having my laptop near me causes my rational thinking to come to a screeching halt. I start to shop for shoes I can't afford, Google people I've never met, develop a solitary mastery that I certainly don't need, and dedicate to these futile activities hours that I really don't have.

But in some sense, what choice is there in the matter? E-mail is the foremost and easiest way to com-

municate important information with one another. Music has become so easily transportable that some find it difficult to function without it. Some economics professors have begun putting interactive problem sets online. And, of course, there's the issue of writing papers, a slightly less glamorous use for laptops, but necessary nonetheless. Unless you want to duct tape yourself to a chair in Kanbar, a laptop is simply the easiest and best way to get things done.

But this, of course, does not solve the natural desires that any 20-year-old college student experiences: the urge to procrastinate. No matter how much you try to repress or deny it, there's no way to escape from the ever-so cunning thought that "I have plenty of time." If it's not due in the next five hours, it can be put off. And being the clever, resourceful Bowdoin students that we are, we'll find just about any means possible to do this. If you've lasted as far as you have into this article, in fact, you're probably looking to put something off.

But nothing suits this need as well as a laptop. Bowdoin itself has even encouraged this with recent developments. Wondering what the temperature is outside? Check the student gateway. What's for dinner? Dashboard. What was in dinner? Thorne now has the nutrition facts online. Is my laundry done? Look at laundryview.com (and pay 25 cents extra, but that's for another article). The slightest whim of curiosity can be immediately satisfied by a laptop.

So here we have our generation's biggest challenge: How can we proceed to functional and effective adults using possibly the most anti-productive tool known to man? Can we have webcam business conferences using the same instrument that intrigues us with YouTube? Can we write proposals with the very same item that keeps us spellbound with online Scrabble? Daunting questions, all of these. But if you're anything like myself, you haven't had time to ponder them; you've been too busy watching Borat clips.

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J-Board needs transparency

by Clark Gascoigne

Some of the most important decisions that personally affect students at this college are made behind closed doors. Shockingly, however, students are making these decisions. Yes, I am talking about the Judicial Board (J-Board). Perhaps the two most secretive processes that take place at this school are handled by the J-Board: the hearing of cases involving violations of the honor and social codes, and the selection of new J-Board members.

While the secretive nature of the J-Board has many positive benefits when dealing with the former situation, a number of huge concerns arise concerning the latter: the J-Board selection procedure. It is extremely important for the College to ensure that exceptionally fair and competent individuals are chosen to serve on the board that makes potentially the most important decisions with regard to students at this school. Therefore, the entirely insular current approach to selecting new J-Board members is extremely troubling.

The J-Board selection procedure has gone from bad to worse, and this completely closed process is bad for the legitimacy of the J-Board and is threatening to the quality of the decisions that will be made.

In the past, J-Board applicants were interviewed and selected solely by the sitting J-Board members in consultation with their one advisor from the dean's office. After the individuals were chosen, the list of names was submitted to Bowdoin Student Government for approval, where BSG essentially expected to rubber-stamp the decision presented to them. This process is outlined in the BSG constitution.

This year, however, the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs decided to disregard the aspect of the process where BSG has any oversight at all and decided to simply have the J-Board self-select its future members without any oversight whatsoever. The J-Board selection procedure has gone from

bad to worse, and this completely closed process is bad for the legitimacy of the J-Board and is threatening to the quality of the decisions that will be made. It is extremely important that we make sure that the method for selection of new J-Board members is a fair and public process that incorporates balanced opinions from varying aspects of the College and moves away from self-selection.

I hope that the dean's office will strongly reconsider its decision with regard to the J-Board selection process and will instead sit down with members of the college community to welcome differing viewpoints into the procedure.

Gascoigne is the Class of 2008 representative to BSG.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Artwork by Christian Sullivan '07 on display in the Visual Arts Center.

The plight of the vegetarian-philosopher-king

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised



by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

As February trudges patiently along, Bowdoin first years may find themselves doing some serious introspection. At least, that's what happened to me two years ago.

The fall semester was the longest period of time I had ever spent living away from home. When I returned home for vacation, that's exactly what it felt like a vacation, rather than a homecoming. This was due largely to the fact that Mom had looted my bedroom for furniture, converting it into a guest room by removing all traces of its former inhabitant, including several questionable magazines from my desk drawer that she was nice enough never to mention.

My altered relationship with my home and hometown—places that had been so closely tied to my self-identity—prompted me to experiment by making more changes to who I was. Predictably, this included growing a mop of facial hair that could be fairly described as "wretched."

Most notably, though, I became a vegetarian.

This dietary adjustment was an impulse that most likely grew out of (a) a restless desire to remake myself in light of my newfound quasi-independence, and (b) an urgent need to practically apply what I had learned in my philosophy classes in way of justifying my tuition bill.

In short, I owe my vegetarianism to Aristotle, Kant, and post-adolescent existential angst.

Let me explain my reasoning more specifically. In the fourth century B.C., Aristotle, a Greek, preached virtue ethics: achieving excellence by enhancing character virtue through good habits. Approximately two millennia later, the German Kant wrote, "If [man] is not to stifle his human feelings, he must practice kindness towards animals, for he who is cruel to ani-

mals becomes hard also in his dealings with men. We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."

This got me to thinking. I had read and heard enough about the meat industry to know that animals are treated cruelly at factory farms—fatally overcrowded quarters, systematic mutilations, force-feeding, et cetera. One especially rich source for this information was an animated Web short called "The Meatrix." In the movie, a pig, "Leo," is informed of the inhumane and environmentally irresponsible practices of industrial farming companies by a bovine wearing a trench coat and sunglasses, whose name is—I swear to God—"Moopheus." So as you can see, I really did my homework.

But back to philosophy. Though Aristotle and Kant generally disagreed with one another on moral theory, I decided to experiment by combining Kant's admonition about the potentially communicative properties of callousness and Aristotle's principles of habituation. That is to say, I would make a habit of refusing to endorse unethical treatment of animals unless I had no other choice, lest I develop a tolerance for cruelty that would make it easier to ignore unethical treatment of humans. Hence, the vegetarianism. Get it?

This might sound pretentious, but I prefer to think of it as ambitious. After all, I was now a college student, and as such I was under a legal obligation to save the world.

Before you give me too much credit, I should say that becoming a vegetarian was not difficult for me. I don't have any food allergies, and my taste in cuisine is about as discriminating as a tiger shark's. So giving up meat was, and continues to be, a relatively small sacrifice (as opposed to, say, my moratorium on caffeine—see 09/27/06 column).

The difficulties I encountered were external. For most people, if you tell them you're a vegetarian, that's exactly what they hear. But to some, saying "I'm a vegetarian" is like saying "I'm a Marxist," or "I have a degenerative epidermal illness that will eventually make my skin turn inside-out." That is to

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say, they regard it as either sad or downright un-American. After all, what's more patriotic than scarfing down a juicy, 32-ounce T-bone? Those billboards along heartland highways say it succinctly: "Steak: It's What's for Dinner." "Shitake Mushroom Gluten: It's What's for Dinner" just doesn't sound right.

While it bothers me that disclosing my eating habits can invoke instant judgment, I get the feeling that this tension comes as a result of the antagonistic tactics employed by vegetarianism's more militant factions.

You see, some people are what I call evangelical vegetarians. They see their philosophy not so much as a lifestyle, but a crusade. Declining to eat meat themselves is not enough; they don't want anybody to eat meat, anywhere, ever. Like any evangelical sect, these firebrands frequently rub people the wrong way. I mean let's face it—conversations like this are fun for nobody.

Evangelical Vegetarian: I see you got the steak.

You Yep.

EV: Is it good?

You Yeah, it's a little overcooked, but it's pretty good.

EV: I meant it is good that industrial farms have taken over the supply side of America's meat industry, generate as much sewage as some cities, drive family-owned farms out of business, and torture living creatures in ways that would make Pol Pot wretch?

You: Um, well, no, I guess—

EV: You guess what?

You: I mean, no, that doesn't sound good.

EV: Then why are you eating steak?

You: Because I'm hungry.

EV: You know who isn't hungry? The livestock on industrial farms who have grains forced down their

throats so they fatten up more quickly. You know what that feels like? You want me to shove that steak down your throat, and keep shoving steaks down your throat until you either choke to death or get fat enough so that I can kill you, cut you up, and sell you to bloodthirsty humans? Would that make you less "hungry"?

You: I...I dunno. I just like steak.

EV: You're going to hell.

There is no doubt in my mind that these fire-and-brimstone types sincerely believe that their cause is just. And they may be right. But from what I have observed, this combative approach rarely results in converted carnivores. Oddly, many of these meatless militants are the same left-wing activists who get indignant when right-wing activists try to force-feed folks their faith. Sadly, this irony is often lost on all parties.

For fear of falling into such hypocrisy, I consciously try to avoid appearing self-righteous. I usually make an effort not to bring up the fact that I'm a vegetarian unless it is necessary. For example, if somebody offers me a meat dish, I politely decline without giving a specific reason. If pressed further, I can usually wriggle out of dropping the v-bomb by explaining that I am currently being ravaged by intestinal parasites.

Mind you, I am not embarrassed to be a vegetarian. It's just that once I tell people, they inevitably ask me why. Sometimes, they ask in a defensive tone—as if my decision to be a vegetarian implicitly scolds their decision not to be. Other times, their tone is merely curious. But everybody asks.

At first, I was glad to oblige them with an answer. It was freshman year, after all, and I was still intellectually insecure enough to derive gratification from showing

off my fancy philosophy-speak.

But I underestimated the frequency with which I would receive this inquiry, and the more I repeated my increasingly pompous-sounding refrain, the more I felt like Jude Law in "I ♥ Huckabees" (the part where he tells the same story over and over until he pukes). I eventually whittled it down to "It's healthier, and I have some ethical qualms with the way most meat is produced." This turned into, "I dunno, I just am," before I finally replaced verbal explanations with an ambiguous shrug.

In certain company, of course, avoiding the issue is moot, because the moment somebody offers me meat, a friend will take it upon himself to explain the situation:

Host: Hey Steve, you didn't get any chicken wings. You want some?

Me: No, thanks, I—

Friend: Don't bother, dude. He's a vegetarian.

Me: Vegetarian.

Friend: I know what I said.

Usually, I am able to dispatch such assaults on my virility by reminding antagonists that I am capable of doing nearly 10 whole push-ups in a row.

In any case, I am sanguine with my current dietary philosophy. Granted, my ability to fulfill the demands of the broader standard implied by such ethical reasoning is dubious, or at least not fully developed. That is to say, I have some ways to go as a conscientious consumer of non-edible goods. But for now, my vegetarianism will do as a first experiment in applying abstract philosophical theory to the practical aspects of my life.

I suppose that the next experiment should involve finding a job. But Mom, you might want to move that furniture back into my room. Just in case.

Climate change: How much education is too much?

by Colin Beckman

Can too much education be dangerous? I will argue here that it can, that it is. At least in a sense. The danger begins with this: As we sit on our chairs in our climate-controlled rooms, thinking and perceiving, we are separate and apart from the world on the other side of the window. The more we see the world through frames and lenses, through elevated angles, from the remote-eye view of cameras and telescopes (though we may know more about the world than ever before), the less we live in it and experience it through the physicality of our bodies. In fact, the more we read about the world, study about it, and think about it, the more it exists in our minds, and the less, ironically, we actually dwell in it completely, with our senses of smell and touch and taste.

Now this is the danger: Is it not possible that the more we know about the world, and thus contain it in our minds, our books and our gigabytes, the less we care what happens to the world outside our windows and walls, our books and our databases? Can we even distin-

guish the two anymore? After all, having spent so much of our life inside walls and windows working at the patterned methods of thought we so proudly call science, is it not conceivable that we are more devoted to this world of manufactured creation than we are to the world beyond the walls that protect us from the wind and weather? That if we had to choose, say, between the overpopulated, ecologically crumbling and polluted Earth, and a clean and well-lit spaceship equipped with the best instruments science has developed, that we would choose the spaceship? Perhaps we believe on some level that if the world's life and beauty dies in the fire of our industry, that with the science and knowledge we have attained, who needs the world itself?

We have so much reverence and love for, and familiarity in, our technologically constructed world in which we can be scholars, that I believe we fear losing it more than we fear losing the life of the Earth itself. (Though I have not stated it outright, perhaps by now you have guessed that I am talking about environmental degradation in general, and global climate change in

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particular.) That is why, when our president rejected Kyoto in the name of the economy in his first months in office seven years ago, many Americans were angered, but not truly outraged. Perhaps it was because we believed then, as we do know, that the economy is what gives us freedom, not just to drive cars, eat steaks, and fly to Hawaii, but to read books, earn scholarships, and ponder the existence of photons, God, and DNA. In short, we realized that the economy (the byproducts of which are currently generating the most powerful and pervasive man-made ecological crisis ever in history) is what enables us to be the well-educated, liberated human beings we are so proud of being. I am not necessarily arguing that education and "higher-learning" will become impossible if we act on climate change, but rather that we fear it will.

After Bush so unequivocally removed our nation from the regulations of Kyoto Protocol in 2000, it was easy (and is easy) to just go on reading books, keeping informed, and thinking calmly and dispassionately about the latest information on the projected future of our world. It has become a habit for us to do so, a point of pride almost. But if, despite what threatens, we remain detached and objective observers, if we remain educated and only incrementally and cautiously active, then our grandchildren will look at us with pity and horror-filled eyes as they ask us how we could possibly have known so much and done so little?

I have suggested that even those of us who profess to care deeply about the fate of our world in an era of anthropogenic climate change may end up doing very lit-

tle because on some very basic level, we are aware of our dependence on the carbon economy, and we fear its demise. The latest evidence from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is out: Anthropogenic climate change is almost certainly real and its effects will almost certainly be enormous. But we must not confuse ourselves with the scientists on the IPCC. They may be sworn to the code of the disinterested scientist, finding it necessary to maintain a certain neutrality despite their direst predictions, but we are not. The time has come for us to stop looking at the world from behind a window, to put our books and newspapers aside, and to act. We must stop forcing the climate and start forcing our national and state politics into a direction of moral action.

Beckman is a member of the Class of 2007.

STUDENT SPEAK

What do you want for Valentine's Day?



Lynzie McGregor '09

"A candlelight dessert dinner."



Tony Perry '09

"Her."



Kate Ambash '08

"Mail in my S.U. box (No. 55)!"



Theresa Weaver '09

"A boyfriend."



Hilary Imai '09

"To see a moose!"



Anna Conterato '07 and L.D. Lord '08

"A day at the spa with Barry Mills."



Lauren Duerksen '08

"A Crush can."



Thompson Olgilvie '10

"A song from a barbershop quartet written for me."



Mike Tillotson '08

"Nate Hyde."

WEEKLYCALENDAR

February 9-15

Friday

Common Hour with Tracy Kidder

Author of "Mountains Beyond Mountains" will speak to the community. Limited tickets remain and are available in the Pickard Theater Box Office this morning.
PICKARD THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

"The Crying Game"

This 1992 thriller chronicles the story of a British soldier captured by terrorists.
SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

Improvabilities

Bowdoin's improv comedy group will perform its annual Valentine's show.
KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
8 - 9 P.M.

Saturday

"The Crying Game"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

LASO Valentine's Day Auction

Going once, going twice, sold! Bowdoin students will be auctioned off for a date.
Don't forget to bring cash!
JACK MAGEES PUB,
8:30 - 10:30 P.M.

Sunday

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

"When the Levees Broke"

This poetic documentary tells the personal stories of New Orleans residents who felt the wrath of Hurricane Katrina. Part of the Race and Housing Displacement Film Festival.
BEAM CLASSROOM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday

Iraq Up Close: A Conversation with Alex Cornell du Houx

The Bowdoin student and Marine veteran will give a talk on his experiences in Iraq at the front line.
DAGGETT LOUNGE, THORNE HALL,
7:30 P.M.

Valentine's Concert

A capella groups the Longfellows and Miscellania will serenade the crowd with love-themed songs.
BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
8 P.M.

Wednesday

"Wilderness and Spirit: A Mountain Called Katahdin"

This film is about ways in which people express thoughts about the wilderness.
Open to the public.
CLEAVELAND 151,
DRUCKENMILLER HALL,
7 - 9 P.M.

Blood Drive

Give blood to save lives. Sponsored by the American Red Cross.
QUINBY HOUSE,
3 - 8 P.M.

Thursday

Blood Drive

SARGENT GYMNASIUM,
3 - 8 P.M.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sam Chapple-Sokol '07 pitches to fellow senior James Knuckles in a game of snow-run derby on the Quad on Wednesday.



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Nuclear negotiator to deliver lecture

Christopher Hill '74
to discuss nuclear deal
upon return from Beijing

by Anna Karass
ORIENT STAFF

Members of the Bowdoin community will be among the first to hear from America's lead negotiator at the six-party negotiations in Beijing regarding the recent deal with North Korea. Christopher Hill '74, an assistant secretary of state, will deliver a specially scheduled Common Hour today regarding the denuclearization talks in Beijing.

The talk will take place at 12:30 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. The event is open to students, faculty, and staff only.

Hill's visit to Bowdoin comes just three days after reaching a deal with the North Korean delegation. According to Tuesday's New York Times, the pact requires the North Korean government to disable its nuclear reactors and reprocessing facilities.

In addition, the agreement stipulates that North Korea give international inspectors access to its nuclear

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Students give Mainers advice to get to college

Project examines
high school graduation,
college enrollment gap

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Although the Maine Department of Education boasts that the state has an 87.4 percent high school graduation rate, one of the highest in the country, the Mitchell Institute reports that only 50 percent of high school graduates in 2002 enrolled in post-secondary education. This week, nine Bowdoin students presented results from statewide high school focus groups exploring the gap between college intentions and enrollment.

As part of a comprehensive study by the Mitchell Institute on barriers to post-secondary education in

Maine, these student researchers conducted interviews with high school students across the state. Together, they identified some of the reasons keeping Maine high school students from going to college, including cultural and financial issues. The group then made a series of recommendations for communities, schools, and families.

"The Mitchell Institute's work has a deep relevancy to Bowdoin students who are concerned with the common good. In particular, Bowdoin students from Maine are especially aware of the barriers facing high school students when considering postsecondary plans," said junior abroad Aisha Woodward, a coordinator of the project, in an e-mail to the Orient.

The Mitchell Institute is dedicated

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BSG CONSTITUTION

iii) The names of the nominees are submitted for approval by the Student Government. Approval of nominated members and alternates is by majority vote of the Student Government. The Current

OFFICIAL COLLEGE POLICY

Student members are selected by the existing Judicial Board. The Student Government president may observe the interview process and report to Student Government on the newly selected members. The



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

The J-Board convenes in a meeting Monday. BSG is questioning the merits of the J-Board selection process.

Constitutional conflict

Pointing to constitution, BSG seeks J-Board oversight

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Earlier this month, Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Laura Lee, and the leadership of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) sat down to discuss the issue of BSG oversight in the process by which Judicial Board (J-Board) members are selected. Though the deans and the BSG officers failed to see eye-to-eye on some of the finer points, everyone in the room agreed on one thing: A little change might go a long way.

"In that meeting, all five us said the process could be better, long term," said BSG President DeRay McKesson '07.

To that end, Foster proposed the formation of a committee that would re-evaluate the J-Board selection process with a focus on increasing the role of the student government. The committee would comprise two non-J-Board students, the J-Board chair and vice chair, a faculty J-Board member, and Lee, who oversees the J-Board.

The group discussed a number of ideas, including the a public vetting system, where the names of the J-

Board nominees would be released to the public and members of the community could approach the deans with any concerns before the students officially become members of the board, McKesson said.

Foster said that the committee will make plans to convene as soon as BSG nominates its representatives.

In the meantime, comments by members of the student government at their most recent meeting and an op-ed piece concerning J-Board transparency submitted to the Orient

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Trustees approve tenure for seven

Harvard's new president,
Drew Gilpin Faust, will
receive honorary doctorate

by Beth Kowitz
ORIENT STAFF

The Board of Trustees approved seven faculty members for tenure at its February meeting over the weekend.

Pamela Fletcher in the art department, Guillermo Herrera in economics, John Lichter in biology and environmental science, Stephen Majercik in computer science, Samuel Putnam in psychology, Jennifer Taback in mathematics, and Birgit Tautz in German were all promoted from assistant professors to associate professors with tenure.

The board also conferred honorary degrees for May's commencement: for the doctor of humane letters, Geoffrey Canada '74, Stanley Druckenmiller '75, and the newly appointed president of Harvard University, Drew Gilpin Faust, for the doctor of law, former Governor of Maine Angus King, and for the doctor of music, head of the Curtis Institute of Music Roberto Diaz.

In an e-mail to the Orient, Secretary of the College Richard Mercereau said that the Trustees' honors committee "looks for a diverse

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Reed, Burnett to become college houses

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

When three years of construction and renovation on first-year dorms comes to an end this spring, one might expect that the shifting and shuffling of college house affiliations might finally be complete.

Not quite.

After the renovations on Winthrop and Maine halls are completed, two upper-class residences will be added to the College House System: Boody-Reed House and Burnett House.

This decision, however, was not without debate.

"We've been having discussions about whether we'd want to keep six college houses [and] have double affiliations," said Alex Lamb, '07, president of the Inter-House Council (IHC).

However, it was decided that double affiliations would be too complicated, especially during the orientation events that involve first



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Reed House may become a quiet house to alleviate demand for chem-free housing.

years interacting with and visiting the college houses. Lamb cited orientation as one of the system's most important interactions with first years.

Burnett and Reed were two of

very few options for new college houses. The other houses under consideration, such as Smith House, were far too small.

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Environmental goal-setting system seeks to increase campus efficiency

Eight of 20 objectives set in 2003 have already been achieved

by Kira Chappelle
ORIENT STAFF

Over the past four years, Bowdoin has quietly been developing an Environmental Management System (EMS)—a vehicle for communicating and consolidating efficiency efforts on campus.

Director of Environmental Studies DeWitt John, a member on the Environmental Action Committee, which oversees Bowdoin's EMS, explained that the organization "is a device that makes businesses and institutions regulate their own behavior."

"Key pieces are to set goals that are very specific and quantifiable, measure progress, commit to continuous improvement, and assign responsibility," he said.

Manager of Environmental Health and Safety Mark Fisher said that management systems "standardize the best management practices and address green issues. It's not only the right thing to do for the environment, but it's better for business, too."

"The goal is to make this a part of business and a way of life [at Bowdoin]," he added.

Bowdoin's EMS was prompted by Maine's Department of

Environmental Protection (DEP), which was looking to implement pilot EMSs at smaller businesses and institutions like Bowdoin.

The DEP "helped walk us through the development process," said Fisher. "We were very fortunate and thankful to have their guidance."

Bowdoin's EMS has developed a series of Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) that state objectives, targets, actions, and measurable goals called metrics, as well as who is responsible for implementing each plan.

The list of 20 EMPs—eight of which have achieved their proposed target—includes visible issues like solid waste, recyclables, and food supply and wastes that may be visible on campus, to issues such as air emissions, alternative fuels development, and green energy purchasing that may not be as noticeable to the Bowdoin community.

Fisher said that these 20 EMPs are "just a beginning."

Keisha Payson, coordinator of Sustainable Bowdoin, said that Bowdoin has already raised its rate of recycling from 20 percent of waste to 35 percent," she said.

"Maybe we can raise the goal to 50 percent," she said.

John added that he would like to see co-generation implemented on campus, a process that would not only produce heat for buildings, but

allow Bowdoin to generate electricity on campus.

While the Environmental Action Committee has been developing Bowdoin's EMS over the last few years, the goal this semester is to make its presence known to the Bowdoin community.

"We want to encourage people with feedback to contact us," said Payson. "In the past, a lot of people have had no idea what Bowdoin is doing about hazardous waste or things like that. We want to be as transparent and open as we can be. It's important for the College."

Steven Kolberg '09, student member of the Environmental Action Committee, says that getting students to participate may be a tough task.

"There are so many socially responsible activities on campus—I fear the student population almost becomes jaded by all activities that deal with social issues. Part of my job is to work to get students more involved," he said.

The publicity campaign includes a more comprehensive and accessible Web site, which will list the EMPs, as well as a portal where people can directly send in their ideas to the Environmental Action Committee. Payson is also planning a public assembly in April during Earth Week, which will explain Bowdoin's EMS and foster discussion about the program.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Alex Cornell du Houx '06, who spent nine months in Fallujah, described his experiences as an assaultman in Iraq on Tuesday in Daggett Lounge.

Cornell du Houx recounts Iraq duty

by Nick Day
ORIENT STAFF

Alex Cornell du Houx '06 candidly shared his observations and experiences as a marine in Iraq during an hour-long talk on Tuesday. He discussed day-to-day life in the country and addressed issues ranging from sectarian violence to President Bush's recent plan to commit 21,500 additional troops to the region.

Marine Corporal and 0351 Assaultman Cornell du Houx was posted for nine months in Fallujah, a city of approximately 200,000 inhabitants, 40 miles west of Baghdad. The Maine native returned to the United States in October.

Though he was equipped with an assault rifle and trained in a number of other weapons systems, Cornell du Houx specialized in demolitions.

"My job was primarily to breach doors and to provide an entryway for other marines," he said during the presentation. He also blew up safes and cleared trees.

Throughout the speech, he emphasized the strenuous and frustrating existence as a marine in Iraq.

"The life there is not that pleasant at all," he said. "After a while, it wears a lot of people into the ground. There's no end to it, no conclusion. The mentality forms [where we ask] 'How is this beneficial?'"

According to Cornell du Houx, marines would sometimes joke, "I just want to be blown up enough to go home."

"We're extremely good at protecting ourselves and those around us," he said, but stressed that long-term stability was difficult to maintain. In fact, Cornell du Houx said that he thought the Fallujah area was "heating up" when he and his unit returned to the United States.

For most of his tour in Iraq, he lived in a plywood hut surrounded by sandbags. His quarters were adjacent to a mosque, which, according to Cornell du Houx, made it less susceptible to mortars from anti-coalition forces.

But conditions were primitive. "There was no running water, just one hot meal a day, and we had to go to the bathroom in a bag," he said.

Though his unit did not suffer any casualties, the company was hit with attacks five times. Most of them came from roadside bombs, but newly installed armor on the humvees prevented serious injuries.

Though suffering no direct wounds from the enemy, Cornell du Houx did tear his ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) while scrambling out of a vehicle with 70 pounds of gear on his back.

"I landed in some rough terrain and twisted my knee," he said. "I didn't really notice it at the time... but when I came back to the

States, I learned [of the tear]."

Cornell du Houx said that in combat, he was never thinking about being scared, but instead focused on completing specific objectives.

"When you're in combat, you're thinking about how this will happen or [how] that needs to happen for everyone to return home safely," he said.

He also spent a considerable amount of the presentation recounting what he learned about the country and its people.

"The people there on the whole are very good people," he said.

"They are very horrible. They're just really frustrated after four years [of war]," he added.

According to Cornell du Houx, Iraq lacks a civil society. He described a number of infrastructure problems, including a dearth of drinking water, infrequent trash collection, fuel shortages, and recurrent power outages ("three hours of electricity a day at best," he said).

"People are desperate for basic services," he added.

In one particular story, Cornell du Houx recounted how little children would ask him for water when he was out on patrol.

"It was really disheartening, because it was 120 degrees outside and we couldn't survive on our patrol without it," he said.

He also articulated problems with the Iraqi army and police. Many of these units lack allegiance to the national government, suffer from poor equipment, and fear being attacked by insurgents: Cornell du Houx and his unit could not trust Iraqi policemen during firefights with anti-coalition forces.

"We had to take away their communications gear at times because we feared that they would give our position away [to the enemy]," he said.

When asked about President Bush's deployment of an additional 21,500 troops to Iraq, Cornell du Houx expressed marked skepticism. He asserted that more troops in the country would not solve the deep, fundamental problems that now plague Iraq. He recounted what a fellow marine had told him, that the surge was "another half-assed effort to cover up a half-assed effort."

Cornell du Houx also believes that despite minor successes, his unit's presence in Fallujah did not have a positive impact on the community.

"In certain local areas we were able to provide some relief to the people. But I would say that the overall effect was a negative one," he said. However, despite the tenuous situation in Iraq, Cornell du Houx does not regret joining the Marines, and would have signed up "even if I knew I was going to be deployed."

"It's an experience you won't get anywhere else, and you learn a lot," he said.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author relates doctor's quest at Common Hour

Kidder traveled to Haiti, Russia, and Peru while researching his book

by Emily Guérin
ORIENT STAFF

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder spoke at Common Hour about his book "Mountains Beyond Mountains," describing the work as "a shameless effort to promote a vision I felt to be true."

In the book, which was summer reading for the class of 2010, Kidder chronicles the story of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Harvard Medical School-educated medical anthropologist and founder of the international public health organization, Partners in Health. Farmer is an infectious disease specialist and focuses on treating diseases that primarily affect the poor. He is known for his innovative AIDS and tuberculosis treatments.

At last Friday's Common Hour, Kidder said that while writing the

book, he was confronted with the "problem of goodness." Kidder said that Farmer's accomplishments and determination "make people feel diminished."

Kidder explained, "He makes you ask yourself, 'What's the catch?'"

Kidder said that he was concerned that his depiction of Farmer would make readers write off the doctor as a saint, so he tried to show the doctor's "foibles."

"I tried to make Farmer palatable to readers," he said.

Kidder also made himself a character in the story so that readers would have someone to relate to. He considered himself "an everyman," someone "a lot less virtuous than Paul Farmer." According to Kidder, he included himself in the book "to testify that Farmer is for real."

Kidder traveled extensively with

Farmer, who works to cure infectious diseases in rural Haiti, Russia, Peru, and Africa, and is an attending physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

"Haiti shocked me," said Kidder. "I spent a great deal of time and energy trying to reconcile the facts of Haiti with my American life."

After spending so much time with Farmer, Kidder said he realized that AIDS was neither too expensive nor too complicated to be solved.

"The entire range of human illness can be solved in about as difficult a setting as you can imagine," he said.

Kidder said the experience showed him "what one small group of people can do to ease the world's problems."

He said his travels also illustrated the gap between what can be done to solve international health problems and what is actually being done.

"We will be judged in part by how we respond to these terrible pandemics," he said.



Kidder won a Pulitzer Prize in 1981 for "The Soul of a New Machine."

BSG cancels Wednesday meeting

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) did not meet on Wednesday night due to weather conditions. Items on the agenda were to include finalizing plans for Winter Carnival, the announcement of the Library Advisory Committee, and a debate on election reform.

The only vote on the agenda was to be on future policy in the event of the resignation or removal of a BSG representative.

According to BSG President DeRay McKesson '07, the vote and

the election reform conversation had to be rescheduled, but discussions on Winter Carnival and the Library Advisory Committee will not be postponed, since Winter Carnival is happening this weekend and the Library Advisory Committee is holding its inaugural meeting today.

The upcoming election reform discussion will focus on which students are eligible to run for BSG president. As it reads now, class officers are barred from running, as

they are not considered official members of BSG. BSG will also be discussing where study abroad students fit into student government at the College.

While BSG's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, McKesson said the body might meet over the weekend to get a head start on the election reform debate.

"Ideally, we'll get all this election stuff done before Spring Break," he said.

—Anne Riley

Board of Trustees approves funds for construction of new ice arena; discusses financial aid

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group of distinguished individuals with enough of a connection to Bowdoin that they will feel honored to receive the degree."

He noted that Faust had been suggested for the honorary degree before her recent appointment as Harvard's president, so the announcement of her new post this week was "nice timing."

The board also approved the College's revised Intellectual Property Policy, which was endorsed by the faculty in May and approved by the trustees' academic affairs committee in November.

Chair of the board's academic affairs committee Michele Cyr '76 said in a phone interview with the

Orient that a "relatively old policy was on the books and it was clear it needed to be reviewed in the context of what other colleges are doing with intellectual property."

The new policy holds that Bowdoin has an ownership in intellectual property if it involves identity interest, functional interest, or "substantial use" of Bowdoin's resources. The policy defines identity interest as works "integral to, and reflect more directly on, the identity of the college than the individual" and functional interest as "works that are used to enhance the effective functioning and coordination of ongoing operations."

The College does not have ownership interest in what the policy calls "traditionally scholarly works."

In other business, the board authorized the construction of a new ice arena with a budget limited to \$20 million. Mersereau said in an e-mail that the project will start in June if the permitting process is not delayed.

The new 68,200 square-foot arena, which will be located next to Farley Field House, is expected to have seating capacity of 1,900, according to Bowdoin's Web site. The plan for its construction includes dismantling Dayton Arena and replacing it with parking facilities.

The trustees also discussed financial aid at Saturday's plenary session, at which Dean of Admissions Bill Shain and Director of Student Aid Steve Joyce gave a presentation, according to Mersereau.

"[Financial aid] was not discussed because it's an imminent vote, but because it's just such an important subject, and nationally it's an area that keeps changing," Mersereau said in an interview with the Orient. "The intent of the discussion was to bring or keep the board up to speed on the issue."

He added that the board might have to make "some choices down the line" and that it wields ultimate authority over financial aid policy.

Cyr said that board broke into three discussion groups after presentation, giving all the trustees "the opportunity to ask questions and make sure they really understood the financial aid issue."

"There was a lot of discussion about what kind of student body we want to

shape," said trustee Jeff Emerson '70 in a phone interview with the Orient.

Chair of the Board of Trustees Peter Small '64 also stressed the importance of keeping the board updated on financial aid-related issues, saying in a phone interview that it's one of the College's "most important challenges" and is "always going to be a problem."

"Contrary to what most people think, we don't have an unlimited bucket of money," he added.

Besides official business, the trustees also had the opportunity to attend a discussion with members of the Young Alumni Leadership Program, an open forum on Africana Studies, Common Hour with Tracy Kidder, and sporting events.

Hill will give two talks for CPC on state department, mediation

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facilities to ensure compliance with the deal. In return for freezing its current production of plutonium, the United States, South Korea, China, and Russia will provide North Korea with food and fuel aid totaling approximately \$400 million. Japan did not agree to provide aid to North Korea, citing additional issues.

The agreement was greeted with instant criticism from both Democrats and Republicans. Democrats asserted that the current agreement is no better than the one available to the United States four years ago before North

Korea conducted nuclear tests. Voices from the right contended that the U.S. agreement allows for loopholes and that the American delegation should have insisted upon the complete dismantling of the country's nuclear program.

According to Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood, there will likely be local media on campus to talk to Hill.

"We have alerted the Portland and local news media, and we expect other news media to show up to speak with him," Hood said in an e-mail.

The Orient will likely speak with Hill. Should that interview occur, a report will be posted on the Orient's

Web site (orient.bowdoin.edu) as soon as it is available.

In addition to his Common Hour lecture, Hill will also give two talks for the Career Planning Center. One will discuss careers in the Department of State; the other will cover mediation and negotiation.

Hill was last on campus in April 2006, discussing developments in the denuclearization of North Korea and the growing influence of Asia. Hill graduated from Bowdoin with an A.B. in economics. He went on to serve in the Peace Corps in Cameroon. Hill has also served as ambassador to a number of countries and as special envoy to Kosovo.



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Students, working with Mitchell Institute, devise recommendations to up Maine's college enrollment

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to increasing the chances that students across Maine will pursue a college education. The organization awards scholarships, supports educational and preparation programs, and conducts research.

In 2002, with a grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, the group researched and released a report entitled "Barriers to Postsecondary Education in Maine." The report examined ways to facilitate access to higher education and offered suggestions for communities and schools to help students pursue post-secondary education.

Early in 2006, the institute received another grant for a second "Barriers" study to explore the disparity between Maine students' intentions to go to college and the actual enrollment rate. This study has four main components: a survey of college enrollment from Maine high schools, interviews and focus groups conducted by college students across Maine, surveys of hundreds of parents and students about high school and college, and recommendations for schools and communities to encourage the transition between high school and college.

To perform the interviews with high school students, the Mitchell Institute met with Director of the Community Service Resource Center Susie Dorn in the fall 2006 semester. According to Dorn, Woodward immediately took a strong interest in the project, made connections for research, set schedules, and worked with students and Professor of Sociology Nancy Riley. Although Woodward is studying abroad in Ghana for the spring 2007 semester, Dorn said Woodward plans to pursue the issue upon her return.

The group of student researchers, primarily residents of Maine, included Thu-Nga Ho '07, Sara Afienko '08, Michel Bamani '08, Dustin Brooks '08, Jamie Burwood '08, Nate Lovitz '08, Jess McGreehan '08, and Cati Mitchell '09.

McGreehan said that while the first Barriers research project in 2002 compiled a lot of statistics, the second project provides more personal accounts of the challenges facing Maine students.

"I think this project that we've done has been so much more beneficial to whoever's going to see it, which will hopefully help the students. These are really their voices, and in the focus groups it was really powerful to hear everything they had to say. I don't think a survey cap-

tures that, or can capture that," she said.

Looking for themes

The student researchers met on a weekly basis during the fall semester, discussing the project and logistics, drafting questions, and conducting a few sample focus groups in the Brunswick area. The students then returned to their home regions in Maine over Winter Break and arranged more focus groups with high school students. Two days before the start of the spring 2007 semester, the group shared its results, looked for overarching themes, and brainstormed recommendations.

Collectively, the group chose four broad topics relevant to students and college: cultural influences, school preparation, family involvement, and financial challenges. The presentation shared student anecdotes and summarized how each topic affected student decisions to pursue college.

The research showed that communities understood the importance of college for obtaining a career, but that students had an overall lack of resources and knowledge about initiating the process. Many high school students in the focus groups would be first-generation college students, so the families were unsure how to handle the college search process, applications, and financial aid.

In the high schools, the guidance counselors tended to be too overwhelmed to spend time on individual students' desires for college, leaving some feeling alone and confused in the process. The research showed most students did not know how to prepare the right courses or extracurricular activities until their junior or senior year.

In other cases, even if the students received support from their community, family, or school, many face financial challenges to pay for college. Student researchers said there was too much emphasis on low paying merit scholarships, as opposed to larger federal financial aid. Students do not have a grasp on their options and may turn to the military or part-time jobs instead of planning for college.

Overall, the research suggested that students tend to be intimidated by the college process and are unsure of how to proceed.

"The thing that really struck me most was just how important these issues were to the students," Burwood said. "The perception that these high school students couldn't

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Nate Lovitz '08

care less about the issues couldn't be further from the truth."

Burwood said she was in a similar situation while applying to colleges: in the dark about need-based financial aid and unaware of the types of resources colleges like Bowdoin can offer students.

Lovitz said he was fortunate to have a family that encouraged and guided him through the process.

"Really, the main issue in my groups was the lack of knowledge from the kids and the fact that they should be approached about going to college much sooner," he said. "They're not finding out what they should do until the middle of their junior year, when it's already too late for some things. They're far behind with what they need to know."

McGreehan said she developed a personal connection with her student focus groups, offering them chances to ask questions and contact her, so as not to feel lost.

"As a Maine student, I thought I was going through the college process alone, that I was the only one who couldn't afford it. I was the only one having a hard time with the paperwork and financial aid process. After doing this study, I realized I wasn't the only one in that boat, but the whole state is," said McGreehan.

Initiating the process

Based upon their findings, the students made a series of recommendations in an attempt to remedy the enrollment gap. The students expressed the need for everything from more guidance counselors to more school preparation.

The group suggested that college graduates become college fellows for high school students to offer advice on the college process. The

members emphasized the need to start the college process earlier, by preparing for tests, the application process, and financial aid.

The researchers said teachers should advise students beyond academics by building the idea of college earlier. Also, the group recommended that schools work to spark the interest of high school students early, alerting students as to what needs to be done to reach their college goal.

Based on the thoroughness of the group's findings, Dorn said at the presentation that she was excited by the work of the Bowdoin students for the Mitchell Institute's study.

"We hope this study can serve as a springboard for the future involvement of Bowdoin students addressing the issue through coordinated volunteer efforts based upon articulated objectives," said Dorn.

"The overwhelming response to the [admissions program] Aspirations in Maine Day coupled to the passion exhibited by the students participating in this research project demonstrates to me the incredible possibilities that lie ahead for Bowdoin students to address a real need in the state of Maine—as only they can," she added.

At the presentation, Executive Director of Mitchell Institute Colleen Quint said that she agreed with many of the points raised by the student researchers. She said there is a need to make the college process more active for students and families involved, perhaps through more programs like Kick Start Maine that would initiate the college process earlier in school.

Brunswick High School Community Service Coordinator Rick Wilson said he has many concerns about the current state of education in Maine. He said that there need to be major changes in the infrastructure of education, place more emphasis on the college process in general, update the type of real-world education students receive, and encourage student interaction with the community.

"We need to start seriously pinning down why the on-to-college rate is so low, and I think these focus groups help do that. The Mitchell Institute in the past has been very in-step with trying to establish reasons why, and I think policies can come forth from that to help increase enrollment," he said.

The Bowdoin student researchers plan on meeting a few times this semester to discuss how to apply the research—through programming,

presentations, or more projects.

Burwood said the main objective is to make people aware of the issues, talk about them, and spark an interest. The group plans on developing some of the recommendations in the coming semesters with Bowdoin's resources.

McGreehan said she hopes the research will help "communities open their eyes" to meet the needs of college-bound students, help colleges play a more active role, and help teachers identify what students need to prepare for college and develop a new curriculum.

Riley, the sociology professor, said she wants the students to get exposure for the research they've done so that change may be instituted in Maine, and that Bowdoin could stand to play a larger role in the issue. She said high school students, including her daughter, are excited by college students who visit as mentors and role models, and that Bowdoin should get more involved to help out.

"There's something about this which is really good, to use the skills that Bowdoin students, staff, and faculty have, and use it in a way that helps the communities around us," she said.

Wilson agreed, emphasizing the role that college students can have in high school.

"I'd love to see Bowdoin become a little more responsible for its communities and its backyard, maybe through these campus visits and things," he said. "It's about kids trying to learn about the business world, learn from those who are working, about what it takes. I'm particularly passionate about that—we're trying to develop some sort of relationship between businesses and students."

Although the final report from the second "Barriers" study will not be released until July 2007, the group already has identified major areas of concern to focus on.

Woodward said her work was a "wonderful experience" to relate with students and looks forward to putting the research to use.

"Our work with the Mitchell Institute provided an excellent opportunity to match our talents with an important need in our communities across the state," she said. "I am excited about how our relationship with the Mitchell Institute and local high schools has grown, and I am looking forward to many opportunities the College might have to serve as a resource to Maine high school students across the state."

Block sizes will decrease from eight to four for next year's College House System selection process

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"There's only so much property that the College owns that has the adequate space to be a college house," explained Lamb.

Boody-Reed House offered a few new opportunities, since geographically it is farther off campus than most of the other houses.

One first-year brick will also be offered as a quiet house, Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli said.

The idea for a quiet hall was proposed as a reaction to the increase in the number of students interested in living in chem-free residences.

When presented with the idea of having two chem-free first-year dorms to satisfy the higher demand, most students thought that it would not be successful. According to Pacelli, a quiet dorm, however,

could attract some people interested in that aspect of the chem-free system.

It is still unknown which dorm will be chem-free and which dorm will be designated as "quiet."

Mike Taylor '07, currently the RA for Burnett House, said that the change in the house's status presents new possibilities.

"It would be a great opportunity for a group of kids to express their idea of what a college house should look like," he said.

In addition to the changes concerning Burnett and Reed, other changes are taking place with housing, including the system of college house blocking.

"We decreased the block size to four as opposed to eight," said Lamb. "It was really hard to fit blocks of eight into the house [system]."

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Alex Lamb '07
President, Inter-House Council

In Ladd House—with 22 members—two blocks of eight would fill almost the entire residence.

New this year on account of Burnett and Reed is also a slightly altered system of affiliation. As always, students can apply individually to live in their own house or block with up to three other students and apply to whichever house

the block represents. This year, however, students have more options.

"What's new for this year is that every student has standing to apply to Reed or Burnett," said Pacelli.

First-year brick and college house affiliations will likely be changing again next year, and some members of the IHC would like to see the affiliations return to their original status, and then maintain that connection over the years.

"There's a lot of conflicting opinion," said Lamb.

She explained that it is hard to foster tradition when the group of people affiliated with the house is changing every year. But, on the other hand, the changing affiliations leaves room for a lot of new people to be accepted," she added.

Though rumored otherwise, East

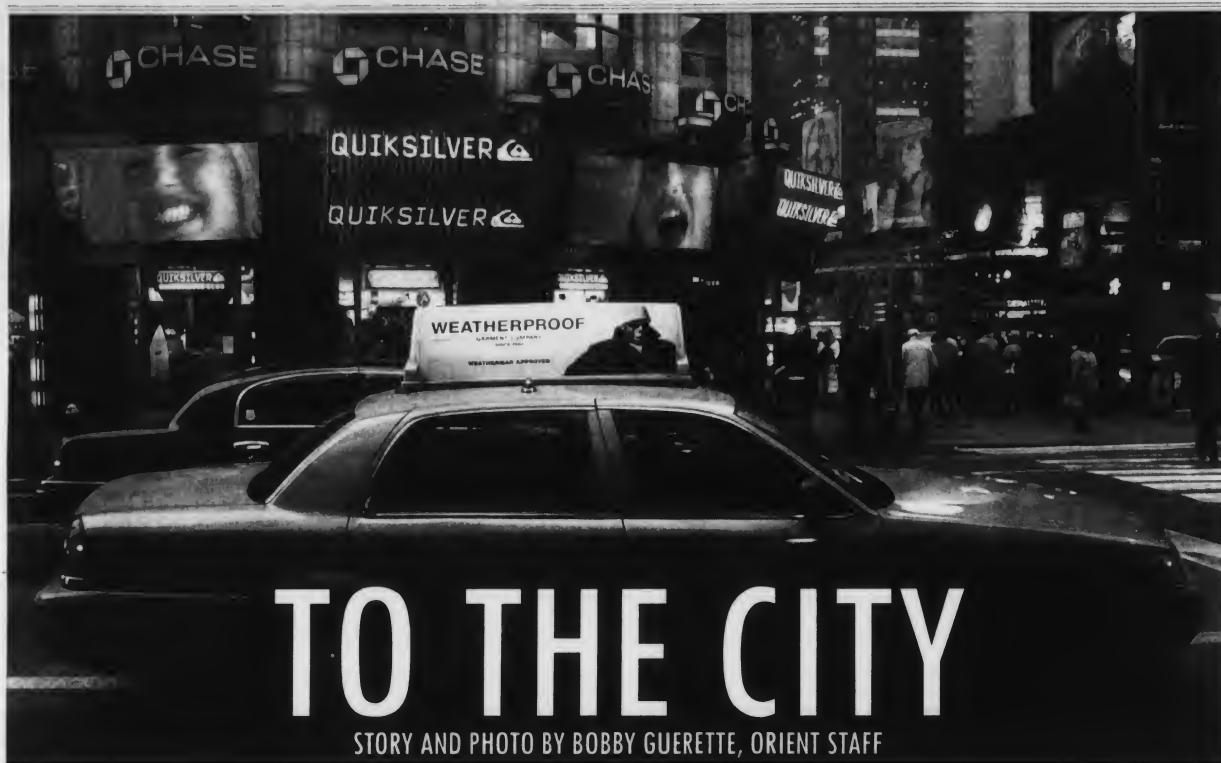
and West will remain as first-year dorms, and all rooms will be doubles. In the case that there is extra space in East and West, it is possible that the top floors would be open to upperclass, providing about 20 spaces for the upperclass housing lottery. Nothing, however, can be decided yet.

"We need to know the size of the first-year class," said Pacelli. "and we'll find out about that over spring break."

As worries over a housing crunch continue with students, Pacelli said that housing is again going to be in high demand, but that there should not be any problems.

In fact, Residential Life hopes to reverse some of the changes they had to make this year—turning the triples in Brunswick apartments back into doubles, and the quints in Stowe Hall back into quads.

FEATURES



If you're looking for a summer internship or a job for after graduation, chances are you might be thinking about heading to a city. According to the Career Planning Center's surveys, the most popular locations for recent graduates are Massachusetts, New York state, Maine, and Washington, D.C. We checked in with recent Bowdoin graduates in top Bowdoin cities to see what they would recommend to students thinking about making a move.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Government is the most popular major at Bowdoin, and graduates report that the transition from the College to Washington isn't a difficult one. "D.C. is a very young and active city, and there are always opportunities to try and learn new things, a lot like Bowdoin in that respect," says Sarah Hippert '05. "It's not that big of a city and it's not overly intimidating, even if you're coming for the first time," she says. Shirindi Mani '06 says the city "caters to diverse interests" and that people "are motivated and down to earth," making the transition "all the more easy."

For students looking for good eats, Hippert points to 18th Street and U Street, home to Dupont Market, which specializes in sand-

wiches on toasted ciabatta. She also reports that nearby Amsterdam Falafel is "cheap and delicious." Mani advises students not to miss out on the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a "great venue." The center's Millennium Stage features free musical and theater performances every night.

Students looking for an apartment might want to check out locations in northern Virginia, with neighborhoods like Ballston and Clarendon only about 10 minutes away from the city, according to Mani. Hippert says students who want to stay in the city should stick to the Northwest area, including Dupont Circle, Columbia Heights, Woodley Park, or Cleveland Park.

NEW YORK CITY

Students who headed to New York rave about the opportunities to explore. "I love living in New York City because there is always something to do, whether you are going to a show off Broadway, visiting a museum, or hanging out at a local pub," reports Sarah Thomas '06, who works for Teach for America. Rebecca Economos '05 cites the "incredible range" of opportunities. "You don't have to make your own opportunities and fun because there is just so much to choose from," she says. Graduates enjoy the free music and theater events in the summer, along with events at local colleges. Economos also points to the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn and the Cloisters branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art as "gorgeous" sites. "Get psyched to try anything and everything that you come across," she says.

Residents say that the transition between Bowdoin and the city can be tough, partly due to the lack of clear air and open spaces. Thomas says Central Park's outdoor activities helped to mitigate that problem. Residents

also report that the "constant hustle" can be difficult. "Life here is incredibly fast-paced and it took a little while to find a balance," Economos says. Going to a friend's apartment can take "as long as driving from Bowdoin to Colby," and "people are less trusting" in the Big Apple, she says. "You have to take initiative to make friends outside of your Bowdoin, high school, or work friends more than during college."

As for living arrangements, Thomas recommends that students hire a broker to find an apartment—a broker can save time and avoid the stress of finding a place to stay while starting a new job. Economos says students should urge employers to give them a few weeks to find an apartment before beginning a job. Thomas recommends the Upper East Side, Upper West Side, Hell's Kitchen, and Murray Hill. Park Slope, Fort Green, and Prospect Heights are listed as options for more affordable housing. Economos recommends the Not for Tourist guide for students trying to get situated.

BOSTON

The College's namesake came from Boston, and graduates living there now say they feel right at home. "I still see Bowdoin people on the T on at least a weekly basis," Heather Honiss '03 says, referencing Boston's public transportation system. Mara Caruso '03 says the first year after graduation is "tough" for graduates, but life in Boston makes things easier since "it is better to be in a place where a lot of your friends and other Bowdoin alumni live." Caruso also noted that the city's central location in relation to New York, Maine, and Washington, D.C. makes it "easier to connect with friends and family" in those places. Residents report that one of the city's best attributes is its size. There are "so many unique neighborhoods that are all easily accessible," Honiss says. Ben Chan '05 says that the city is big enough to "always find new places to go," but is small enough that a walk or a short T ride will get you where you need to go.

Graduates urge students who come to Boston to "keep exploring." "Do not become complacent with going to the same old bars and doing the same old thing," Chan, a Tufts dental student, says. "If you hear about this cool little spot, go there and see it for yourself." Chan says that the Boston Common is a great place to walk or run, especially in the summer or fall. He also admits that with its courtyard and collection, "the Boston Public Library is an amazing place." Noting that she loves the "constant display of 'Yankees Suck' T-shirts" in the city, Honiss says life in Boston isn't complete without a visit to Fenway Park.

As for living arrangements, residents point to Beacon Hill, Jamaica Plains, the North End, and Allston-Brighton. Honiss says many young grads end up in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood, where rent is lower and "the beer still flows 'til the wee hours of the morning." The North End is "accessible" and "has a very old world European feel," Caruso reports. Chan says Jamaica Plains offers a smaller town environment where residents can get away from the "city feel."

PORTLAND

Graduates who chose to move to nearby Portland say they wouldn't want to be anywhere else. "There are lots of young people and it seems more coming all the time," reports Chris Weiner '05, a Boston-area native who fell in love with the Maine coast while at Bowdoin. Weiner points out that the city's comparably small size isn't an issue, since in a big city "people carve out their small little section, and, for the most part, stay in that smaller area." Kerry Elson '05 states, "I don't ever want to leave," noting that her apartment is just two blocks from Casco Bay and has many friends and fantastic food choices nearby. She admits that she wonders about future work opportunities in her field—journalism—and says that the biggest drawback of Portland is that "we get movies later than bigger cities." "But if that's the worst thing I can think of, I guess it's pretty good here," she says.

If you're looking to party, Weiner says the Old Port on a Saturday night is where it's at. "There is clearly no shortage of bars and partying. You don't need any more than we have here," he says. For residents who miss Quimby House's annual party, Bubba's Sulky Lounge on

Portland Street should bring back memories. Elson reports that the lounge goes back to the '80s on Friday nights with a costume contest—"and people really do dress up." But that's not all, Elson says. "Best of all, it has a lighted dance floor." The bar scene is rounded out by the city's theaters and music scene. But Portland is more than nightlife, and Elson directs residents to Sacred and Profane, a "lovely" arts festival that occurs each fall on Peaks Island. Art is installed in corners of a "huge" bunker that was used for World War II, and visitors walk through the installation while holding candles. The festival is topped off with a large buffet feast. Silly's, a restaurant that lets you add whatever you want to a milkshake—including Rice Krispies and jalapenos—also gets high marks.

Weiner reports that he has a "sick apartment in the Old Port" for much less than what a similar apartment would cost in a city like Boston. Residents can choose from the West End, the East End, and the in-town or Old Port areas. Elson chose the East End, and says the area is relatively cheap, safe, and popular among younger people.

Chilling outside: Winter camping with BOC

by Martina Welke
STAFF WRITER

On some wintry nights, just summoning enough nerve to slip under the cold sheets can be difficult. Imagine exchanging your warm bed, fleecelined slippers and nearby indoor plumbing for a sleeping bag, snow boots, and the great outdoors. The thought alone inspires a shiver. Yet many Bowdoin students decide not only to try out winter camping in Maine, but to do it repeatedly.

So what is the appeal of sleeping outside in subzero temperature? For Ed Carr '08, camping in the winter just has an "extra edge to it. Plus, there are no bugs and everything seems cleaner."

Carr did not have much winter experience before coming to Bowdoin. He grew up in Wales, United Kingdom, where there is "not much of a winter," but became intrigued with the idea of winter outdoor adventure after spending a chilly summer in Greenland in 2003. Athletic commitments prohibited him from furthering exploring his newfound interest until this semester, when he embarked on his first overnight winter trip.

"It's nice to get away and do something different for a weekend," says Carr, "but going to the bathroom can be pretty interesting."

Carr's weekend excursion was sponsored by the Bowdoin Outing Club (BOC), which is offering several other opportunities to get outside this winter. Laura Jeffers '05, the assistant director of the BOC, spearheads the winter activities. Although she hails from the frosty mountains of Montana, Jeffers' first winter camping experience was not until her first year at Bowdoin. She recalls that "it was the best night's sleep ever," and after that she was hooked.

Jeffers continued to explore Maine



Courtesy of Mike Eldridge

John Hoffman '08, Jake Hearst '09, Erika Smith '09, Mik Eldridge '10, Wendy Mayer '08, Nick Stone '10, and Ben Roberts-Pierel '10 journeyed to Caribou-Speckled Mountain Wilderness in the White Mountain National Forest last weekend. The group snowshoed, hiked, and camped for two nights.

in its coldest season—even summiting Mount Katahdin in the cold—and by her junior year she felt confident enough to lead a winter leader seminar with Peter Schoene '05. During a weekend trip she and Schoene taught other aspiring winter aficionados such skills as proper layering and packing, selecting and preparing a campsite, cooking (lots of chocolate and cheese), and staying warm.

Jeffers appreciates the heightened sense of remoteness she experiences on winter trips. "There's hardly anyone else on the trail. You're more likely to run into a moose than another group of people."

Despite all the beauty and serenity that being outside in the winter provides, Jeffers admits there are some down sides. After a stream crossing that left some trip participants with wet clothing on a trip her first year, some people in the group became hypothermic and had to be evacuated. Jeffers left with some frostbitten fingers, but she shrugs and says, "They only tingled for three months, and then I was fine." Another time, she punctured her leg with a crampon (a spike in the front of a boot that aids in climbing in snow or ice), but did not notice until much later because the -30 degrees Fahrenheit temperature

instantly numbed her wound.

Injuries are not enough to deter Bowdoin's winter crusaders and neither are the wild beasts of Maine. Ivy Blackmore '07 recently returned from her first winter camping trip after getting a little less sleep than she had hoped.

"I woke up a few times with mice running over my sleeping bag because I was right next to the food. But whatever, it was funny," Blackmore says.

Blackmore found winter camping appealing because it gave her the chance to revisit the places she knows well from summer trips and see the landscape transformed. As an experi-

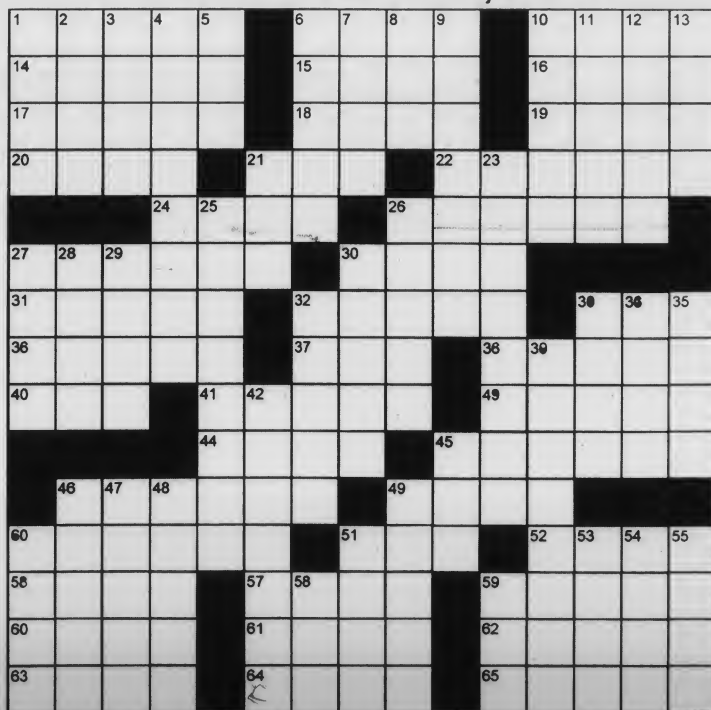
enced camper, Blackmore also relished in the opportunity to learn a completely new set of outdoor skills.

"I had no idea that if you buried a pot of boiling water in the snow at night, it would still not be frozen in the morning. It was so cool," she says.

Others find the sheer challenge of winter camping enticing. Ben Lake '07 decided to go on a winter trip his sophomore year and his interest, just snowballed from there—no pun intended.

"I think that there are a lot of people that don't enjoy it, which is too bad. Maybe it's a masochistic streak of mine. I don't know," Lake says.

Mardi Gras Mayhem



Puzzle by Anne Riley

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15 Lazy	56 Jetty	25 Registered	49 Enclosed sections of windows
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17 Native of Alaska	59 Approximate date	27 September (abbr.)	51 Oils
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19 Masked gathering	61 Wager	29 Ocean	
20 Burial chamber	62 Apexes	Spray's drink starters	
21 Billion years	63 Plateau	30 Ore digger	
22 Routine	64 Loch monster	32 Call	
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WBOR stays on air, re-licensed by FCC

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

After months of letter writing, legal counsel, and lots of patience, Bowdoin's radio station WBOR kept its rights to broadcast over the Brunswick airwaves. As of January 22, the station has been re-licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

WBOR received word on January 23 that its license had been renewed until April 2014. The FCC was previously investigating the station for failing to file quarterly reports of its public issue lists, which recorded the public service announcements (PSAs) that DJs were required to make on the air.

"WBOR's not going anywhere, luckily," said Adam Paltrineri '07, the station manager. "There were a few places in our record-keeping where it wasn't filed on time, and for some reason they decided to come down hard on us."

Paltrineri added that the station had been keeping track of its PSAs, but the failure in record-keeping came when the station did not synthesize the PSAs into quarterly reports at the Smith Union Information Desk.

To save the station's license, WBOR hired communications lawyer David O'Connor '91 and launched the "Save WBOR" letter-writing campaign. There were over 600 letters of support, including one from the office of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe.

Though WBOR has been re-licensed, the FCC issued a \$10,000 fine for the problems with the public issue lists and a \$1,500 fine for

a late application.

"We're going to fundraise as much as we can, hopefully all of it," Paltrineri said.

The station plans to ask for money from different college departments, classes, college houses, and the president's office. Paltrineri and Ted Power '07, WBOR's publicity director, also joked about making money through lemonade stands, bake sales, and T-shirts.

"[The FCC] is just doing their job," Paltrineri said. "They chose not to come after small radio stations in the past."

"I sometimes flash my nipple on the air. But I think in the larger scheme of things, people are more interested in Janet Jackson flashing her nipple," Power said.

"They have bigger fish to fry than WBOR," Paltrineri said.

To keep the re-licensing scare from happening again, the station plans to stay on top of its quarterly reports and keep broadcasting PSAs. The station requires that at least one PSA be broadcast every hour.

"There's a lot more public service content on the air than ever before," Paltrineri said.

Paltrineri and Power cited Randy Nichols and Mike Brown's show, "Listen!" as devoted to public service content. Also, Archie Abrams '09 has a show on constitutional law and interviews legal personalities.

These shows, as well as various announcements about local non-profit events, the Army, the American Red Cross, and other community organizations, qualify as public service content.

"We're very tapped into the community," Power said. "Roughly a



Margot Miller, The Bowdoin Orient

Adam Paltrineri '07 and Ted Power '07 play music during their radio show at WBOR, which was recently re-licensed.

third of our DJs aren't students."

"Not only are we broadcasting to Brunswick, but a large portion of the DJs are community members, and that really ties Bowdoin into the Brunswick community," he added.

Since the station is student-run during the school year, Bill Morse, a local resident, runs the station while

students are away on breaks. Morse also oversees the Bates radio station when Bates is not in session.

Seniors dominate the station's current staff, so officers like Paltrineri and Power are looking to younger DJs to carry on the management of the station. Paltrineri said that he is available to answer questions about

the station's management or ideas for fundraising.

"We're a little hard to find, but we're an incredible resource," Power said. "The station goes back to at least the '50s, and we get about 50 CDs a week of lots of great music."

Power added, "It's great we'll be around for more years."



Courtesy of Samantha Farrell

Samantha Farrell '05, in L.A., recently released her first album, "Spiritus."

Alum channels DiFranco, Jewel

by Sara Tennyson
STAFF WRITER

Samantha Farrell '05 is cool. The Bowdoin graduate just released her first album, "Spiritus," plays for her loyal and growing fan base at hot Los Angeles clubs like The Roxy and The Viper Room, and hangs out with the occasional celebrity. She went to Garth Barbery's first live show, dined with Emmylou Harris, and played for Billy Zane at an open mic.

Farrell, a Massachusetts native turned California hipster, moved to L.A. after graduation. Performing at coffee houses, she began to draw crowds and was invited to open at clubs around the city. Farrell recorded "Spiritus" over the course of four days in August 2006 at the famed 4th Street Recordings in Santa Monica.

The self-released album channels the vocals of Ani DiFranco, Jewel, and

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A bit of Maine in the fridge



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

ANDREW'S ENGLISH PALE ALE—\$7.95 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's Market.

On mornings when I awake to that familiar glare of blinding snow through the window shades and the sound of snowplows backing down for another go at the street outside, I am often struck by the perpetual and unrelenting constancy of nature. No matter what we do, or don't do, nature is always doing something around us. Though many of you are cursing every innocent snowflake that hits the

important to remember while trudging to class that there's a far more pleasant and tasty piece of Maine waiting for you back in your fridge.

But before beer talk, I think a little weather lesson is in order regarding Maine winters. For starters, snow is pretty. Cold and persistent as it may be, snow does add a certain charm to our beloved campus. Just look at the Bowdoin calendar, and you will see what I mean: February depicts Mass Hall and a sinewy oak tree, blanketed in heavenly white flakes—simply stunning. In addition, snow has the unique quality of making things that once radiated vibrant color (like the sky, or grass) seem suddenly solemn and drab. But come on people, haven't you read

the new Cosmo Teen? Gray is the new black (so our campus is, like, totally fetch, right?).

Lastly, and most importantly, a good snowstorm offers the perfect excuse to do what every college kid holds truly dear in his or her heart—absolutely nothing. Now for those of you who have already basked in the glory of class cancellations, bravo. But for the rest of us who did not fare as well, have no fear. There is still a chance that the central heating could go and campus will shut down for a

week (while the dining halls, mail center, and game room in the union miraculously remain open). However, should this not happen, always remember that the benefits of a snowstorm transfer far past the mere missing of classes. That's right, massive amounts of snow directly correlate into minimal amounts of schoolwork. This, of course, is where this week's beer (or any beer, for that matter) comes into play. So as you read this column on this lovely Friday afternoon, I say put down the books, grab a car, and head down to Uncle Tom's Cozy Castle of Classiness, because you're going to be grumpy about the weather and your workload anyway, so wouldn't you rather be miserable while enjoying an Andrew's Pale Ale?

I'm starting to become convinced that no one really cares about the details of the beer and that I would be better off telling a funny story and concluding with either a "yes, you should try this," or a "you know what? Better off with the Natty." But I think it is important to understand what qualities combine to make for a great taste. Since I happen to think that Andrew's Pale Ale is worth a try, I will offer all the gushy details to indulge myself, if no one else. To begin, Andrew's pours a brilliant red-amber with a small, consistent off-

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Cinematic explorations around Casco Bay



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

Now that all you freshmen have experienced your first legit Maine snowstorm, you may be feeling a little cabin fever. But catch yourself before you exclaim: "I went to college in a frigid wilderness!" As (most) upper-classmen know, the stretch of Maine around Casco Bay, from Portland to Brunswick, has a surprisingly large number of artistic venues, including independent cinemas. Here's a sampling of the best places to check out.

Bart & Greg's DVD Explosion

A short walk from campus down Maine Street to the Tontine Mall offers Bowdoin students two cinematic gems. The first is Bart & Greg's, an independent DVD rental store founded by a Bowdoin alum and Brunswick resident, which has been a fixture in Brunswick for the last four years.

In the world of rental stores, Bart & Greg's is one of the greats. Its collection is sometimes awe-inspiring, from documentaries to a multiplicity of foreign sections and director collections. The number is growing every day and you can participate in that process. If there's a film they don't have that you'd like to see, ask them to buy it and, in a few weeks, they usually will (though I've never been unable to find a film I wanted).

Every day there are different deals on the rentals, such as two-for-one Mondays through Wednesdays. So, instead of using Netflix, consider supporting a Brunswick resident and Bowdoin grad who are actively working for the campus community.

For more information, check out www.bartandgregs.com.

Eveningstar Cinema

Also located in the Tontine Mall, Eveningstar just celebrated its 10th anniversary last semester. The only independent theater between Portland and Waterville, Eveningstar brings a wide selection of films for the campus's enjoyment, skewing toward more involved, challenging fare (Loews in Cook's Corner shows mainstream films).

The theater offers student discounts and has fun events periodically, such as silent films with a live piano score and its annual Oscar party. Coupled with the couches in the front of the theater (always nabbed once the doors open), Eveningstar is a rite of passage for Bowdoin students.

Eveningstar is currently playing "Notes on a Scandal," starring Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett, at 1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:15 and 9:10 p.m. Check out www.eveningstarcinema.com.

Frontier

At the end of Maine Street in Fort Andross is the newly opened Frontier Café, Cinema and Gallery. An awe-

some new addition to the community, Frontier includes a movie theater with seats from a classic movie hall of the early 20th century.

Its film selections tend to be truly independent, as filmmakers often without distribution show their films on their own. This kind of interaction between audience and filmmaker is rare and adds to the understanding of the film.

Tonight, the Silk Way series continues, with three Kazakh films being shown beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free with a Bowdoin ID.

For more information, look up www.explorefrontier.com.

Nickelodeon Cinemas

Though it may seem far, Portland is only 25 minutes away from campus and is accessible, for those without cars, with the BSG weekend shuttle. Downtown Portland is a gem, with numerous shops and restaurants as well as the Portland Museum of Art and independent movie theaters.

The Nickelodeon Cinema is an independent film multiplex, with multiple screens, all showing various current critical successes. Current releases include "Babel," Scorsese's "The Departed," and "The Last King of Scotland," starring best-actor nominee Forest Whitaker.

Nickelodeon is located in downtown Portland at 1 Temple Street, easily within walking distance of Commercial Street and parking garages. For more info, check out



Courtesy of movieweb.com

Cate Blanchett and Judi Dench star in "Notes on a Scandal," playing at Eveningstar. www.patriotcinemas.com/nickelodeon.html.

Movies on Exchange

Finally, we get to the most impressive independent theater in Maine. Impressive, because it consistently gets the most sought-after current limited releases. A single theater like Eveningstar, Movies on Exchange has been in Portland since the early 1970s, playing an integral role in the culture of Portland.

Currently playing at the theater is "Shut Up & Sing," a documentary about the aftermath of the Dixie Chicks' comment about President Bush in 2003. Looking at the social roles celebrities can play, it takes a fascinating look at a slice of modern American

culture wars. "Shut Up & Sing" is playing at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m. with weekend matinees at 1 p.m.

Movies on Exchange is located at the intersection of Fore Street and Exchange Street in downtown Portland. For more information, look up www.moviesonexchange.com.

So now there's no excuse, for under and upperclassmen alike, to say you're bored. Whatever you're cinematically craving, Maine's got it.

Last call for the Oscar contest! Write your predictions for Best Picture, Director, the four acting and two writing categories, with Best Foreign Film as tiebreaker, and drop it off at the Smith Union Information Desk. A gift certificate to Bart & Greg's awaits the winner. Due by Thursday, February 22.

Ordinary moments bring 'This' to life

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

Meandering between perspectives with ease, Alice McDermott paints a credible picture of a family at the close of the World War II in "After This." The novel is fundamentally about lives formulated by happenstance. McDermott illuminates moments in the lives of the Keane family that the reader would not anticipate.

The reader is not invited to many weddings or deathbeds, McDermott chooses the moments of least consequence, unexpected events that illustrate the attraction between spouses or the precarious balance on which friendships rely. These times that unexpectedly change the course of events but are subtle enough to be overlooked, even in retrospect, are drawn on with great grace by McDermott. Through this use of chance as illustrations of life, McDermott manages to capture the unpredictability that guides the course of a lifetime.

McDermott does not take her reader far. The setting of New York is abandoned only briefly and the reader is carried through fewer than three decades following the end of the war. Despite the apparent narrow scope of the novel's content, most Americans will be able to identify at least one element in the Keane family's history that exists in their own lives.

There are dead soldiers, broken limbs, births and circumstantial friendships, favorite college bars, European romances and unconvincing dates, all of which provide the

reader with entrances into the American reality into which McDermott traps McDermott tracks the societal, familial and sexual changes that arrive with the close of World War II.

McDermott is acutely aware of the way that America's development of her citizens' freedoms affects the dynamics within the Keane family. She deftly draws parallels between wars, friendships, and marriages, but there are never instances when she is caught explaining consequences to the reader. There is an all-encompassing subtlety in her writing that manages to strike low-lying chords that reverberate throughout McDermott's novel.

Fluidity is inherent in "After This." It is as if the author dipped her fingers into the vast supply of scenery from this family's life and picked almost at random. While the moments are not directly connected, the palpable overlap between the characters, be it genetic or circumstantial, holds together the events' sequence.

In addition to this blend, the scenes possess a muted quality, the reader watches from outside the experience, the distance imposed not only by the page but also through the presence of an unexpressed predestination. The detachment does not serve to alienate but rather emphasizes the inevitability of life's continuation no matter the change of plans.

This family's experience is not out of the ordinary, but "After This" is neither emotionless nor dull. The universality of the occurrences and their simplicity will resonate with the reader.

Andrew's English Pale Ale offers taste of Maine in winter season

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white head. It smells of fruit and mild hops. My initial whiff picked up hints of apple, grapefruit, and earthy aromas. It boasts an earthy and breadly flavor that is rich but not heavy. On the palate, Andrew's is smooth, crisp, and satisfying. I recommend drinking Andrew's with a good meal (Papa John's will suffice), because its flavor comes out better. I think, in collaboration with food

(kind of how Gutie only becomes functional after his second or third Philly cheese).

In the end, I find Andrew's English Pale Ale a refreshing local beer definitely worth a try. If the taste doesn't seem to grab you, hold on to your pants, because the label is, perhaps, one of the best I have seen yet. Now, for me, I was reminded of walking in on my roommates cuddling on the sofa last night, but for most of you,

the adorable scene of a black cat burrowing into a furry golden retriever will take you to a happy place. So as the snow (and with it our grades) comes falling down all around us, what better way to lift our spirits than some cuddly little animals and a great-tasting Maine beer? So stock up now and prepare for a lengthy hibernation. After all, the weather can't get to you if you never leave your room.

Alum Samantha Farrell releases CD, rocks Los Angeles music scene

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Fiona Apple via an eclectic combination of styles that, according to Relix Magazine, "Farrell manages to tie together by wearing her emotions, and more importantly, her soul on her sleeve."

Mixing elements of folk, jazz, and soul with a soft yet powerful voice, Farrell says that her album "explores the emotional, physical, and spiritual journey of life."

"Spiritus" is at once upbeat and contemplative, ranging a compelling, yet extremely relatable span of emotions.

In regards to her album and rapid success, Farrell said, "I think the reason it's done so well is that if you are a human being, you can relate to these emotions. I take the most time on my lyrics because lyrics are what draw you into a song and keep you there. I was between general and specific, leaving room for the listener to make their own personal connection and interpretation."

A veteran Miscellania member, Farrell credits Bowdoin with her musical beginnings.

"Before I came to Bowdoin, I wasn't really a singer," she said. "Through Miscellania, I found my voice and discovered that I loved to perform."

In addition, her friendship with Pete Durning '05 evolved into a

musical partnership that led him to play bass guitar and sing backup vocals on "Spiritus." Farrell and Durning began playing John Mayer covers at the Pub as first years, opened for Matt Nathanson and Dona Roberts spring of their senior year, and wrote songs together throughout the course of their time at Bowdoin. Several of the songs made their way onto Farrell's album.

"The whole experience was a dream come true for both of us, but especially for Sam, who had spent all of the previous year grinding it out as a musician in L.A.," Durning said.

Farrell concedes that she has hit some bumps on the road to success.

"I have a love-hate relationship with L.A. and the music scene. I had absolutely no idea what I was doing when I got here, so understanding the scene has been a tough learning curve," she admitted.

Farrell continued, "On any given night, there are hundreds of shows going on and competition is stiff. Every day, there are hundreds of people getting off the plane at LAX to pursue their dreams. That being said, there are the same number of people, if not more, getting on flights leaving L.A. just as quickly. Some nights you play for crickets, some nights you play for a full house. You have to stick it out through the hard times if

you want to make it in the business."

As for future plans, Farrell will continue playing the L.A. club circuit and will tour the West Coast late in the spring. She continues to write and is planning her next album, which she says will feature a more raw, stripped acoustic sound accompanied by cello and piano.

Additionally, Farrell said, "I'm in talks with a few major publishers at the moment, and I'm hoping to seal a publishing deal in the not too distant future. That would allow me to quit my day job as well as start establishing my career as a songwriter penning tunes for other artists."

Farrell has no worries about signing with a major label, and credits the Internet for the quick spread of her music.

"Spiritus" is named for the Latin word meaning "breath, breathing, life, and spirit," and the title is indicative of Farrell's commitment to pursuing her passion.

"Music is my life," she said. "It is the fullest and purest expression of myself that I can create—the word just resonated, and there it was."

"Spiritus" is now available on iTunes and is quickly gaining popularity. "Sam's voice and melodies always have a mood that just catches and moves me," said Durning. "She can make it in this crazy business."

SPORTS

Dayton works wonders for men's hockey

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Men's Hockey Team improved its record at home to 9-0-0 and gained sole possession of first place in the NESCAC in doing so. For whatever reason, opponents have been unable to decipher the mystery that is Dayton Arena this season.

Senior captain Bryan Ciborowski has his own theory. "The atmosphere in Dayton is great and our team thrives off of it," he said.

Both games from last weekend were tight and thrilling affairs for the Polar Bears. Tim McVaugh '07 got the show started on his impressive weekend by scoring two goals in the first period against Trinity.

First-years Mitch Dillon and Colin McCormick added a goal apiece in the second frame to put the hosts up 4-1. This dominating lead evaporated quickly, however, as Trinity responded with three consecutive goals in the final stanza.

The hometown faithful never lost faith, though, and McCormick rewarded the 1,425 on hand by drilling home the gamewinner from the blue line with six minutes remaining.

The Polar Bears kept the intensity up the following day in a contest that held sole possession of first place in the NESCAC in the balance.

Bowdoin took an early lead against Wesleyan when Dillon slapped home a Greg McConnell '07 centering pass five minutes into the game. The Cardinals responded forcefully by scoring two unanswered goals and controlling the play over the next twenty-five minutes. The hosts were up to the task with the help of NESCAC player of the week McVaugh, who put the finishing touches on his excellent weekend by equalizing on a rebound off a Brian Fry '10 blue line shot.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

The puck slides around the goal after senior Tim McVaugh's second-period goal against the Cardinals on Saturday. The Bears defeated Wesleyan 3-2.

The final period was all Bowdoin as the home team controlled the puck well and held out until Sebastian Belanger '08 scored the go-ahead goal with just over four minutes to go.

McVaugh's talent was really showcased throughout these two contests. A forward and defenseman, he brings a lot of "size and intensity to the dynamics of the team," according to Ciborowski.

McVaugh managed to have a hand in four of the five points against Trinity (two goals, two assists) including the gamewinner, really used his experience to ensure Bowdoin success over Senior Week.

Taking sole possession of first place in the NESCAC is a real accomplishment for a team that has not been given a lot of respect this season.

"Our team has defied all expectations everyone has had for us this year," Ciborowski said. "If someone thinks that they will easily take it from us, they've got another thing coming."

The two victories also put Bowdoin in the position to obtain home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs if they earn at least three points this weekend (one win, one tie). The Polar Bears will face off

against Norwich tonight and then St. Michaels Saturday (both games are out of conference play). With the prospect of having all the benefits of home-ice throughout the NESCACs, many involved acknowledge the significance of this weekend's events.

None more so than Ciborowski, who said, "We are doing everything we can to get more games at Dayton."

Women's hockey wins on road

by Kate Walsh
STAFF WRITER

The women's hockey team finished its regular season with a bang, going 3-0 in the final week, beating NESCAC rival Wesleyan twice last weekend and shutting out St. Anselm on Tuesday.

In the first period against St. Anselm, the Polar Bears found themselves with their backs against the wall, outshot 8-3. But the Bears rebounded in the second period. Fewer than five minutes into the second period, senior Katie Forney scored an unassisted goal. Fifteen seconds later the Polar Bears scored again, as Beth Battin '09 found the back of the net off assists from Meghan Gillis '07 and Katherine Pokrass '10. Bowdoin rolled into the third period, as Lindsay McNamara '09 capitalized on a powerplay at 5:27 to finish the game 3-0. Emily Leigh Mercer '09 got the shutout, making 21 saves for the Bears.

"Our aim throughout the season has been to play as a team, and to get everything from special teams to

passing to flow smoothly," Mercer said. "This week, we came away with three wins in which we did just that by beating St. Anselm's was a great way to go into playoffs because we played as a team, and executed defensively and offensively."

The Polar Bears dominated the first game against Wesleyan from start to finish. In the first period, the Polar Bear offense practically melted the ice, outshooting the Cardinals 24-6. Nicolas posted first on the scoreboard for the Bears, with an unassisted goal. The Bears returned to the ice in the second period with vengeance, continuing to outshoot the Cardinals 13-5. Kristen Cameron '08 scored at 6:20. The Polar Bears carried their momentum into the third, when at 9:34 McNamara capitalized on a powerplay, increasing the Bowdoin lead to 3-0. At 16:20 the Cardinals finally managed to get one past the Polar Bear defense, but Bowdoin answered quickly with a goal from Jayme Woogerd '07 at 18:46 to make the final score 4-1. Mercer had another stellar performance in the net, making 20 saves.

Despite playing hard the day before, the Polar Bears returned to the ice without a trace of fatigue to beat Wesleyan again. Bowdoin got on the board first with a goal from Woogerd at 3:50. The Cardinals managed to score while Bowdoin was shorthanded to even up the score. The Polar Bears answered on their next powerplay opportunity, when Gillis found the back of the net at 13:59. The second period was all Bowdoin, with the Bears outshooting the Cardinals 15-4. McNamara, Kate Leonard '07 and Scooter Walsh '09 all scored goals. In the third period, the Bears continued to play hard, despite their solid 5-1 lead. Forney scored early on in the period at 5:43. The Cardinals got past the Bowdoin defense at 7:58, but the Polar Bears answered quickly with a second goal from McNamara at 9:36, making the final score 7-2. Goalie Samantha Schwager '10 had 16 saves.

The Bears will be back on the ice for a first-round NESCAC tournament game on February 24 at Dayton Arena.

Women's hoops enters NESCACs as first seed

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

Since the tournament's inception in 2001, Bowdoin (23-1, 9-0 NESCAC) is the only team to have won the NESCAC Women's Basketball Tournament.

Saturday, at 3 p.m. against Trinity, the Polar Bears look to take the first step in garnering their seventh straight conference title.

After beating Tufts last Friday in Brunswick, 60-41, the Polar Bears assured themselves the No. 1 seed in the NESCAC tournament, which begins this weekend Bowdoin also beat rival Bates on Saturday, 78-47.

"The weekend was great," senior captain Eileen Flaherty said. "It was such a good feeling to get two important wins against some of the top NESCAC competitors."

Tufts (16-7, 8-1 NESCAC) had previously been unbeaten in the conference. The key to the Bowdoin win was tough defense: The Bears held Tufts to an abysmal 23 percent

field goal shooting mark and had nine steals, while allowing only one Jumbo to score in double digits. Flaherty led all scorers with 13 points and became the first Polar Bear to ever score 1,700 career points.

The Polar Bears also notched another quality win the next day, beating the Bobcats on Senior Day in Brunswick. Sophomore Jill Anelaskus led all scorers with 16 points and Flaherty added 15. Bowdoin out-rebounded the Bobcats by an impressive 46-36 margin.

"We played with a lot of confidence and determination last weekend," said Head Coach Stefanie Pempers. "It was a great way to honor our seniors for sure."

"Senior Day was really great but at the same time it was kind of sad," Flaherty said. "We will hopefully still have some more games to play in Morrell this season, but at the

Men's basketball slips into playoffs

by Darian Reid-Sturgis
STAFF WRITER

Coming off a win against Bates that sealed its seventh seed in the NESCAC playoffs, the men's basketball team squared off against the St. Joseph Monks in its final regular season contest on Monday night.

Co-captain Kevin Bradley '07 reached another career milestone as he scored his 1,000th point, becoming the 17th player in Bowdoin men's basketball history to reach the mark. Bradley broke the barrier in the first half on a three-pointer from the wing.

The Monday night game almost ended with bittersweet results as the Polar Bears trailed the Monks by 10 points with five minutes remaining in the game. But a pair of three-pointers from Andrew Hippert '08 and clutch shooting from junior Jordan Fliegel helped the Polar Bears tie the game and send it into overtime.

In overtime, Bowdoin went on an early 8-2 run and never relinquished the lead. Great free throw shooting from Hippert (8-8) and Andrew Sargeantson '08 (5-6) sealed the victory for the Polar Bears 87-83. The game saw great performances from all five starters. Hippert led all scorers with 21 points. Sargeantson racked up a double-double scoring 19 points on perfect 7-7 shooting and grabbing 10 rebounds. Kyle Jackson '09 played a stellar all-around game, scoring 14 points, grabbing seven rebounds, and dishing out eight assists. Fliegel scored 16 points. Bradley scored 11 points and handed out five assists. His career point total now stands at 1,004.

Last weekend, the Polar Bears

went on the road against Tufts and Bates playing must-win games. On Friday night, the Bears visited Tufts in a game that had to be decided in overtime. Although Bowdoin scored the first four points in overtime, that is about all the Bears would get as the Jumbos went on a 15-1 run, defeating the Bears 94-84.

Tired and heartbroken, the Bears traveled to Lewiston on Saturday to take on rival Bates College in a game that determined whether or not the Bears would make the playoffs. No current Polar Bear had beaten Bates in its gymnasium. Bates led for much of the first half, but the Bears' reserves were able to make a run to get them back in the game. A step back fade-away from Tim Lane '09 (10 points) and a straightaway three-pointer from Mike Hauser '10 helped swing the momentum. Bowdoin entered half-time holding a narrow lead 27-25.

The Polar Bears led the rest of the way as they started the second half with an 11-5 run. Bates narrowed the gap to two, but in the final few minutes Bates simply could not make a shot and Bowdoin was able to win the game by eight, with a score of 66-58. The Bears shot 49 percent from the field and 59 percent from three-point range as they held the Bobcats to 36 percent shooting from the field and 17 percent from three for the game.

Coupled with a pair of Wesleyan losses, the Polar Bears are now in the NESCAC playoffs (grabbing the No. 7 seed) with their win over Bates. They will visit No. 2 seed Trinity in Hartford on Saturday at 3 p.m. In their only meeting this season, the Polar Bears beat the Bantams 75-69 at Morrell Gymnasium.

Nordic skiing celebrates snow



Courtesy of Nick Crawford

Sophomore Maresa Nielson participates in a relay at the Dartmouth Carnival in Stowe, Vermont, on Saturday.

Women's basketball readies for NESCACs

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same time it was an emotional day just knowing that it's one of your last times playing on your home floor."

The Polar Bears are currently ranked in the top spot in the latest Women's Basketball Coaches Association Division III national poll and are ranked first on D3hoops.com, taking over the spot Messiah College, which lost this weekend, previously held. But rankings mean nothing come playoff time, and the team is focusing on advancing in the NESCAC conference tournament.

"Being the top seed is wonderful but it won't win us a game," Pemper said. "What it allows is for us to be in our community, with our fans, and playing in a gym that we love to play in. We know that winning the title will take our best, and a little luck, and there's no better feeling than giving our best in front of a community that supports us as well as Brunswick and Bowdoin."


Trinity (12-11, 3-6) will travel to Brunswick looking for an upset on Saturday, but the Polar Bears will be tough competition.

"We'll have to step up our defense against Trinity and be ready to fend off a scrappy team that will be hungry to keep their season alive," said Flaherty. "We're confident in our abilities though, and by the end of practice this week we'll definitely be prepared."



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Alexa Kaubris '09 takes a shot in practice on Thursday in Morrell Gym.



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Envious of the Green? Not in the least

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris
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Let me first begin by informing all of you that the saying, "The Knicks are awful," or any nuance of this, has officially become a cliché, an annoying one, too. Being a fan of the club that went 23-59 last season (good for second-worst in the league), led by contemptuous Head Coach Larry Brown, conniving General Manager Isiah Thomas, and fickle owner Jim Dolan, I can see where this frequently-uttered phrase got its roots, and how it has managed to sustain itself into this season (Thomas and Dolan are both still there).

But to say that the Knicks are awful is a vast overstatement, yet still casual basketball fans and sports information generalists alike still consistently throw it into their speech. New York, heading into this weekend's All-Star break, is seven games under .500 at 23-30, but have already matched last season's win total with 29 games left to play, and are only three and a half games out of the eighth and final playoff spot in the East. So unless the Knicks somehow manage to complete the almost impossible feat of losing all 29 of their remaining games, they will finish with a better record than last season, and that improvement by itself will ultimately be enough to give New York and its fans a new sense of hope and renewal.

Now, would I go as far as saying that the Knicks are a good team? Of course not, they're far from it. But their longest losing streak of the season has maxed out at three games—a respectable number, which is why the thought of the Knicks—or any other team for that matter—losing 29 consecutive games seems so inconceivable, right? Wrong again.

If you head northeast from the Knicks' Madison Square Garden, and travel approximately 216 miles in that direction (thanks, MapQuest), you will ultimately arrive at another familiar basketball arena: one that is home to the prolific 16-time NBA champions, legends like Bill Russell and Larry Bird, and sometimes, if we're unfortunate enough, a Britney Spears concert. It's the TD Banknorth Garden, home of the Boston Celtics, the worst team in the NBA.

Twenty-nine straight games without a win is a little extreme. But then again, so is 18, which became franchise record for the men in green this season. The Celtics, who were at home on Wednesday night against the Bucks, won their first game in 19 tries, finally snapping their dismal, nearly unprecedented losing skid with a 117-97 victory over Milwaukee. Boston has now won just one of 19 and three of 28 to improve to 13-38 overall, the worst record in the league. With their win Wednesday, the Celtics avoided joining the 1992-1993 Dallas Mavericks (11-71), who lost 19 straight games that season, and came within three losses of surpassing the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers (9-73), who lost an NBA-record 20 in a row that year.

Boston has a 4-25 record when trailing at the half, a 2-17 record against

teams over .500, and an indecisive front office led by ringleader and general manager, Danny Ainge.

Yet, on top of all of this suffocating misery, Celtics fans still remain relatively optimistic about the future, investing their faith in several "truths" that they have heard through the proverbial grapevine. I am here to dispel these "truths" that these delusional Bostonians have chosen to believe in, by orchestrating an imaginary conversation between Celtic nation (in bold) and myself.

1. **"I hope we keep losing so we can get the No. 1 draft pick!"**

This is by far the dumbest, most prominent line to come up in any conversation with a Celtics fan, and is undoubtedly my favorite one to discuss. First of all, what kind of fan roots for their team to LOSE?! Are you INSANE?! Secondly, unluckily for Celtics fans, if their team finishes with the worst record in the league, they aren't guaranteed the No. 1 pick, and will have only a 25 percent chance of landing it thanks to the ping-pong-ball lottery method. And thirdly, although Ohio State freshman center Greg Oden (7'0" 280 lbs, 15.3 ppg, 9.5 rpg) and Texas freshman forward Kevin Durant (6'9" 225, 24.9 ppg, 11.4 rpg) would appear to be immediate impact players, only one out of the past thirteen No. 1 overall picks have won a championship since being drafted (Tim Duncan), and last I heard, LeBron James was supposed to be the next Michael Jordan, yet after three-and-a-half seasons he's led the Cavaliers to just one playoff series win and no titles.

2. **"We should definitely trade Paul Pierce (so we can get another draft pick!)"**

Yeah, definitely. The Celtics should definitely trade the only guy on their team who can shoot, the only guy on the team who is a legitimate star, and the only guy on the team who gives them a chance to win in the future. I mean, it's not like he's an iconic figure for Beantown hoops or the captain of the team... oh, wait a second... he's both! Trading "The Truth" would only set the Celtics back further from rebuilding the franchise (they are 9-9 with Pierce in the starting lineup this season) and would basically be the equivalent of the TD Banknorth Garden staff unleashing skunks to run free throughout the building in terms of driving away fans. Let's also not forget that in 2002, just five years ago, the Celtics, led by Pierce and a cast of skilled, athletic veterans were in the Eastern Conference Finals. But they should definitely trade him.

3. **"We're going to be so good in a couple of years with all these young players on our roster!"**

It's true that the Celtics have an average age of about 12, but most of these guys have been in the NBA for three or four years and just haven't progressed as much as originally expected, yet fans ruthlessly continue to regurgitate the foolish line above. In his third year, power forward Al Jefferson (13.9 ppg, 10.7 rpg) is putting together a nice little season, but has failed to blossom into the dominant shot-blocker/scorer that we heard so much hype about coming out of high school.

Point guard Delonte West, is a good passer, but is still not smart enough to be able to efficiently run an offense; the same goes for teammate Sebastian Telfair. Shooting guard Tony Allen is out for at least a year with a knee he

stupidly injured on a dunk attempt after the whistle had already been blown, and Gerald Green (The next T-Mac!) is a fabulous dunker, but nothing more than that yet. The Celtics have the youth and exuberance, they're just severely lacking in raw talent.

4. **"Doc Rivers (one of the best coaches in the NBA) will lead us to the Promised Land!"**

The fact that Coach Rivers won the 2000 NBA Coach of the Year and missed the playoffs that same season should be enough to make you scratch your head. Rivers is a tremendous person: calm, poised, and an expert motivator. But over seven and a half seasons as a head coach, he has compiled a less than impressive career record of 262-292, going just 8-14 in the post-season, with zero playoff series victories. Ainge says that the head coach's job is safe for now, but just wait until he realizes that there might be someone out there who's better at handling such a young, inexperienced squad... someone like Mike Krzyzewski.

5. **"We'll land a big name in free agency for sure!"**

Unless you count Ruben Patterson and James Posey as big names I don't think so. Players like Vince Carter and Mike Bibby both have early termination options, and I highly doubt that Chauncey Billups would seek a second stint in the place that originally drove him out of town. Looks like you're stuck with Big Rube, fellas!

So are all of us green with envy over the Boston Celtics and their fans' current "win-win" situation? Of course not. But they believe we should be. But they're also the same ones who will continue to reiterate just how awful the Knicks are.

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Bobcats claw past Bowdoin, barely

by Sarah Podmaniczky
STAFF WRITER

The Polar Bears suffered a heart-breaking 6-3 loss to the ninth-ranked Bobcats on Saturday afternoon in front of one of the largest crowds the Lubin Squash Center has ever seen.

Bowdoin and Bates fans filled both the stands and the open central area, peering over each others' shoulders to catch bits of the three to four matches being played at a time.

"It was awesome seeing so many people come watch. It gave me a lot more motivation and energy to leave everything I had on the court," said Thai Ha-Ngoc '10, who defeated Bates No. 8 Deacon Chapin in four games.

His teammate Peter Cipriano '10 agreed, calling the crowd "inspiring."

"It definitely made a visible difference in our motivation to play tough," he added. "Despite the loss, our team played great."

Bowdoin tri-captain Zach Linhart '07 noted that "each and every team member was proud to represent their school" at the match.

The two teams began as evenly as they finished the match, as Bates took the first match to finish at No. 3, quickly followed by a Bowdoin win thanks to Cipriano at No. 9. The third first-round match on court (No. 6) long outlasted these two matches.

Rob Lynn '09, jumping two spots higher on the ladder than he has ever played before, took a quick 9-5 win off of Bates No. 6 Chip Russell in the first game of his match. Russell, however, revived in the second game, returning Lynn's favor with a 9-5 win to Bates. Two more two-point differentiated

games (10-8 to Russell and 9-7 to Lynn) brought the players to their tiebreaking fifth game. After several long points, Russell took the game 10-8, giving Bates the match victory.

The second round of matches mirrored the first, with Thai's strong win at No. 8, a tough match for co-captain Matt Drescher '07, playing No. 2, and another five-game match for the No. 5s, co-captain Jake Sack '08 and Bates' Jordan Greenberg.

Sack began strong with a 9-5 win in the first game. Greenberg returned full force in the second and third games, narrowly winning 10-9 in the second and 9-6 in the third. Sack took control in the fourth game with a quick 9-2 win, but was unable to overtake Greenberg, who took the final game 9-4.

But the third round went to Bates on two of the three courts, with Ray Carta '08 taking win number three for Bowdoin at No. 7.

Although they had hoped to defeat the Bobcats, the Polar Bears recognized their achievements in the match.

"The match could have gone either way," said Cipriano.

"This weekend proved that we can compete with anyone in the B division and we definitely have a chance to win the B nationals," Ha-Ngoc said.

"Bates has survived us for now, but we'll see them again in two weeks at nationals," said Drescher, emphasizing the team's hunger for a B-division win at nationals.

The team also soundly defeated Northwestern 8-1 this weekend. They are now preparing for team nationals on February 23-25, at Yale.

The women's squash team fights for its B-division title at Yale this weekend.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	FINAL NESCAC		Overall
	W	L	
BOWDOIN	9	0	23 1
Tufts	8	1	16 7
Bates	6	3	14 9
Williams	6	3	19 5
Wesleyan	5	4	15 8
Amherst	3	6	12 12
Middlebury	3	6	12 12
Trinity	3	6	12 11
Colby	1	8	6 17
Conn. College	1	8	10 14

SCOREBOARD

F 2/9 v. Tufts W 60-41
Sa 2/10 v. Bates W 78-47

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/17 v. Trinity (NESCAC first round) 3:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	FINAL ECAC		Overall
	W	L	
Middlebury	12	0	28 1 2
BOWDOIN	11	3	26 6 2
Amherst	9	3	14 5 3
Hamilton	7	6	9 11 2
Colby	4	7	7 10 5
Williams	3	7	6 12 4
Trinity	4	10	8 13 1
Wesleyan	2	8	4 14 4
Conn. Coll.	2	10	5 13 3

SCOREBOARD

F 2/9 at Wesleyan W 4-1
Sa 2/10 at Wesleyan W 7-2
Tu 2/13 at St. Anselm W 3-0

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	FINAL NESCAC		Overall
	W	L	
Amherst	8	1	23 1
Trinity	7	2	20 3
Williams	6	3	13 11
Colby	5	4	14 10
Middlebury	5	4	15 9
Tufts	5	4	15 9
BOWDOIN	3	6	15 9
Bates	3	6	18 6
Wesleyan	2	7	7 16
Conn. College	1	8	11 13

SCOREBOARD

F 2/9 at Tufts L 94-84
Sa 2/10 at Bates W 66-58
Tu 2/13 at St. Joseph's W 87-83

SCHEDULE

Sa 2/17 at Trinity (NESCAC first round) 3:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCHEDULE
F 2/16 v. Middlebury (at Yale) 5:30 P.M.

MEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD
Sa 2/10 v. Bates L 6-3
Sa 2/10 v. Northwestern W 8-1

NORDIC SKIING

SCOREBOARD
F 2/9 at Dartmouth 11th of 12
Sa 2/10 Carnival

SCHEDULE

F 2/16 at Williams TBA
Sa 2/17 Carnival

- Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

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School	FINAL ECAC		Overall
	W	L	
BOWDOIN	10	5	23 5 3
Amherst	10	6	13 7 1
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Middlebury	9	6	12 7 3
Williams	7	8	7 12 2
Conn. Coll.	7	9	1 8 12 2
Trinity	6	8	3 8 10 4
Hamilton	5	11	1 6 15 1
Tufts	3	14	0 6 16 0

SCOREBOARD

F 2/9 v. Trinity W 5-4
Sa 2/10 v. Wesleyan W 3-2

SCHEDULE

F 2/16 at Norwich 7:00 P.M.
Sa 2/17 at St. Michael's 3:00 P.M.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD
F 2/9 at Boston University
SCHEDULE
F 2/16 at New England Dills 11:00 A.M.
Sa 2/17 at Bates

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD
Sa 2/10 at Boston University
SCHEDULE
Sa 2/17 at New England Dills (at USM) 11:00 A.M.
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Women's indoor track competes against best

by Lindsey Schickner
CONTRIBUTOR

Intense competition at Boston University's annual Valentine's Day Invitational was both overwhelming and inspiring, and drove many of the Bowdoin women to break personal season records.

The meet included Division III and Division I teams from across New England, New York, and Canada, as well as professional runners sponsored by Nike, New Balance, and Reebok.

In such a competitive field, Bowdoin women claimed several impressive top-20 performances.

Senior captain Louise Dufits took fifth place in the weight throw and 12th place in the shot put. Sophomore Ali Chase took 13th place in the 500-meter dash and junior Laura Onderko took 19th place in the mile. The Bowdoin women placed in two relays, earning a 13th-place finish

in the distance medley relay and a 16th-place finish in the 4x400 meter relay.

"It was fantastic to have Alison Pilon back in the lineup," Head Coach Peter Slovenski commented. "She ran a 61.8 on the leadoff leg of the 4x400, and the leadoff is always the longest leg of the race."

Other top performances came from the women's middle distance team.

"Our milers and 1,000 runners had a great meet," Slovenski said. "We had five competitors in those races, and five personal best performances. Courtney Eustace, Lindsey Schickner, and Gina Campella all ran personal records, and Laura ran two of them."

The Bowdoin women continue to train for the New England Division III this Saturday at the University of Southern Maine, which is the final team-scored meet of the season.

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The Judicial Board

The Judicial Board (J-Board) plays an essential role in the governance of the College. Charged with considering violations of the Social and Honor codes and making recommendations for appropriate punishments to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, which takes its recommendations very seriously, the J-Board is perhaps the most powerful and important student-run body on campus.

And yet, it remains one of the least visible. Nearly all students here know of the J-Board, but most know next to nothing about it. Information about its activities each year are not made available to students until the beginning of the following academic year, when it is printed on paper and distributed into students' mailboxes, destined to be discarded or lost.

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) has the right idea when it asks the J-Board for greater transparency. But while we agree that a list of candidates should be made public prior to the confirmation of new members, BSG is on the wrong track in seeking oversight of the board's selection process. In the absence of contrary evidence, we are confident in the ability of the board to select thoughtful and capable initiates. Rather than giving BSG more power over the selection of J-Board members, we urge the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs to make the body's actions more public.

The College should create a page on its Web site for the J-Board that includes the names of its members and a current, continuously updated log of cases that the J-Board has handled. When we reviewed the J-Board's annual reports from the last few years, we were saddened to find that the most recent report outlines most cases in more detail than in years past. This is a positive step, but a single document reporting cases that the board dealt with anywhere between three and 12 months prior is not enough.

We understand that there are legal issues in play here, which is why we are not asking for the board to disclose excessive amounts of detail about individual cases. The point of having a page on the College's Web site where information and reference materials related to the J-Board are available would not be to encourage public scrutiny of each case that comes before it; the point would be to make the body more visible—or more appropriately, less invisible.

The College is understandably reluctant to publicize the specific actions of the J-Board for privacy reasons. But we also might prefer to think that plagiarism, violence, and harassment do not happen here, because they run contrary to the mission and spirit of our community. It makes sense, therefore, that the J-Board assumes such a low profile.

But it is important that we remain honest with ourselves. The issues that the J-Board deals with are real issues in our community, and we should be able to know when lamentable events occur as they occur. We should be able to know, for instance, that the J-Board heard three more cases this past semester than it heard the whole 2001-2002 academic year. These facts reflect on our community in a very real way, and we should reflect on them as a community when they occur.

We commend the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs for being open to suggestions on how to make J-Board processes more transparent, and we hope it will consider our recommendation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

College needs endowment for future

To the Editors:

As a former chair of Bowdoin's Investment Committee, I was troubled by the report in the February 2 issue regarding Bowdoin's "failing grade" with respect to transparency and shareholder engagement.

While it is important for Bowdoin to keep its constituencies informed, if we allow advocacy groups to unduly influence our portfolio management it will, in my opinion, ultimately lead to confusion and diminished performance.

I also take issue with Ian Yaffe's op-ed piece, "Invest Endowment for Common Good." The purpose of the endowment is to lend financial stability to Bowdoin and to provide the funding to attract the best and brightest students, without regard to finan-

cial means, and provide them with the tools and aspirations to go out in the world and foster the common good. Bowdoin's endowment is not an eleemosynary institution nor a gadfly for social change. It is the financial underpinnings for the institution and should be managed with that view.

Bowdoin's endowment record is outstanding and certainly gives me and others the confidence to continue to support Bowdoin. Let's not mess it up. Sincerely,
Barry N. Wish '63

Give credit to students for plaques

To the Editors:

Thanks for your article about Longfellow Days in the most recent issue of the Orient, including the reproduction and news about the Longfellow plaque, but I need to cor-

rect any impression that the plaque was my design. The Longfellow plaque, along with plaques featuring quotations from Robert T. Coffin, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, were designed entirely, from start to finish, by the team of students mentioned in the article: Lily Abt '08, Mina Bartovics '07, Emma Sears '06, Allegra Spalding '08, Sean Sullivan '08, Kerry Twombly '08, and Mary Vargo '06. While each of these designers contributed to all four plaques, the design for the Longfellow plaque was primarily the work of Sean Sullivan. The project included extensive research by all members of the team into signatures, authenticating quotes, and finding the best typography and design to express the spirit as well as the letter of each quotation. My role was simply that of coordinator and adviser, as mentioned in the article. I'm very proud of both the result and the quality of design that these seven volunteers brought to the effort.

Sincerely,
Mark Wethli
A. LeRoy Greason Professor of Art

Changes to J-Board unnecessary

by Scott Sehon

In last week's Orient, Clark Gascoigne '08, along with a number of other Bowdoin Student Government representatives, expressed frustration with the fact that BSG plays no role in the selection of student representatives to the Judicial Board. Indeed, Gascoigne suggests that the members of the board should simply be appointed by BSG.

Gascoigne's suggestion, and other features of his opinion piece, indicate some fairly significant misunderstandings about the Judicial Board, and I thought it important to set the record straight. I have served on the Judicial Board in the past, and I have had the unfortunate duty of bringing a number of plagiarism cases to the board's attention, so I have a fair bit of relevant experience.

The board member's job is a difficult one. When a case is brought to the Judicial Board, the members review written materials and then conduct a hearing in which they carefully interview the accused student and all others associated with the case. During the hearing, board members must intelligently sift through the evidence and ask the right questions in order to clearly understand exactly what happened. They must be willing and able to ask hard questions, both of accused students and of professors who bring charges. Then they must determine if what occurred is indeed a violation of Bowdoin's Honor Code, and if so, they must decide on an appropriate punishment.

The board then delivers their judgment as a recommendation to the dean of student affairs, who then decides what to do. Contrary to the impression one gets from Gascoigne, the Judicial Board itself has no power over students. Nonetheless, it

This is a system that is not broken. So I am not at all sure why BSG wants to fix it.

is true that the dean usually accepts their recommendation, and in any event relies heavily on the Board's work in the hearing.

Hearings themselves usually take a couple of hours, and the deliberations can last several more hours. None of it is comfortable, and none of it is pleasant. I am grateful that there are students who take on this task, and I am even more grateful that the student members I have worked with have been so good at the job. They have been, without exception, meticulous, fair, and extremely smart.

In other words, this is a system that is not broken. So I am not at all sure why BSG wants to fix it.

As near as I can tell, Gascoigne's reasoning starts with the premise that "It is extremely important for the College to ensure that exceptionally fair and competent individuals are chosen to serve on the board." Of course, he is quite right about that. He then concludes: "Therefore, the entirely insular current approach to selecting new J-Board members is extremely troubling."

To get from premise to conclusion, Gascoigne apparently assumes that a political appointment procedure, going through BSG, would somehow be better at getting fair and competent board members than the current selection process. In the current process, future Judicial Board members are chosen by the students who have experience being on the board, in consultation with a dean who has

been working with the board all year. Candidate members submit a written application and are carefully interviewed; they are also required to submit a letter of recommendation, usually from faculty members. I cannot see why Gascoigne thinks that a politicized selection process, made by people with no Judicial Board experience, would be an improvement.

In fact, of course, for a judicial job like that of the board member, a political selection process is the last thing we want. At best, BSG would appoint students of similar fairness and caliber as those who have served in the past. At worst, it would turn into a fiasco in which students would "run" for the office of J-Board member on the basis of some pre-formed agenda. (Imagine the campaign slogans: "Appoint Ray—He Won't Suspend Anyone!")

Fortunately, the College need not act on the will of BSG in this matter. The Judicial Board is a general committee of the College. Both the structure of the board and the appointment of its members are the responsibility of the president, and the president in turn normally delegates this job to the dean of student affairs. BSG has no authority to appoint members of this board, any more than it has the authority to appoint the faculty. Even the fact that students serve on the board at all is not something on which BSG has any official say.

It is a terrific thing that the Judicial Board is largely student run and that it works so well. If BSG has substantive complaints about the job the board has done, then let's hear them. If they just want the power to politicize a judicial process, then that is a different matter.

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This just in: If you give a polar bear a muffin...

A Sojourn in Civilized Life



by Annie Monjar
COLUMNIST

I've noticed at points along my two-year Bowdoin career that we seem to have a controversial reality in our midst. Hushed though it may be, it's proclaimed by some with a distinguished sense that "everybody thinks they know this, but I really know the truth." I could perceive the same attitude of superiority when fellow Chicagoans told me that a little-known project in Kuala Lumpur (which *yeah duhhh* I had heard of...) had in fact surpassed the Scar's Tower as the tallest building in the world. Or when some show-off in my 8th-grade English class said, in the midst of our reading of "Hamlet," that it was actually a matter of serious dispute whether William Shakespeare could actually be responsible for the theatrical classics we read today. It's a parade-raining, bubble-bursting, fuller-of-useless-knowledge-than-thou manner of speaking, and I've heard it used more than once on our very campus.

"Did you know that the Bowdoin Dining Service actually isn't No. 1 anymore? All the pamphlets and stuff are, like, wrong. It's some kind of culinary school, now."

"What culinary school?"

"I dunno, but we're, like, defi-

nately not the best anymore. How much does that suck?"

Light bulbs! Explosions! Revelations! Epiphanies! We supposedly sink to No. 2 in some 3,500 colleges and universities nation-wide, and suddenly I don't know who I am anymore.

Oh, wait, yes I do. Because, just as I realized that the Scar's Tower is still really tall, and that "Hamlet" is still really good, I realized very quickly that the Bowdoin Dining Service (who, despite the rumors, is indeed No. 1 in the Princeton Review rankings), is really, really, almost absurdly, good. I think, and have always thought, that it's next to impossible to complain about the cuisine we're offered three times a day. I've probably eaten more vegetables this week than I did up until age five. I haven't been to a lot of other college dining halls, but I'm willing to make a bet that the vast majority of them don't chop up portabella mushrooms and make them into burgers offered to vegetarians and vegans.

Which is why I was rendered absolutely speechless the other day when I left Thorne, knocking back my nightly cup of granola, and read something out of the corner of my eye that said, verbatim, "I think there was something wrong with the mushroom burgers tonight. They tasted a lot better before." And, even better, that the batter used at the make-your-own-waffle station at brunch was "kind of watery," and could the Dining Service "maybe add more flour and

For some time, there was some kind of civil war taking place on the bulletin boards in both Moulton and Thorne, protestations against unwarranted criticism. Determined to restore the honor of Patty and the Dining Service she stands for, students have overtaken the bulletin boards with encouragement and laudations for our rightfully distinguished dining halls.

eggs and less water and milk?" I don't know about everyone else's breakfast rituals, but if I'm not at Bowdoin, mine are summed up in two words: "Luna," and "bar." When I first saw that not only did Bowdoin have a make-your-own waffle station, but that they had actually gone through the trouble of molding the Bowdoin insignia on the iron, I thought I had walked into a Four Seasons Easter Brunch. Where was the giant bunny?

The point here is that some members of our Bowdoin community, concerned about our standing, have decided to use the comment cards to keep the Dining Service at No. 1. A lot of cards are complaints about some of the greatest assets of the dining hall. Some people can't get enough: "Can we have banana chocolate chip muffins all the time pretty please?" Others too much: "Can you not have all the good dinners on one night, forsaking other nights? Tonight there was chicken noodle soup, chicken parmesan, and pizza!" (To this I say, do as the real polar bears do, and eat enough tonight to hold you over for tomorrow's dinner, our Arctic counterparts do it before

winter hibernation all the time.) In any case, I think it's safe to say that our campus has gotten a little spoiled by the luxuries of mushroom burgers and banana chocolate chip muffins.

But, apparently, I'm not the only one to notice this; there seems to have arisen a counter movement of comment cards. People have started to speak out against the brazen audacity of some contributors: "Less rude comment cards!" "The mushroom burgers are great. People need to spice up their lives," or "Bowdoin dining services rock!" For some time, there was some kind of civil war taking place on the bulletin boards in both Moulton and Thorne, protestations against unwarranted criticism. Determined to restore the honor of Patty and the Dining Service she stands for, students have overtaken the bulletin boards with encouragement and laudations for our rightfully distinguished dining halls.

This upsurge of retaliation cards has been coupled by what can only be called a Comment Card Renaissance. Recent comment cards have been the epitome of good manners; they're sprinkled

with "please," "thank you," and every request is accompanied by a compliment. If someone misses low-fat lemon poppy seed muffins, on Wednesdays, they love the peach yogurt just as much, maybe you think that it'd be great if they offered barbecue sauce with the pork, but seeing blueberry pancakes at dinner is great! XOXO! Athletic contributors recently followed up requests to have both hot entrée lines open later for those coming from practice with cards thanking the Dining Service for following through on this request.

This Renaissance, or as it's known in layman's terms, "politeness," is a movement that needs to be carefully followed and considered by Bowdoin diners. Despite the spattering of misinformed speculation on whether or not our Dining Service is actually No. 1 in the country, we've been granted an incredible service. The Bowdoin campus knows how outstanding the food here is, and my suspicion is that all these comment card writers really do, as well. Maybe we just all need to calm down, kick back, and enjoy our mushroom burgers.

Education should strive to be ample, not equal

by Brian Lockhart

The inequality in American education is an issue constantly surfacing in politics. Many cry foul that students in affluent communities receive a better education and more opportunities than the underprivileged. However, inequality is inherent in a capitalist society. Private schools will always exist if the parents want their kids to have an advantage. Yet there must be a certain level at which education is sufficient to succeed. I may have received a better education at St. Paul's, but a mile down the road at Concord High, I seemed to turn out all right. Students from public schools get into Bowdoin just as often as those from top-shelf private institutions. Thus, there must be a level at which opportunities are sufficient, and equality should not be the end we seek. Maybe the demand for educational improvement should be for schools to provide "ample" opportunity for the many, while encouraging pockets of excellence wherever they may be found.

Education in America will never be equal. Hypothetically speaking, if every public school in the country had the same quality teachers and facilities, those that could afford to attend a private school would still do so. The purpose of spending the extra cash? They would receive a better education with the most opportunities.

What about public schools? They are currently far from equal. Schools in underprivileged communities are notorious for lacking proper facilities and qualified teachers. There are many children receiving no opportunities. This is a problem. Our instinctive reaction is to demand equal opportunity. However, given the nature of a cap-

italist society, would a better plea not be "ample?"

Now, put yourself in the seat of a parent in an affluent community. One of the primary reasons people choose a particular location to call home is the strength of the public school system. People often choose to live in a district with higher taxes so that their kids will go to the best schools. An equal opportunity for all in education would take away the edge that children have in an affluent community. Parents will declare it unfair to take away what they pay in taxes and put toward other children's education. Parents will always push for the best for their kids and pushy parents will push better than others.

What if the demand was augmented? Instead of demanding equal opportunity, what if we demanded ample? When one states that education should be equal, it does not necessarily follow that children are not receiving adequate schooling. Demands for uniform education could be seen as unjustified complaining if the affluent do not understand how under-funded many public schools are in underprivileged communities. This is not mere postulation. I used to think this way. I had no idea how inadequate schools were in impoverished areas. The demand for equal opportunity just sounded like whining. Thus, when people do not know that schools can lack books and even toilet paper, they are turned off by the word equal. Words such as adequate will convey that the opportunity is more than unequal, it is just not there. I doubt that anyone would fight to keep children from receiving any opportunities at all.

After education is adequate, only then can the equal be approached. We will never reach the latter before

the former. However, if the ample in education for everyone can be obtained, I am not convinced that a small amount of inequality is inherently bad. Putting more money where students are more likely to succeed is not a bad allocation of resources. In addition, it helps create incentive. If disparity did not exist in public school education, all that could afford to do so would just attend private schools anyway.

If a Bowdoin student still thinks I am way off base with this, are they not somewhat hypocritical? We are

well-trained students, coming from predominantly wealthy families, attending a private liberal arts college with beautiful facilities, small classes, and a well-qualified faculty. We have separated ourselves from less competitive institutions. If we truly believed that all education should be equal, we would not be here.

Competition has a way of bringing out the achievement in man. The United States stressed excellence in science when the Russians sent up Sputnik. Amherst adds a new athlet-

ic facility and Bowdoin plans to follow suit. The United States is now part of a global economy, competing with Indian technologists and Chinese manufacturers. If all is merely equal, we will set the bar at the lowest common denominator. American students will be less educated than its neighbors, and the United States will continue to lose its competitive edge. Set the bar at ample, and there is nowhere to go but up.

Lockhart is a member of the Class of 2008.

Students disapprove of fees

by Raashi Bhalla and Zachary Linhart

Over our three and a half years at Bowdoin, we have enjoyed ourselves immensely. We love the school, the people, the atmosphere, everything. Despite this, in the past few months we have begun to notice several fees that not only leave a bad taste in our mouths, but also lead us to realize that Bowdoin is quite stingy in more than a few aspects of student life.

If you park your car illegally in the town of Brunswick, you will most likely receive a \$10 parking ticket, not a huge hindrance to your bank account. On the other hand, if you park illegally at Bowdoin, you will get a whopping \$25 ticket! Why does Security find it appropriate to charge twice as much for the same offense? This is an issue that affects only the vehicle owning students, but everyone on this campus can relate to forgetting their keycard at some point in their time here. Be it at the dining hall, the Cafe, or getting locked out of your room, you will be charged. If you

Obviously, Bowdoin is needlessly stingy in certain aspects of residential life. While this does not make us love the school any less, we wonder: Where is all that money going that Security charges?

do not have your card at a meal, you will be charged around \$2. Another surprise—if you call Security to let you into your room because you forgot your card (and it is below zero and your RA is doing homework on the other side of campus), you still get stuck with a \$5 charge! Where is that money going?

Another aspect of Bowdoin life where the College acts like an overstretched government is with heating. The last time we checked, room temperature was around 70 degrees. However, the College has changed that norm to 68 degrees, and with the chilly winters and loose window and door panes here, that is scarcely enough. Should students really have to wear their winter coats in their rooms to stay

warm? Is spending extra money on green energy worth not being warm enough?

Obviously, Bowdoin is needlessly stingy in certain aspects of residential life. While this does not make us love the school any less, we wonder: Where is all that money going that Security charges? What exactly does Security do—other than penalize students for attempting to dodge the freezing temperatures with unnecessarily large tickets? Are the thousands of dollars we already pay not enough to support the trip for Security over to our dorms to let us in? Bowdoin, stop being ridiculous.

Bhalla and Linhart are members of the Class of 2007.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

FEBRUARY 16 - 22

Friday

Common Hour with Christopher Hill '74

Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Christopher Hill will speak to the community about the denuclearization of North Korea.

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

"Close to Eden"

Nominated for Best Foreign Film Oscar in 1992, the film tells of a friendship between a Mongolian shepherd and a Russian road builder.

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"SADAR"

Part of the Russian department's film series, this epic film documents Kazakhstan's fight against the Mongolians in the 18th century.

FRONTIER CAFE, FORT ANDROSS,
7 P.M.

Saturday

"Close to Eden"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

Jabali Acrobats

This high-energy performance will be given by a theatrical acrobat group from Kenya.

SMITH UNION,
8 P.M.

Sunday

Sunday Mass

BOWDOIN CHAPEL,
9 P.M.

Monday

President's Day



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

The calm after Wednesday's storm.

Tuesday

"The Queering of Marriage: A Progressive Religious Perspective"

Tennessee-native Rev. Martin Ellison will give a lecture. Open to the public.

MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Wednesday

OCS Deadline

Off-campus study applications for the 2007-2008 academic year are due.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY OFFICE,
DUDLEY COE 301,

Thursday

Social House Deadline

Applications to live in any of the eight social houses are due.

OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE,
MOULTON UNION
5 P.M.

"Vagina Monologues"

Bowdoin students will perform

Eve Ensler's piece based on a series of interviews with women concerning sexual "fantasies and fears."

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
8 P.M.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Sophomore Chase Cicchetti clears out the inside of the igloo built in Quinby House's front yard on Thursday.



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Anti-gay incident prompts concerns

by Kira Chappelle
ORIENT STAFF

The Bias Incident Group recently met for the second time this academic year in response to an act associated with homophobia.

A student, who requested anonymity, said that she parked her car at Brunswick Apartments on the night of Friday, February 3, and woke the next morning to discover that the word "gay" had been written in the snow on the front and back windshields of her car.

In an interview with the Orient, the student, who is openly gay, said that she knows she was targeted because "it took time, energy, and purpose to find my car and write on

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Performance a realistic study of family



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient
Jessie DePalo '08 and Jay Tansey '07 perform in this weekend's Masque and Gown show, "The Marriage of Bette & Boo." See article, page 10.

Credit/D/Fail up for revision

College considers
policy revision in response
to student feedback

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Members of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) and the Recording Committee sought student and faculty input about Bowdoin's Credit/D/Fail policy in a campus forum this week. Recording Committee member Sam Dinning '09 and Vice President for Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07 consulted other colleges' guidelines and drafted a revised policy, which is designed to give students more flexibility in the system.

"The main intention of the Credit/D/Fail option is to give students the opportunity to explore new areas of study where they are not necessarily comfortable. It also has very legitimate value as a way to relieve pressure from a hectic semester," said Dinning.

GRADE/CREDIT/FAIL

BSG members and the Recording Committee have proposed the adoption of a Grade/Credit/Fail policy. Under this policy:

- Students would declare a course Grade/Credit/Fail three weeks into the semester and then set a lowest acceptable grade by the sixth week.
- If a student's grade matches or exceeds this grade, the earned grade is recorded.
- If a student's grade is lower than the acceptable grade but above failing, then he or she simply receives credit.
- If the grade is failing, the student does not earn credit.

"The main concern is that instead of promoting deep exploration into new areas, the current system encourages students to do the minimum amount of work possible to receive credit," he said.

In order to make the policy more

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Hill '74 offers insight on six-party peace talks

by Anna Karass
and Mary Helen Miller
ORIENT STAFF

More than 30 years after competing on Bowdoin's lacrosse fields, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs Christopher Hill '74 still believes in the importance of teamwork.



Hill '74 returned to his alma mater last Friday for a special address.

"Frankly it sounds silly, but playing on the lacrosse team—was very important because diplomacy is definitely a team sport," Hill said. At a specially scheduled Common Hour last week, Hill defended the United States' agreement with North Korea at the six-party talks, which he helped broker, in Beijing. According to Hill, while the current pact does not pro-

vide for the complete denuclearization of North Korea, it is an important first step.

"The North Koreans are unlikely to wake up one morning and say, 'Let's get rid of our nuclear weapons,'" Hill said in his Common Hour address.

Hill maintained that the agreement sets up a framework for continued negotiations and progress toward the goal of denuclearizing North Korea.

"This agreement is not the end of the story, but these are steps we have to take," he said.

For Hill, the agreement presents North Korea with an opportunity to give up its nuclear weapons and join the international community.

"I think the government needs to make a fundamental decision between joining the international community and making nuclear

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STAYING IN TOUCH

Busy meeting schedules
limit opportunities for trustees
to meet students face-to-face.

BY BETH KOWITT
ORIENT STAFF

When the Trustees convened for their February meeting, some students might not have even realized that they were on campus.

"After four years here, it was the first time I think I ever even saw a trustee," said senior Jon Ludwig, who, as a member of the a cappella group the Meddiebumpsters, sang at a reception for the board on the Friday night of the February 8 to 10 meetings.

"It's a big deal when the Trustees are on campus, but you always hear about it after the fact," Ludwig said. "It was nice to be able to put faces to names."

Secretary of the College Richard Mersereau that the Trustees' busy schedule limits the amount of time they can spend with students

"Around the formal things there are chances for informal interactions," Mersereau said. "We tend to invite students for some reason that's tied to the agenda."

He said, however, that the Trustees always leave meetings saying they want more time with students.

Trustee Michele Cyr '76 said she always makes an effort to get to campus the Thursday before official meetings begin in order to spend as much time with students as she can.

"I can never get enough interaction with students," she said, "but it's hard because we're always

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High-tech, out-of-state sorting keeps landfills recyclable-free



Emily Guern, The Bowdoin Orient

Brunswick increases recycling
under new system,
Bowdoin sees little growth

by Emily Guern
ORIENT STAFF

AUBURN, Massachusetts—Party-goers should think twice about tossing their Solo cups in the trash. Beginning this semester, Bowdoin students can recycle many more items than before, thanks to the new single-stream recycling system that Brunswick now uses.

Prior to this semester, students separated their recyclables into five

categories: glass, mixed paper, tin cans, number-two plastic, and cardboard. Under the new system, all recyclable materials, as well as many former non-recyclables, can be mixed together in the same bin.

Once the recycling on campus has been collected, it travels to the Casella/FCR recycling facility in Auburn, Massachusetts, for sorting. According to plant managers Gene Corsey and Joe Carese, Auburn is the only single-stream facility in the Northeast, and it receives recyclables from municipalities all over the region.

When the recycling arrives at the facility, sorters remove any trash

before the recycling moves through a series of screens, which separate the various types of recyclables. Cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper, plastic, tin and steel are separated and baled. The facility crushes and pulverizes all the glass.

The baled materials and crushed glass are then sold as commodities, the profits of which provide 98 percent of the revenue for the facility, which can process up to 10,000 tons of recycling each month, according to Corsey and Carese.

Brunswick Assistant Public Works Director Craig Worth said that the

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Once discarded by students, Bowdoin recyclables travel to the Casella/FCR recycling facility in Auburn, Massachusetts, for sorting.

BSG MEETING

Proposed Grade/Credit/Fail policy would allow 'flexibility' and 'rewards'

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appealing, Dinning and LePage created a proposal for Bowdoin, tentatively called Grade/Credit/Fail. Based primarily after Dartmouth's Non-Recording Option (NRO), it also combines some of the College's current restrictions. The primary change is that students would declare a course Grade/Credit/Fail three weeks into the semester and then set a lowest acceptable grade by the sixth week.

If a student's grade matches or exceeds this set acceptable grade, the earned grade is recorded. If a student's grade is lower than the acceptable grade but above failing, then he or she simply receives credit, and if the grade is failing, the student does not earn credit.

Students can change the lowest acceptable grade for a course at any point before the last full week of classes and are permitted to take up to four courses Grade/Credit/Fail total during their college career. While students would not be able to use Grade/Credit/Fail toward a major or minor, they would be able to for distribution requirements. Finally, professors will not know which students are taking a course Grade/Credit/Fail, but will know how many students are per course.

Dinning and LePage stressed that this suggested policy is only a starting point and that they hope student and faculty input can help mold a proposition worthy of further consideration. The forum was attended by Bowdoin faculty and administrators including Chair of the Recording Committee James McCalla, Director of Institutional Research and Registrar Christine Cote, and deans Margaret Hazlett and Tim Foster. The faculty members were not there to argue for or against the policy, but to hear reactions.

McCalla said the original Pass/Fail credit option was revised a few years ago to the current Credit/D/Fail policy after the faculty expressed concerns that some students were not working hard enough, lacked interest, and were dragging down classes. The "D" grade also serves to alert the deans of potential problems with a student, beyond a simple misunderstanding of material.

Nonetheless, students at the meeting said that although they may choose to take a course Credit/D/Fail to freely explore an unfamiliar subject, they are discouraged by the prospect of receiving a "D" and end up still worrying about grades.

Cote said that roughly 6,000 grades are recorded per semester, of those, roughly 75 are "F" grades and about 125 to 150 are "D" grades. Despite the low percentage of failing grades, LePage is concerned about the message behind the current policy.

"The philosophy behind it seems

contradictory to Bowdoin's academic environment. In the Credit/D/Fail system, students work in order to not receive a bad grade," she said.

"Although true that students rarely receive these low grades, it is very true that they always worry about it. There are other ways to allow flexibility for students while also leaving room for rewards rather than looming punishments," she noted.

Dinning said that a major concern about the current system is the lack of motivation to do well, and that a revision would change how the pass/fail concept is treated.

"Students often feel as if getting anything above a 'C' would be a waste of the Credit/D/Fail option," Dinning said. "Naturally, they then try less and are not as engaged as they should be in the material. Perhaps the largest part of the potential changes from the current system would be providing this incentive for students to continue putting in the effort while still having a safety net to fall back on."

Foster commented that this current perspective toward a passing grade in courses worries professors.

"One thing that's been concerning faculty members is that there are a number of courses where a large percentage of students take it on a Credit/D/Fail basis. There's concern that it changes the nature of the course, dealing with different levels of engagement," he said.

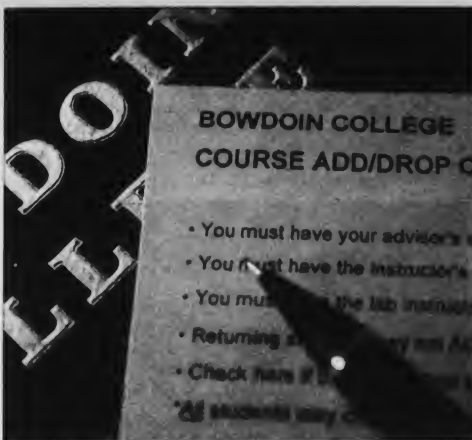
Associate Professor of Biology Barry Logan said he sees high percentages of students enrolled in intro-level inquiry in natural science courses taking the courses Credit/D/Fail. He said that while most of the students are engaged in class throughout the year, some lose motivation for exams after the first test or quiz, settling for barely passing.

McCalla cited statistics from the 2005-2006 academic year, stating that most of the Credit/D/Fail courses are in math or science. In the fall 2005 semester, 70.6 percent of students in a physics course, 64.3 percent in a biology course, and 51.7 percent in a chemistry course took the classes Credit/D/Fail.

Logan suggested that there is a certain attitude about approaching a new area of study, such as the sciences, that encourages them to take a course Credit/D/Fail.

"It's starting to feel like students see their four Credit/D/Fail courses not as a possibility, but as a requirement. I just wonder, I feel like that might be growing among advice that students offer each other," he said.

The forum led to some debate about the role of such a Grade/Credit/Fail policy, as some students may use the option as an insurance policy for their GPA in a difficult course. While some students agreed with this prospect, others



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Under the current policy, students must declare a course Credit/D/Fail within the first six weeks of class. The suggested policy would allow three weeks.

Others insisted that Grade/Credit/Fail should be used to explore new subject areas with higher confidence. One student said that this policy would provide Bowdoin students with an incentive for intellectual exploration and motivation to work toward a better grade.

LePage said that the forum made it clear that there is room for evaluation and change in the policy, based on faculty desire to have an engaging academic environment and various student concerns about the system. Both Dinning and LePage said they welcome any comments about the proposed policy to help in the revision process, but that so far, people have been receptive.

Following the campus forum and initial student reactions, McCalla said that the Recording Committee will discuss the proposal and make further improvements. From there,

the tentative policy will be brought to either the Curriculum and Education Committee or the Committee on Governance to be considered further. Eventually, the policy could be proposed to the faculty and voted on following discussion.

Dinning said he considers the proposal a "viable option" that would work well at Bowdoin and wants to see it through.

"Clearly this is an issue that many people feel needs to be addressed, and all the work we have done this year has indicated just that. So far the Recording Committee has been very receptive," Dinning said.

"There has been no closed-mindedness as to what we can achieve. We are yet to hear much from the administration, but as we go forward with the process they will undoubtedly become increasingly involved," he said.

BOWDOIN BRIEFS

Campus group to fight hunger with fundraiser

Campus Kitchen is working with the Dining Service to turn some 20 pounds of vegetables and 15 pounds of meat into stir fry next Friday in an attempt to help alleviate hunger in Brunswick.

The student organization will play host to a "Plates for Change" dinner at Ladd House on March 2. Proceeds from the event will go to a local hunger prevention program. Participants will vote on the specific organization that will receive the funds.

"I just think hunger is one of the most reprehensible problems," said Ian Yaffe '09, the group's founder. "The core of this work is the belief that waste is wrong."

The meal's main entrée will consist of cooked-to-order stir fry, with options for steak, chicken, Maine shrimp, vegetables, rice, and noodles.

The dinner begins at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a brief educational event at 7 p.m. A \$10 donation is suggested. Required reservations should be made with Yaffe at iyaffe@bowdoin.edu and should include an ID number for board transfer.

Yaffe noted that the Dining Service has been "great" in allowing food to be transferred to cover ingredients, so the full \$10 donation from each participant will go direct-

ly to the hunger prevention organization that students select.

During its regular activities, Campus Kitchen partners with the Dining Service every weekday to bring unused food from the dining halls to the MidCoast Hunger Prevention Program. Nearly 2.5 tons of food are recovered per semester. Dining Service also prepares and donates a monthly meal for all residents of the Tedford Family Shelter in Brunswick.

High-profile polar bears to undergo shrouding today

To raise campus awareness about the possible consequences of global warming, the College will cover its most prominent polar bears around campus today.

In addition to veiling both the 20-ton granite statue in front of the union and the stuffed bear in the lobby of Morrell Gym, students will also call attention to the effects of global warming by staffing an information table and circulating a petition.

The polar bear mascot is also expected to make an appearance at the day's events.

The polar bear, Bowdoin's mascot, may be one of the next animals to make it onto the list of endangered species, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

-Bobby Guerette and Anne Riley

College may ease evening conflicts

by Will Jacob
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) received a first look at a proposed revision of the academic attendance policy developed by the faculty's Student Affairs Committee.

The revised policy, which was introduced at BSG's Wednesday night meeting, attempts to increase communication between students and faculty members regarding scheduling conflicts and evening activities, including exams, film screenings, and athletic practices.

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster said the current policy is not descriptive or accessible enough for faculty and students. As a result, conflicts arise that force students to make difficult choices between academics and extracurricular activities. Foster would like to alleviate such issues by increasing communication about schedules through a clearer outline and policy guidelines.

The Student Affairs Committee is in the process of meeting with departments and groups on campus to discuss possible revisions. Eventually, a proposal will be made for the Bowdoin faculty to vote on.

In other business, BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 announced the newly appointed members of the Judicial Board: Sarah Richards '10, Emily Baird '09, Matt Smith '09, Lisa Brathwaite '08, and Hanne Wieschoff '08. He added that he has "full faith" in this "strong" group, and that the process was perhaps the most competitive he's seen.

Also, Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 announced progress in the BSG-created Community Response Committee, designed to propose Bowdoin's responses to humanitarian crises. BSG is in the process of finding the right members for the group.

"We attempted to find some balance between divisions of the College, aim for professors who we're sure would be here for a while, aim for students who are involved with the community and engaged," said Brooks.

Also, Nate Tavel '08 was presented as the new Class of 2008 representative. Tavel was appointed to replace Erma Drigo '08, who resigned last month.

In addition, BSG passed constitutional amendments regarding unfilled seats, removal and resignation clauses, election reform, term clarification, and class office resignation. Brooks assured BSG members that making the revisions, while a long process, is essential to clarify the BSG constitution.

It was also announced that Rahzel will be playing Ivies weekend with Kevin Little, and that the Campus Activities Board is looking into Josh Rouse as an opening act.

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Passionate '07s drawn to fellowships

by Sam Waxman
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin's Watson Fellowship and Fulbright Fellowship nominees this year are a diverse group of students, but they all share an important trait: passion.

Watson fellows travel for a year outside of the United States or their country of origin, studying whatever they choose. Unlike many academic fellowships, Watson participants do not need to produce any specific body of work during their period of travel.

Unlike the Watson Fellowship, the Fulbright Fellowship is an academic grant program that sends Americans abroad to teach and study in foreign countries. The program also brings foreign students to the United States to study.

There are four Bowdoin students who are finalists for Watson Fellowships this year: seniors Nikolai von Keller, Jennifer Renteria, Cotton Estes, and Jordan Schiele. Bowdoin also has seven Fulbright Fellowship applicants, including Dawn Riebeling '07, Jordan Krechmer '07, and two alumni.

For both of these competitive fellowships, nominees must put together proposals, present them, and undergo an interview process.

One of this year's nominees, Nikolai von Keller '07, is applying for both a Watson and a Fulbright. If accepted to both, he said he would choose the Watson because it would allow him to travel more extensively.

Von Keller's Watson proposal involves studying different poetic traditions and their contextual roots and influences. His proposed itinerary includes South America to study Pablo Neruda's poetry, Japan for its haiku masters, and the Caribbean to study Derek Walcott's poetry.

"The language barrier is not the difference," explained von Keller. He will look at the cultural influences of someone like Walcott, who has a Western education but writes poetry that is not Western in its scope.

Von Keller's Fulbright proposal is to teach English in Indonesia through the foreign language teaching assistant program.

"I am a big advocate of the Fulbright philosophy that person-to-person exchange...is the foundation for understanding, cooperation, and ultimately, for peace."

Dawn Riebeling '07

"It's the most different place I could think of," said von Keller about his choice of destination.

Von Keller first became interested in travel during his study abroad in Barcelona, Spain, which, as he put it, "whet my appetite for foreign travel."

Both of these fellowships are a chance to "do something radically different," he added.

Renteria, another Watson nominee, has proposed a project that focuses on the role of public transportation, which she will research in cities ranging from South America to England and Turkey.

Renteria said she will explore her interest in urban planning by looking at "how people define their space and engage with cities."

Her project proposal also incorporates elements of oral history, since she will be interviewing public transit travelers and working with city planners.

Like von Keller, Renteria became interested in traveling and foreign cultures while studying abroad. She studied in Amman, Jordan.

Senior Jordan Schiele is applying for a Watson grant to study trains.

"My project is documenting the legendary bazaar of railroads—the Orient Express, the Trans-Siberian, and the Ghan, to name a few. Trains provide a space for engaging the landscape and the people who live there," he said.

"As an avid reader of travel writing who aspires to be a travel writer, this journey would allow me to communicate the diverse cluster of people these trains carry," Schiele added.

Dawn Riebeling '07 was inspired to apply for a Fulbright grant by "a passion to spend time abroad, immersing myself in another culture from both an academic and a one-on-one, softer, cultural perspective."

Her proposal is to study foreign aid at the European Union's Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium. She is interested in international cooperation and the "politics of reaching a common policy among 25 member states."

"I want to read EU meeting transcripts and reports but, more importantly, sit in on EU meetings and interview representatives to uncover the negotiation process behind the initiative," said Riebeling in an e-mail.

This exploration is one of the express goals of the Watson and Fulbright fellowships: to allow their fellows to expand their knowledge of the world and allow them to travel to areas and cultivate experience they never would have elsewhere.

"I am a big advocate of the Fulbright philosophy that person-to-person exchange—sharing American identity and absorbing perspectives to bring back to the United States—is the foundation for understanding, cooperation, and ultimately, for peace," explained Riebeling.

Renteria described the possibilities for the Watson Fellowship as "pretty limitless, anything you want it to be."

The nominees also said that they wanted to have a radically different experience before they settle down to a job in the United States.

"There's a trend set here at Bowdoin, to get a job in Boston or New York, [that's] easy to fall into," von Keller said. "Fellowships are a chance to do something different."

"You learn a lot about yourself," Renteria said. "[It's] nice to dream in that way."

Von Keller stressed the long-term effect of such a fellowship on each participant, and the importance of the experience for personal development.

"Fellowships have an intangible impact on your career and influences whatever you do," he said.

Thorne accommodates Muslim students' needs

by Gemma Leghorn
ORIENT STAFF

Starting this semester, Muslim students can now eat Halal meat—meat permissible for consumption according to Islamic tradition—at Thorne Dining Hall on Friday nights.

The idea for the program was introduced in the fall, when Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett contacted Muslim students during Ramadan, and set up a meeting to see how Bowdoin could accommodate their needs.

"She asked us, 'What do you need? How could we help?'" recalled Muhtasabbib Matin '10, a Muslim student who was involved in the process.

The Muslim students asked if the Bowdoin Dining Service served Kosher food, and when they found that they do on holidays, they inquired about the possibility of serving Halal meat as well.

After Hazlett contacted the Dining Service to see if they could find a vendor for Halal meat, three meetings took place between the interested students and the Dining Service over the course of the fall semester. Meetings encompassed the logistics of finding a vendor, as well as discussions about the regulations Halal meat requires.

In order for food to be termed Halal, it must adhere to several requirements. According to the Halal Food Authority, "an animal should not be dead prior to slaughter, a Muslim should perform slaughter, [and] any flowing blood of the carcass should be completely drained." The method of slaughter is also important. It is forbidden for an animal to be killed by "strangling or by a violent blow," and that it be killed "mirroring the Islamic ethos," according to a non-profit organization that licenses Halal meat.

"Halal meat usually comes from an animal which has been slaughtered halfway, meaning the animal hasn't been entirely beheaded," explained Reecham Motaher '10.

In addition to these regulations, pork is also forbidden for consump-

tion, and Halal meat cannot be slaughtered where pigs have also been killed.

"It was a little bit of an education process, so it was interesting," said Kenneth Cardone, associate director and executive chef of the Dining Service, about learning the regulations of Halal meat and how the dining halls would need to comply.

For example, because Halal meat can only come into contact with other Halal meat, chefs cannot use the charcoal or flat grill to cook it. Students who want Halal meat have to get in the regular food line and ask at the counter. Five minutes later a chef will have prepared it for them.

According to Matin, Halal meat is more expensive because it is "both a unique commodity and more labor intensive."

Though it is about 40 percent more expensive than the regular meat that the dining halls purchase, the extra expense did not factor largely into the equation.

"I felt bad," said Cardone. "All week long they had no meat. If people have special needs, we will try to meet them."

Though some Muslim students may eat non-Halal meat throughout the week when Halal is not available, others choose not to eat meat at all except on Friday nights.

Martin expressed that he and other Muslim students were grateful to the Dining Service for accommodating them, and that he had not expected coming here that he would be able to find Halal meat in the dining halls.

"There are 12 people who would want 1 Halal," said Matin. "To go to all this trouble for just 12 people is a reflection of how good the dining services are."

Though currently the meat is only served on Friday nights at Thorne to an average of five to 10 students, Cardone said that the plan might be flexible.

"Once we know the counts and have a history, we can see what else we can do as time allows," he said.

Anna Karass contributed to this report.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT: 2/15 TO 2/22

Thursday, February 15

•Security officers dispersed an unregistered event on the first floor of Moore Hall. Three room residents took responsibility for the alcohol policy violation.

•Lost and found winter clothing from Smith Union was placed in the property room at the security office.

Friday, February 16

•An officer checked on the well-being of a student who fell asleep in a women's rest room at Thorne Hall.

•A student using a hair straightener in room set off a fire alarm in Chamberlain Hall.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event on the third floor of Coleman Hall. Five students took responsibility for the alcohol policy violation.

Saturday, February 17

•During a routine building check, an officer found the remains of an unregistered event in the Ladd House basement. The Office of Residential Life is following up with Ladd House.

•A member of the baseball team who was hit in the groin by a baseball during practice was brought to Parkview Hospital.

•Two Stove Hall students in possession of hard alcohol were cited for an alcohol policy violation.

•A Coleman Hall student was cited for an alcohol policy violation at Helmreich House.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event involving several students and guests in a second floor room in Moore Hall.

•A student who falsely claimed he was a student at an out-of-state university in an attempt to avoid an alcohol policy violation was referred to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

•The Office of Residential Life is following up with Quinby House about an unregistered event held there.

Sunday, February 18

•Two Moore Hall students in possession of hard alcohol were cited for alcohol policy violations.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event on the fourth floor of

Appleton Hall and two students were held responsible for the alcohol policy violation.

•A report was filed with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs regarding an intoxicated student who became disorderly on College Street.

•Brunswick Rescue transported an intoxicated Coleman Hall student to Parkview Hospital for evaluation.

•A student walking near Quinby House was found in possession of hard alcohol.

•A student who broke a pane of glass in the front door of Cleveland Street Apartments was held responsible for damages.

•A student who broke the glass on a fire extinguisher cabinet in MacMillan House was held responsible for damages.

•An officer transported an ill Hyde Hall student to Dudley Coe Health Center.

•A student turned in a camera tripod that was found in a college van.

•A student reported that her

vehicle was damaged in a hit-and-run accident in the parking lot at Chamberlain Hall.

•A student reported the theft of a red and white Prince squash racket from the Morrell Gym squash courts.

•A report was received that a college van operated by a student was observed to be operating at a high rate of speed on Interstate 295 in Freeport.

•A student reported losing her blue Motorola cell phone somewhere on campus.

Monday, February 19

•The coach of the Nordic ski team reported the theft of Nordic maintenance equipment from the area of the Morrell Gym squash courts. Included among the stolen items are waxing irons, waxing brushes, wax scrapers, and boxes of wax.

•The fire alarm in Moore Hall was activated when a student's two-year-old cousin pulled the first-floor fire alarm.

•The fire alarm in Coleman Hall was activated by a malfunctioning microwave oven. An officer removed the defective oven from the

room and placed it in storage.

Tuesday, February 20

•Brunswick Rescue transported an ill spectator who was attending the high school swimming championships at Greason Swimming Pool to Parkview Hospital.

•A security officer transported an ill student from Reed House to Parkview Hospital.

Wednesday, February 21

•A staff member and a Freeport resident were involved in a minor two-vehicle accident in the Druckenmiller parking lot.

•A security officer transported a student with a possible broken ankle from Morrell Gymnasium to Parkview Hospital.

•Officers investigated an argument between a male and a female student at Brunswick Apartments.

Thursday, February 22

•A report was filed regarding a student operating his vehicle at an imprudent speed in the Farley Field House parking lot.

—Compiled by the Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.

Chris Hill '74 attributed diplomacy to peace talk success

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weapons because they are not going to be able to do both," Hill said in an interview with the Orient on Saturday.

He added, "If they persist in making these weapons, they are going to end up even more isolated than they already are. So it is a way open for them and we have to see that they choose it."

Responding to criticism regarding the agreement, Hill defended negotiation as a means to resolve North Korea's nuclear buildup.

"We have a problem, that there is a country producing nuclear weapons," Hill said. "In October, they actually tested one, so we are confronted by a situation and we have a limited number of tools to deal with it. I think one of those tools is to work with our partners—most importantly China—on a diplomatic approach."

According to Hill, diplomacy is a valuable tool to advance U.S. interests.

"I think diplomats tend to believe in diplomacy, and I am one of them. I really believe that you can convince people to do things they wouldn't otherwise do when you work with allies, when you show a united front, but you also present an alternative for them," he said.

"You are getting the other guy to do something he wouldn't otherwise do and in so doing you are enhancing your own interests," he added.

Hill asserted that critics should formulate their own plan before condemning the negotiations.

"I would say that when you look at the flaws of any negotiating process, you have to consider what the alternative is," Hill said. "Often they say you shouldn't negotiate, but then so what are you going to do if you don't negotiate?"

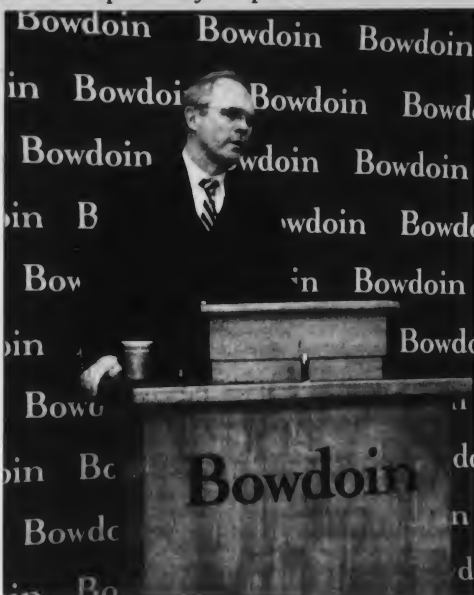
He added, "So I think it behooves the critics to come up with a plan of their own and I haven't seen one."

During his Common Hour address, Hill emphasized the importance of the multilateral approach to negotiating with North Korea. According to Hill, the multilateral approach increases the likelihood that North Korea will comply with the agreement.

"I think for North Koreans to walk away from a deal with us is one thing," he said. "For North Koreans to walk away from a deal with all their neighbors is quite something else."

In particular, Hill cited China as being "very key to the whole process." Traditionally, China has maintained close diplomatic ties with North Korea, but relations were strained after North Korea conducted nuclear tests in October.

"The difference between this arrangement and previous arrange-



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs Christopher Hill '74 speaks to reporters at a press conference in Moulton Union on February 16.

ments is that we would have in this arrangement China as one of the main guarantors of the process. So that is very useful to us," Hill said in a press conference in Moulton Union.

According to Hill, China's "leverage" over the North Koreans was significant in the six-party talks.

"A lot of what we do in the six-party talks is not so much rewarding or punishing North Korea, it is developing a solid front with the Chinese so that we can bring pressure to bear on North Korea and the situation there," he said.

Hill added that the Chinese were "extraordinarily pragmatic" in their approach to the negotiations.

"The Chinese themselves are most like us, very 'transactionally' minded," he said.

Hill also highlighted the significance of the United States working with China on such an important international issue.

"I would say one of the benefits of the six-party talks—quite apart from the question of whether we can convince North Korea to give up nuclear weapons—is that the U.S. and China have become closer as a result of our cooperating in this process," Hill said. "We absolutely share the goals with them."

As China becomes increasingly important in world affairs, Hill believes that it is in U.S. interests to

develop a strategic relationship with the country.

"There are of people who have concerns that China does not share our values and China has a very different world view," Hill said in the interview with the Orient.

"Certainly there are some reasons, but I think there is a compelling reason for the United States to develop a close relationship with China—a working relationship—with a country of 1.3 billion people," he said.

Responding to a question from the audience after the address, Hill discussed how the progress of the denuclearization of North Korea could influence negotiations with Iran.

"I think if this works, people will look to it as a model," Hill said.

Specifically, Hill cited the strength of the multilateral negotiation framework used in the six-party talks.

"We embedded bilateral processes within a multilateral framework," Hill said.

During the negotiations, Hill maintained frequent contact with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"I agreed with Secretary Rice on what I was going to do. Then as things happened, I called her everyday or she called me," Hill said. "I knew how far I could go."

Hill told the Orient that many of the conditions of the negotiations had already been established weeks earlier in Berlin.

"I had met the North Koreans in Berlin and had gone through many of the elements that we were hoping would be an outcome of the six-party talks because the six-party talks have been a lot of talk and not a lot of action," he said.

While Hill also noted the role of his Bowdoin education, particularly his background in economics, shaped his approach to diplomacy, he maintained that negotiation is very personal.

"I think that it is a very useful to have [an] analytical, quantitative mindset. I was an economic officer in the foreign service and I have always joked that some of our political officers have to take their shoes and socks from to count to 20," Hill said.

"How directly that affects negotiations is hard to tell. I think negotiating is a very personal thing. People's negotiating styles are very personal. Holbrook once said 'It is sort of like jazz, you kind of improvise on a theme,'" he said.

Bias Incident Group convened to discuss year's second reported homophobic act

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both the front and back windshields."

The victim said that the incident shocked her and made her feel uncomfortable.

"I didn't know who did it, and I worried that every time I walked into a room someone would think it was some kind of joke to laugh at me about," she said.

"I realized that derogatory language on campus exists and if people think it's OK to say it, then why wouldn't they go a step further and write it on my car," she added.

She reported the incident that day via e-mail to Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, a member of the Bias Incident Group, who then alerted President Barry Mills. Mills decided to convene the Bias Incident Group to discuss the act and the appropriate response. The Bias Incident Group, which was created in 1988 to respond to acts of bias, consists of students, faculty, and administrators and responds only to anonymous acts.

Foster said that the Bias Incident Group "could meet anywhere from zero to three times a year." The last few times the group has met have been in response to homophobia or anti-Semitism, Foster said.

Mills wrote in an e-mail to the Orient that it is typically "the group's practice to issue a letter to the community explaining what happened and underscoring our condemnation of acts that are vicious in nature or recklessly indifferent to the feelings of others, and that attempt to silence others and breed fear in our academic community."

"We could have issued another letter [in response to the incident on February 3] but instead we are hopeful that [the victim's] willingness to speak out...[will provide] a better opportunity for dialogue and a greater chance of reaching those responsible with the clear message that such acts are hateful, harmful, and flat-out unacceptable here," Mills said.

Bias Incident Group Member and Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood originally alerted the Orient to the incident and indicated that the victim wanted to publicly tell her story. The victim later decided that she did not want to publicly reveal her name.

The first incident addressed by the Bias Incident Group this year occurred during the fall when the word "fag" had been written on a first-year student's door.

Professor of English Peter Coviello, also a member of the Bias Incident Group, said that the February incident made him and the other committee members angry and exasperated.

"When I heard about this latest incident, it really made me feel like taking hold of the students who would do or countenance such a thing, and just telling them, plain and simple, to grow the f--- up," Coviello said in an e-mail to the Orient. "Writing 'fag' on someone's door or 'gay' on someone's car is astonishingly junior high school lame. And while being incredibly lame, it's really hurtful to somebody. It's scary, makes them feel targeted, less safe."

According to Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols, Assistant Director of Security Louann Dustin-Hunter is leading Security's investigation of the case.

Dustin-Hunter, the civil rights

"There is certain 'locker room language' where people say things in settings where they are not called out on it...People are responsible for calling one another out."

Tim Foster
Dean of Student Affairs

officer of the department, handles all cases involving situations of discrimination or bias. In addition, Security reports any incidents that could be considered a hate crime to the Attorney General's Office.

"They will not be investigating [this case], but we do keep them informed of all events of this nature," Nichols said.

Director of the Queer-Trans Resource Center and member of the Bias Incident Group Anne Peacock said that "it's sad and disturbing that [the victim] is being sent the message that she is targeted because of this particular part of her identity. The campus as a whole needs to think about the culture that exists that allows these acts to happen."

When asked about the use of homophobic language on campus, one male student athlete said the word "gay" "definitely gets thrown around."

"It's not used as a derogatory term," he added. "It's used loosely, usually around just a bunch of guys. People are pretty conscious about not using the term in general."

Foster expressed concern about the casual use of homophobic language.

"There is certain 'locker room language' where people say things in settings where they are not called out on it," he said.

"The language ends up being used in general settings if it goes unchecked. People are responsible for calling one another out."

Another student who said she experienced discrimination for dating a girl said that "when people use the word 'gay' and equate it to 'lame,' it doesn't matter if they don't mean it in a homophobic manner, because it is anyway. I don't necessarily feel targeted, but I feel different. I don't feel accepted."

Coviello agreed that there may be a problem surrounding the use of language at Bowdoin.

"It's exasperating that [homophobia] is a problem at a college of this caliber," Coviello said. "We're not interested in being language cops. We're just interested in making sure everyone here feels safe."

Foster agreed.

"We have to teach people how to intervene," he said. "How do you tell people when you're uncomfortable with their language? It's hard, but it's important."

Anne Riley contributed to this report.

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Trustees strive to stay connected with current students

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trying to be very efficient and maximize all the time we have."

Cyr said she connected with students at an informal discussion with members of the Young Alumni Leadership Program (YALP). She spent the evening talking with a group of students, who then invited her to Friday's basketball game. Cyr, who said she was visiting the College this week in a different capacity—taking her college-bound son on a tour of the campus—planned to take the students up on their invitation to stop by their Harpswell Apartment dorm, where Cyr lived when she was at Bowdoin.

"That's the kind of thing that really makes a huge difference," she said.

Jun Sun Kim '07, one of the students who connected with Cyr at the YALP discussion, said that the YALP reception was the first time she had ever met with a trustee. She noted that meeting with trustees motivated her to stay connected to the College once she graduates.

"One really cool thing about meeting with trustees is you get to meet really successful Bowdoin alumni and see how involved they are with their alma mater," she said.

Alex Hughes '07, a YALP intern who helped plan the event, said that trustees were "really willing to engage with students."

"I thought the reception was a testament to the relationship between trustees and students," said Hughes, whose mother is a trustee.

Cyr said that she meets new students every time she's at Bowdoin, but she noted that she might not be meeting a complete cross-section of the campus community.

"Inevitably I suspect, as it was when I was in college, there will be some students more likely to put themselves out there," she said.

DeRay McKesson '07, student representative to the Trustees' executive committee and the Trustees' committee for admissions and financial aid, said one reason some students may not see much of the Trustees is that the students themselves are not taking the initiative.

"I don't think students have been knocking on the door, saying, 'Let me meet with trustees,'" he said.

Mersereau agreed that it is up to students to take the first step.

"Students with an antenna up will find out who's on the board and see a common interest," he said. "The system is open to making those connections."

Trustees also stay connected to students and campus life through the student representatives to their committees.

Cyr, who chairs the Trustees' academic affairs committee, stressed the important role student representatives play at meetings.

"There's not a committee meeting that happens that doesn't incorporate feedback," she said.

Burgess LePage '07, who is the student representative to Cyr's committee, agreed, saying board members take very seriously contributions made by students.

"They can't rely just on their experiences here because they're so different," LePage said. "[The College] is changing, and it's important that they have a grasp on that."

Trustee Jeff Emerson '70 said the College is "fundamentally different" from when he was at Bowdoin.

"In those days, [trustee] interactions were more limited and more removed from student life than today," he said.

Mersereau said that one of the benefits of having a large board—he noted that Bowdoin's board has 45 members, including the president, while the average at other private institutions of comparable size is between 30 and 35—is that it allows a greater diversity to be represented, including diversity in age. The two youngest members of the board are graduates of the Class of 1987, and Mersereau said the possibility of having greater generational differences represented on the board was raised at the meeting.

McKesson noted no one on the board has been a student since fraternities were faded out, which "leads to interesting campus perception issues."

While Chair of the Board of

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Burgess LePage '07
Student Representative
to the Trustees

Trustees Peter Small '64 said that part of the fun of being a trustee is interacting with students, he was wary of having too much interaction between students and trustees, noting that the board's "role is to solve problems not with students but through the administration."

"We don't manage the College," Small said. "Our job is to protect the College through the years. When there's an immediate problem, we want to know all about it, but most of it is much longer term."

Mersereau said that trustees stay updated on what's happening at the College through a variety of sources, noting that some get their information through their children who are current students.

Emerson has a daughter who is a first year, but said that he also stays updated on campus life by talking to other students, who he says are "very forthcoming and candid." He said there are multiple ways to interact with students when the board convenes.

"I think we have to find the balance of institutionalizing [student-trustee interaction], which risks being artificial, and finding informal ways of interaction," he said.

McKesson said finding new ways to interact with students could be the next creative challenge for the board.

"There are a remarkable number of trustees who are close to the College who keep in touch with students," McKesson said, but he noted, "It would be cool to find some other way to have the Trustees engage in campus life beyond the usual suspects."



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Man Samsee and Samrat Thongiam pose with students after Tuesday's event.

Haynes '08 urges colleges to buy Thai organic rice

by Chris Marotta
STAFF WRITER

While other students may have found their fall semesters no different than semesters past, Bennet Haynes '08 is an exception. Waking up at 5:30 a.m., speaking Thai to his host families, and spending his days farming and learning about the Green Revolution, Haynes' semester in Thailand with CIEE's Khon Kaen program was a clear break from the monotony of college life.

Now that he is stateside, Haynes hopes to share his experiences through a nationwide two-week campaign to encourage universities to purchase Thai-grown organic rice.

On Tuesday, Bowdoin was the first college to hear the presentation. To kick it off, students and faculty alike gathered in Moulton Union to eat a specially cooked Thai dinner. After dinner, attendees listened as two visiting Thai farmers talked about their life and experiences farming in Thailand in an effort to raise awareness about issues that fair trade farmers face.

Man Samsee from Kutchum was the first to speak. Man has been a farmer for as long as he can remember, having been taken out of school after elementary school to help his family work the fields. He is now the headman of his village, a village that has become well-known in Thailand for its self-sufficiency and participation in the Yasothorn Province's Fair Trade rice mill and cooperative.

The other farmer, Samrat Thongiam, is vice president of Rice Fund Surin, an organic foods cooperative that sells organic rice domestically and in Europe and the United States. He also grows organic jasmine rice and other fruits and vegetables with his wife and two daughters.

While both men now enjoy a sustainable lifestyle of organic farming, it was not long ago that they lived differently. Following the increase of rice yields in India by 30 percent, organizations such as the Ford Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation looked to expand new agricultural technology to Asia and the rest of the world. The new agricultural technology centered around the use of pesticides and synthetic nitrogen fertilizer. Pressured by the new standards, farmers throughout Thailand changed the way they farmed, and started to buy pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.

"We no longer have the frogs and the fish and the other animals we used to see in the fields," Man said. "When the kids would go play in the water, they would have rashes." Man saw diabetes and cancer increase throughout his village.

With the new pesticides and chemicals too expensive for the small scale

farmers, many were forced to seek day labor in the cities.

Then Thai farmers began taking matters into their own hands. Looking at the business model of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) used in Thailand, the farming villages started to work together to form cooperatives and buy the rice mills so they could produce the rice any way they wanted.

"We don't have to spend money to put fertilizer in our fields," Man said.

Now with their new way of life, Man and Samrat look to the future with hope.

"It's not just about farming, it's also about a way of life and helping our society in general," Samrat said. "We bring people to visit each other's fields and do various exchanges... We are trying to build a network so villagers can do things on their own."

Having experienced the new lifestyle of the Thai farmers, Haynes and nine other students in the program came together to create a plan to help.

"We decided we were going to try to get five universities to buy the rice," said Haynes. Working with Engage, an organization started by alumni of CIEE Khon Kaen to involve people in cross-cultural communication, Haynes helped plan to bring the Thai farmers to the United States.

"Throughout the semester we planned out the tour," said Haynes. After Bowdoin, the farmers will go on to talk at Amherst, Hamilton, and Georgetown.

Currently, Haynes is talking with the Dining Service about the possibility of Bowdoin buying the rice in the future.

"They're very responsive, there are just some details that need to be worked out," Haynes said. "They bought the rice for this dinner. It's a big start," he said.

Despite the progress that has been made, both Man and Samrat stressed the ongoing challenges for small-scale farmers in Thailand. With the government of Thailand pushing for international free trade, their livelihood is still very much at risk.

"Villagers and farmers like us often do not have a lot that is heard on that level," Man said.

Already the effects of free trade are evident in Thailand. With beef and milk markets opened up with Australia, many Thai cattle farmers are losing their way of life. "Free trade is a very scary possibility for us," said Samrat. "All Thai farmers would be doomed to poverty."

Even with the many risks of being a farmer in Thailand, both Man and Samrat are committed to continuing organic farming, and bringing their rice to the United States. "We may be poor people," Man said, "but when we work together, we can find happiness."

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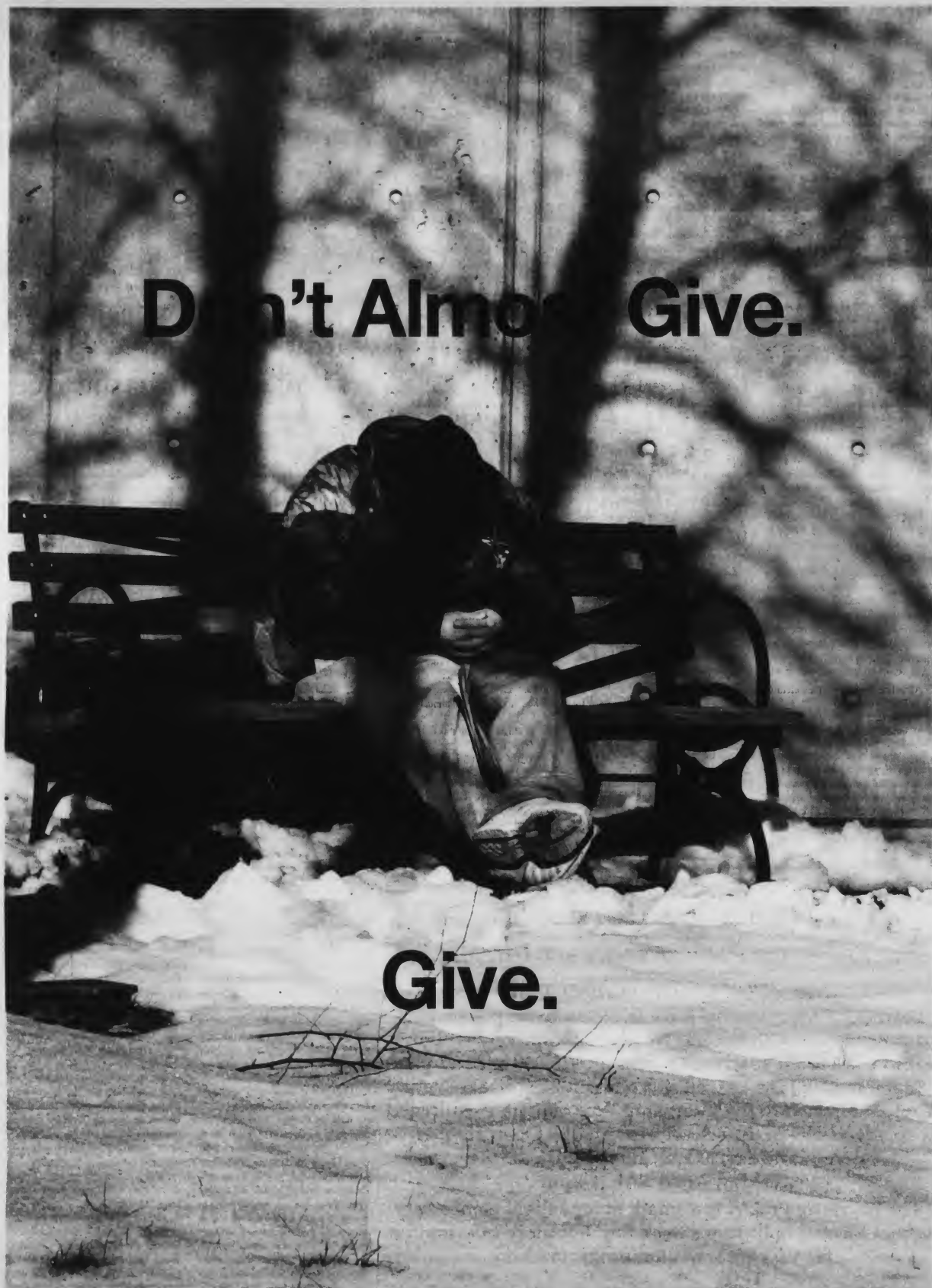
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FINANCIAL FEVER WITH GARY WEAVER

Early investments can pay off

Bowdoin financial experts give advice about investing money as a student and young adult

by Adam Kommel
ORIENT STAFF

For students with savings in the thousands of dollars, letting it languish in a low-interest savings account may seem wasteful.

But Gary Weaver, associate director of student aid, warns that students must be prudent with their money.

"There are so many unknowns and living expenses ahead of you," Weaver says. "You're going to need that cash."

"Rate of return at this point is almost immaterial," he adds.

Weaver, who worked as a Merrill Lynch security broker for six years and is a licensed certified financial planner, advises that students only invest money that they know they can do without. He said that even if a student is prepared to lose his or her investment, a low-risk mutual fund is all that is appropriate.

"Good mutual fund groups pay five percent with nominal risk," he says.

Associate Professor of Economics Greg DeCoster agrees.

"If you're going to invest in equities, index funds are the way to approach it," he says.

But DeCoster, who teaches Finance I and Finance II, says that

before a student thinks about investing, he or she should take care of any interest-accruing debt.

"The highest return investment you can make is to pay off high-interest credit card balance," he says.

Senior Jon Crowley thinks students could be more adventurous.

"If you know what you're doing, know what you're getting into, you can accept the risk," Crowley says, "there's no reason not to take a portion of your earnings and try to get a higher return and learn about the markets and investment."

Crowley, the president of the Bowdoin Finance Society, worked at a California money management firm in the summer, and will start working full-time in hedge fund strategies at Goldman Sachs after graduation.

Crowley recognizes the negatives of investing at an early age, noting, "You really need to be aware you can lose a lot," and also cautions that investing in the market is not simple at all.

"Be very careful about fees and commissions," he says.

"If you make money, you need to pay capital gains tax of 15 percent," he adds. "You are creating some extra hassle."

But he concludes that investing is an important skill that students

should familiarize themselves with.

"It's a great way to learn about investing at a young age—where it's not the end of the world if you lose some money," Crowley said. "It's better to lose a little money now than to start gambling with your retirement savings when you're 50."

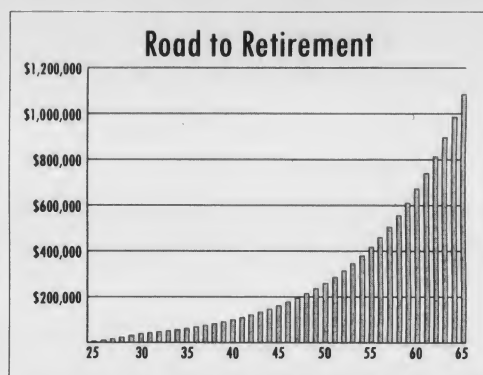
DeCoster recommends reading "The Little Book That Beats the Market" by Joel Greenblatt, for students who are ready to invest.

Crowley suggests investing in Exchange-Traded Funds, securities that track indexes, but trades like a stock, as the funds are relatively stable, but can still yield a high return.

Weaver says that it is not too soon for students to begin thinking about investing for retirement. Weaver advises students to put \$5,000 into a Roth IRA each of five years soon after graduation, and then invest the money into a no-load equity index mutual fund.

"If you get \$25,000 in before you're 30, when you retire by the time you're 65, you'll have a million dollars," says Weaver, expecting an average of a 10 percent annual return. "All I do with Bowdoin seniors when they graduate is point this out."

Weaver is not so optimistic about the immediate future, though many financial media are predicting a



Parag Khandelwal, The Bowdoin Orient

By depositing \$5,000 a year between the ages of 25 and 29 into a Roth IRA, investors yielding an average annual return of 10 percent can amass over a million dollars by retirement at 65.

strong 2007.

"We're in a late-stage bull market here," he says. "The market is strong, but it's slowing."

Director of Student Aid Stephen Joyce said that students need not worry that any earnings will reduce their financial aid. Student contributions are calculated assuming annual

earnings of approximately \$2,000, and students will not be penalized for making additional money.

But Weaver warns students not to head into the market without knowing the risks.

"The equity market giveth," says Weaver, "and the equity market taketh away."

New single-stream recycling system processes more items and increases rates of recycling

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town switched to single-stream recycling for financial reasons, and to extend the life of the town landfill. Under Brunswick's old system, the town baled each of the five categories of recyclables itself. But the baler was aging and the recycling building needed to be renovated, so it made more financial sense to switch to single-stream recycling, rather than purchase a new baler and improve the building.

The old system also could not recycle many potentially recyclable items, said Worth. Those items were ending up in the Brunswick landfill, at the cost of around \$80 a ton. Instead, Worth said, single-stream recycling will keep recyclables out of the town landfill, extending its life by five to eight years.

Single-stream recycling also increases recycling rates, Corsey and Carese added. Brunswick officials hope that their new pay-by-the-bag trash pick-up program, introduced along with single stream recycling on January 22, will further encourage residents to recycle.

Under the pay-by-the-bag program, residents now must put their trash in special plastic bags that must be purchased from locations around town.

While single stream recycling began only in the end of January, recycling rates have already increased in Brunswick. According to Punnie Edgerton, a member of the Brunswick Recycling Committee, the quantity of curbside

"The new rules should take some of the confusion out of recycling."

Keisha Payson
Coordinator for a Sustainable
Bowdoin

recycling in Brunswick increased 55 percent in the first two weeks of single stream. Trash quantities went down 50 percent in the same amount of time.

According to Coordinator for a Sustainable Bowdoin Keisha Payson, the College has not yet experienced Brunswick's drastic increase in amount of recycling since switching to single stream recycling.

Although Payson said that it is too early to say whether or not the switch will have an effect on recycling rates at Bowdoin, she is optimistic.

"The new rules should take some of the confusion out of recycling," said Payson.

Payson and other Sustainable Bowdoin employees and volunteers are trying to increase participation in recycling by educating students, faculty, and staff about single stream.

Jan and Dan the Can, Sustainable Bowdoin's recycling mascots, have travelled campus encouraging students to recycle and giving out recy-



Emily Guerin, The Bowdoin Orient

cling stickers. Fans of Jan and Dan the Can can "friend" them on Facebook by searching for Dan Von Can. Students may also notice a new recycling mascot, Recycle Man, who will be on campus in the coming weeks.

In addition to deploying Dan and Jan, Sustainable Bowdoin has been replacing old recycling signs with new ones. The bright green "YES" signs explain what can now be recycled and appear on recycling bins around campus. Volunteers are also working to increase awareness by making recycling presentations to dorms and departments.

"Our job is to make sure people know what they could recycle," said Payson.



Emily Guerin, The Bowdoin Orient

Top: Recyclable items are piled up outside the Casella/FCR recycling center in Auburn, Massachusetts. Above: Inside the center, items are transported on a conveyor belt to be processed.

Not always on the sunny side

by Tara Rajiyah
STAFF WRITER

Professor of Psychology and Social Studies Barbara Held thinks it is okay to see the glass half empty. In her book, "Stop Smiling, Start Kvetching: A 5-Step Guide to Creative Complaining," she addresses what she sees as abundant optimism in America.

"Americans have a decreasing tolerance for those who are not optimistic or cannot look on the bright side," says Held.

Held's interest in the "tyranny of the positive attitude" was sparked by Martin Seligman's "Positive Psychology" movement. Seligman, the former president of the American Psychological Association, claims psychology has been founded on problems and that it should focus on the positive aspects of people's lives. Seligman has received millions of dollars worth of grants to research the notion that being positive is good for people's overall well-being.

Held emphasizes that the fundamental flaw with this approach is that most of psychology is actually focused on normal functioning. Moreover, she says, "One size does not fit all when it comes to individuals. Different people have different temperaments and coping styles."

Held thinks that positive psychology proponents overlook this in their enthusiasm to promote being positive, but research shows that forcing people to utilize coping styles that go against their nature can be harmful.

Held is particularly interested in the research of Julie Norem, a professor at Wellesley College. Norem, whose research has spanned over 20 years, categorizes test subjects as either defensive pessimists or strategic opti-

mists. A defensive pessimist is someone who worries about the worst possible outcomes and strategizes ways to cope with those outcomes in advance; alternatively, strategic optimists ignore possible problems and tend to look on the bright side. Norem randomly assigns subjects to one of the two groups of coping strategies, regardless of whether they are defensive pessimists or strategic optimists. The subjects are asked to complete a variety of challenges ranging from academic, logical, interpersonal, and physical tasks, using their assigned coping strategy.

Norem found that those who were asked to complete the challenges using their regular coping mechanisms were more successful, while those who were asked to act against their nature showed signs of decreased ability to function. These findings are consistent with Held's own beliefs about positive psychology and its potentially harmful effects on people.

"Maybe I should start selling 'It's OK to complain' bracelets," Held was quoted as saying in the January 27 issue of the Los Angeles Times. She was responding to a story about a Missouri reverend who challenged his congregation to abstain from complaining for three weeks by wearing bracelets that would remind them not to. Held, who doesn't think complaining is bad, believes that the reverend's challenge fits into a bigger trend of optimism in America.

Held's criticism of the Missouri church landed her a spot on "The Today Show." Two weeks ago, Held was taped responding to questions and defending her argument against the philosophy of the church.

The air date of the segment is unknown, but it will include a response from the reverend.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Author of "Stop Smiling, Start Kvetching: A 5-Step Guide to Creative Complaining" and Professor of Psychology and Social Studies Barbara Held will appear on "The Today Show" to talk about the harm of positive psychology.

Close the door on open relationships?

Talkin' About It

by Lauren
McGrath
COLUMNIST



Open relationships. When I asked my mom if they were around when she was in college in the 70s, she answered, "You mean promiscuity?" That's one way of putting it.

I've never understood open relationships. However, it seems like a lot of people, especially of our age, are trying them out. I first heard about open relationships my freshman year, when people were having them with their high school boyfriends or girlfriends. Being in an open relationship means something different to everyone. Some think it means "friends with benefits," while others define it as being in a relationship with a number of different partners. They usually occur post-high school, when you go abroad, or when your boyfriend or girlfriend lives far away. A lot of couples decide on a set of ground rules for their open relationship, which allow them to "hook up" with other people, presumably guilt-free. Sounds like one of those perfect have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too scenarios. Or some kind of license to cheat.

Let's get right to it: The perception of the open relationship is that it's an easier version of a real, monogamous relationship. You get to have the hetero-ity of retaining a relationship you care

about without missing out on all of the sexual experimentation that's supposed to go on at college. I've watched open relationships unfold for various friends and talked to others about their experiences. And on the whole, I've come away thinking that while in theory they sound like a good idea, in practice they can be disastrous.

From what I've heard, the greatest pitfall of open relationships is this: They are neither easy to control, nor easy to predict. In the majority of them, you walk the dangerous line of falling for someone other than your boyfriend or girlfriend. And unless you have some psychic powers that let you see into the future, being in an open relationship ultimately means risking your relationship. In any relationship you run the risk of getting hurt, but when you add amped up feelings of jealousy and insecurity, you're putting yourself in an even more vulnerable position. I could never agree to an open relationship with someone I really cared about, and if I did agree to one, it would probably mean I wasn't that into the person, in which case I would rather just be single.

One guy friend who experienced the ups and downs of an open relationship commented, "Open relationships lack the benefits of a full-blown relationship. It's not possible to have an intimate relationship with someone while at the same time trying to completely detach yourself emotionally from them in order to not get hurt." Another friend joked, "I ended my

If you plan on some day being in a monogamous relationship, what kinds of habits are you forming for yourself?

open relationship when I found out my girlfriend was more of a slut than me!"

I have one friend whose open relationship has, all in all, worked out. She sees her boyfriend of four years when she's home, and dates other guys while she's at school. If you want to go into a successful open relationship, you've got to ask yourself why you are doing it. If it's because you're insecure or need constant attention from the opposite/same sex, you're probably not going to fare too well. But if

you're the kind of person who doesn't need boundaries and definitions to be happy in a relationship, then maybe it could, or does, work for you.

It's a risky line to walk, being in an open relationship. The desires that you would usually not be able to act on in a monogamous relationship become at once available to you. I could be crazy, but doesn't this sound like an unhealthy way to live? If you plan on someday being in a monogamous relationship, what kinds of habits are you forming for yourself? On the other hand, I guess, there are plenty of successful polygamist families, as well as people who are perfectly content living a swinging married life.

In the end, there is nothing wrong with being in an open relationship if it works for you. But I think there is something to be said for being in a monogamous one. It may be difficult, but judging by what a lot of you have told me, open relationships can also

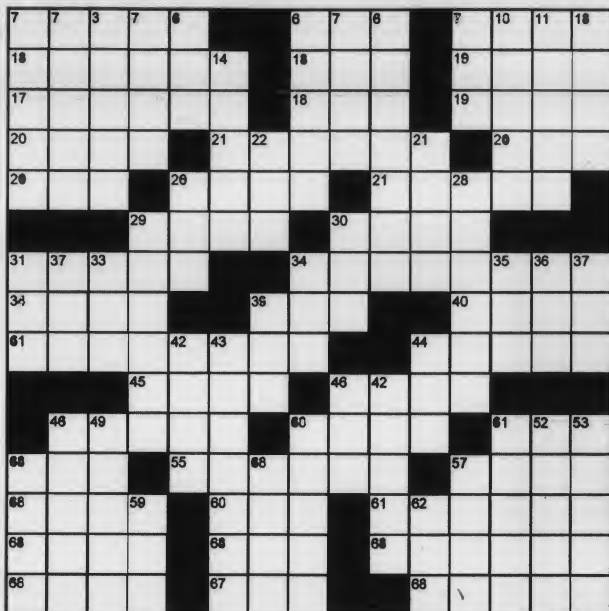
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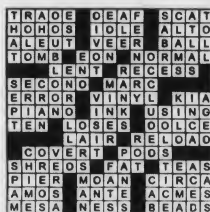
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'Monologues' aims to raise awareness



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

First year Jess Weaver performs her monologue in Bowdoin's annual production of "The Vagina Monologues."

by Carolyn Williams
CONTRIBUTOR

Victory, Valentine, Vagina—the V in V-Day has more than one meaning.

In 1998, Eve Ensler, an actor, playwright, and activist, started V-Day, a global organization to stop sexual violence against women and girls. V-Day arose out of Ensler's award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues." This year marks the fifth annual Bowdoin performance of the show.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a compilation of personal stories that Ensler heard from women all over the world about rape, incest, domestic battery, and other acts of sexual violence. This year, the directors of Bowdoin's production are Whitney Hogan '07, Ashley Fischer '09, Anne Cathcart '08, Alex Lamb '07, and Linzee Troubh '09. Fischer said that Bowdoin is "one of the few colleges to do the show annually."

This year's cast includes 40 Bowdoin women. Although the monologues do not change from year to year, Troubh said that the directors "switch up the cast so it's a new show."

Fischer said, "Each woman has the creativity to make her monologue unique and different."

Maxime Billick '10, a member of the cast, said that the cast has come together for "different reasons but a common goal."

"As much as 'The Vagina Monologues' is a play, it also has social significance because it provides a forum for women to talk about their sexual experiences, good and bad," she

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

When: Today & Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Kresge Auditorium, V.A.C.
Admission: \$5 Bowdoin, \$7 public

said.

"The range of topics is what makes the show so wonderful," said Hogan, and added that the monologues address "everything from puberty and orgasms to rape and sexual violence."

"The Vagina Monologues," according to Lamb, is "poignant, powerful, and means something to everyone who sees it—old, young, Bowdoin, non-Bowdoin."

Hogan said that the show is also "really funny" and a "great way to talk about issues that we don't normally discuss" on college campuses, as well as "raise awareness about healthy relationships" around Valentine's Day.

Excerpts of Bowdoin women's stories will precede this year's production. These stories are being compiled for SPEAK, a magazine that will appear on campus in April with personal accounts from Bowdoin women regarding, as Fischer said, "sex—the good, the bad, and the ugly."

Every year, local volunteers and college students around the world perform "The Vagina Monologues" on or around Valentine's Day to raise money for V-Day and to raise awareness about sexual violence against women and girls.

During its eight-year history, the play has been translated into more than 45

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Play comes to grips with growing up

by Joey Cresta
STAFF WRITER

THE MARRIAGE OF BETTE & BOO

When: Today & Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Pickard Theater
Admission: \$1

There was probably a time when you vowed that you would never be like your parents. Whether it was phrases like "because I said so" or refusing to extend an 11:30 curfew, children often came back with the defiant exclamation, "Well, it won't happen to me!"

Then, 10 or 15 years down the road, you notice eerie instances where your actions uncannily reflect your parents' sentiments. This is the feeling that Astrid Rodriguez '07, director of the Masque and Gown presentation of Christopher Durang's "The Marriage of Bette and Boo," hopes to evoke from audiences this weekend.

The play is an autobiographical portrait of Durang and his family. Durang tries to make sense of the world through the reflections of the narrator, Matt, who is the son of Bette and Boo. Matt shifts time and place in his recollections as he tries to figure out where he's been and what he's become.

"The Marriage of Bette and Boo" stars Caitlin Hylan '09 as Bette, Jay Tansey '07 as Boo, and Joseph Babler '10 as Matt. The tech team includes Genna Duplisea '09, Susie Kimport '09, and Rachael Leahy '07.

Rodriguez said that the play is especially significant for the college-aged community, as many stu-

dents are beginning to notice shades of their parents' behavior in their thoughts and actions. She hopes that the performance leads the audience to think about family and come to grips with the possibility that students are beginning to behave like our parents. This is not an attempt to make everyone depressed—though these kinds of thoughts do make us question where we are going and what we have done. This kind of introspection might have a positive effect and help students understand their elders a little better.

The play also seeks to provide something that everybody can relate to in its portrayal of the family dynamic. While not everyone will have encountered the same issues that the play tackles, including alcoholism, stillbirth, and strokes, nor the extremity to which they are portrayed, many people can relate to family crises and their resolutions.

Indeed, then, the play tackles many difficult issues. The ability to find humor in life disasters is Durang's specialty and makes the play endearing. The humor in the production is also one of the reasons why Rodriguez chose the play. As a

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Hari Kondabolu '04—Live

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
ORIENT STAFF

On Monday night, Hari Kondabolu '04 performed his stand-up comedy for a national television audience on "Jimmy Kimmel Live." He claims, however, that he is still missing a major accomplishment: During his Bowdoin years as a WBOR 91.1 FMDJ and station manager, Kondabolu was never DJ of the Week.

As bitter as Kondabolu is that it took national television to recognize this oversight, he acknowledges how surreal it was to appear on Kimmel's show. He even fell back on an old joke about butterflies and pregnancy.

"I wrote it for my high school election speech when I was 16," he said. "The reason I wanted to win so badly was so I could have a comedy night my senior year. I didn't think it would find its way to national TV."

Kondabolu shared the show with William Shatner, but nerves kept him from meeting the actor.

"I was nervous as hell in my dressing room. I was too busy freaking out," Kondabolu said. "If I met him, the level of absurdity would just be tenfold."

Besides appearing on Kimmel's show, Kondabolu has been performing stand-up in Seattle and working at Hate Free Zone, an organization founded after September 11 to help immigrant communities.

"I used college to teach myself to be as well-rounded a person as possible in terms of social justice," Kondabolu said. "That's what I wanted to do: be a social justice advocate. I found Hate Free Zone in Seattle, and the work is depressing and tiring, but inspiring



Bobby Guerre, The Bowdoin Orient

Hari Kondabolu '04 performs on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on Monday night.

when it works out."

Kondabolu continued, "I had to do something at night to balance that. I missed stand-up like crazy."

Kondabolu's college experience as a comic prepared him for the scene in Seattle and people were surprised at his quick development. He performed at various clubs with regular spots at the Comedy Underground, and also did his routine at Bumbershoot, Seattle's music and arts festival.

After seeing him at Bumbershoot, HBO asked Kondabolu to audition live in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Kondabolu is now scheduled to perform at HBO's U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colorado.

"I made art I believed in and it worked," Kondabolu said. "What's

great is that I did it the way I wanted to do it."

While spending his junior year at Wesleyan University developed Kondabolu as a "scholar and an artist" because of the campus's politics and a thriving art scene, Bowdoin provided Kondabolu with the audience to hear that art. Kondabolu left for Wesleyan as a sophomore, but word of mouth made his audience even larger when he returned to Bowdoin as a senior.

"I felt I had a certain role to play [at Bowdoin] as both a student and an educator of race and diversity," Kondabolu said. "There were certain incidents that stung a lot, but that's true anywhere in the world. In the long run, it made me a

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Christopher Durang's dark comedy 'Marriage of Bette and Boo' explores children becoming their parents

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dark comedy, this performance comes with certain risks, a challenge that Rodriguez wanted to take on. She did not want to do a "safe comedy," such as a lighthearted, romantic comedy.

This serious, "borderline offensive" comedy, as Rodriguez calls it, may touch a nerve in how it deals with these issues, but that is how it affects the audience. Matt speaks frankly of his experiences, which allows him to find humor in unlikely places.

Despite the difficulties of putting on a production of this nature, or perhaps because of them, Rodriguez made clear that there is great chem-

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istry among the cast and everyone involved.

The play is tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Pickard Theater. Tickets are \$1 and are available at the Smith Union Info Desk.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Caitlin Hylan '09 as Bette and Jay Tansey '07 as Boo act a scene in Masque and Gown's "The Marriage of Bette and Boo."

Ataris rock 'Night' on latest album

by Boz Karanovsky
—STAFF WRITER

Who said that punk is dead, baby? Truth be told, to some extent it is, because what would be considered punk today is pigeonholed as "alternative music" and that does it no justice at all (or, alas, into "fake punk" like Good Charlotte and other ridiculous bands I am not a fan of). Since forming in 1994, The Ataris has always been one of the most heartfelt and mature alternative rock groups around. Its last album, released on February 20 and titled "Welcome to the Night," is a knockout.

The Ataris' trademarks are the passionate deep vocals of frontman Christopher Roe, an intense touring schedule (here is a group that always puts the priority on going live instead of getting bogged down in a studio), and clever and personal storytelling in their lyrics, usually based on failed relationships, guilt, and so on. "Welcome to the Night" comes after two full years of waiting due to the internal conflicts in the group and the change of the label.

The band features a new lineup: Shane Chicheles on drums, Sean Hansen on the bass, Angus Cooke on the cello, Bob Hoag on keyboards, and Paul Carabello on the guitar. After Columbia Records fell apart last year, the boys went on their own and created a label called "Isola Records," which is associated with RED Distribution. After several breakups due to artistic differences and a streak of bad luck, The Ataris is on its feet again in better shape than ever before.

If its fourth album, "So Long Astoria," which went on to become four times platinum, was the band's

most conventional rock record and the main reason for its popularity, "Welcome to the Night" returns to the band's roots: more pessimistic, less mainstream, more abstract and less straightforward. It most closely resembles the band's third release "The End is Forever," hoping to rely on the mainstream success of the last album to reach a wider audience.

The first single, "Not Capable of Love," is indeed the most powerful song in the album. It is a fast, neurotic, and passionate track that at the same time succeeds to be very melodic with Roe's characteristic vocals.

The album creates a surreal feeling because the songs are very much alike, and it runs like a symphony instead of different tracks. Due to this dreamy context, it's not a party album. Just play it in your ride while you are alone and feeling melancholic. The cello adds a certain depth and comes in in some rather unexpected ways. Another asset of the album is the lyrics—most of them are amazing. This is far from the commercial mainstream punk music you see on MTV. This may be a result of the newly gained independence from the band's old label or from the fresh influences of the new members. If, by any chance, someone mistook The Ataris for being the kind of band that sold out in its last album, then "Night" will quickly prove him wrong. Other goodies among the 13 tracks are "Connections are More Dangerous Than Lies" and "When All Else Fails It Fails."

All in all, this is a wonderfully conceived album, which will inspire many old fans and will win some new ones. It also rejuvenates a style strangled by a lack of creativity and an oversupply of new albums with little value each year.



by Alex Weaver
COLUMNIST

"UNCLASSY" BEER—Sold cheap. Everywhere.

Ever since blindly stumbling upon the "Beer Fever with Weaver" crown at the beginning of the year, my life has changed in a number of significant ways: some good, some not so much. To begin—though admittedly flattering—it is a little hard to get my beauty sleep while throngs of autograph-seeking high school girls camp outside my room at night, and take turns reciting their names with "Weaver" longingly attached to the end. Similarly annoying, around campus it seems that my name is slowly morphing into simply "Beer Fever"—as opposed to "Weaver" or (gasp!) "Alex."

While I revel in my newfound title and the unending glory it has afforded me, I have found that with my God-given gift of oratory have come some heightened expectations of my daily life as well. For example, "E! True Hollywood Story" contacted me about running a piece on my recent ascension to the spotlight (though I heard a disappointed sigh after replying in the negative when asked about any serious drug or alcohol problems). But what has surprised me most is the phenomenon I am confronted with at nearly every party (or Bowdoin-Colby hockey game) I attend. Whether by the keg, on the dance floor, or in the stands, some wiseguy always obnoxiously yells, to the chiding of his cronies: "Hey Beer Fever! What do you have to say about this PBR?" Well, for this guy's sake and everyone else's, consider this your lucky day. Welcome to

"Unclassy Beer 101." Take good notes, the quiz is this weekend.

Senior year has afforded me an interesting perspective on the drinking scene here at Bowdoin. I remember fondly back in my youth, when Halloween rolled around and everyone got so excited about the chance to dress and act as someone or something else. Similarly, I smile to think back on recess in preschool, when I, as Batman,

would swing heroically on the monkey bars as Ted, being Robin, would hum the theme song from below. Yet today, as I mourn the loss of such childish games of masquerade, I can't help but realize that such fantasies haven't really ceased. No, in fact, many of us

partake in such games at least once (or four times) each week: it's called going to the bar. Think about it every Tuesday night, we all tell ourselves that we've had a hard week and that a nice cold beer is just what we need to fight through the next two days. Let's be honest with ourselves here: other than the annoying wait for the Safe Ride, the \$15 tab, and really bad popcorn, what is the difference between that Newcastle or Gin and Tonic and the month-old MGD sitting in your fridge? Lesson No. 1 (really the only point of this article) Not a damn thing.

Now, let me be a little more specific here. I happen to think that Newcastle is in the running for the best beer ever made, but I still find it somewhat amusing that after a three-day weekend, two weekdays, and three classes, I saunter up to the bar, order up a Newcastle, and flush my worries away with that first glorious sip (all the while telling myself that I've really "earned" it). Next year, perhaps, as many of us are busting our way around a big city with a job, apartment, and metro pass, this scene

will become not only fitting, but also completely justifiable. But for all us college students—even those of you with jobs—I think it's important to embrace everything that a 30-rack of Natty Light has to offer, and to realize that there is nothing wrong with ordering the \$1 PBR while the Sam Adams sits directly adjacent (a venture many of you are aware of). Here, let me indulge you.

Just the other week, I attended a friend's party. Everyone was laughing, dancing, having a great time until, sure enough, that familiar yell echoed out across the room: "Hey Beer Fever! What are your thoughts about this Bud Light?" As always, I bit my tongue and said some B.S. comment about how the hops and fruity aroma really accentuate the light and fulfilling taste. In retrospect, I wish I had taken a second to get my major point across: As college students, we need to embrace the time when buying 30 cans of cheap beer is not only acceptable, but downright practical. All too often, people scoff at the so-called "unclassy" beer and instead opt for that 6-pack of Honey Brown for \$4.99—as if that's any better.

In the end, I think it is important to realize that cheap beer is an influential part of the Bowdoin experience. With our tuition tipping the scales at well over \$40,000, our books consistently coming in at several hundred dollars each semester, and the C-Store charging a ludicrous 30 cents for those delectable Cheetos Cheese and Crackers, why spend more on beer than is really necessary? After all, when it comes right down to it, everyone loves a good Natty Light. Not only do they taste great and achieve the same end as that Allagash White, but they also fulfill a mandatory requirement for being a college kid: cheap fun. So, let people scoff all they want. Because when it comes to class, don't we sit through enough of that already?

Hari Kondabolu '04 performs on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live,' discusses politics

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stronger person, and the positive outweighs the negative without a doubt."

Though Kondabolu graduated in 2004, current students know and respond to his comedy. He founded Ironic T-shirt, Bowdoin's sketch comedy group, and sees it as "something I left there that lasted. It's not a building, but still."

Last year, Harry Schnur '08 organized a show for Kondabolu at MacMillan House. Kondabolu planned for a short routine, but "ended up babbling for an hour and a half. I tried out so much new material, and it just felt

like I was at home," he said.

On April 10, Kondabolu and Cambodian refugee Many Uch will be back on campus to screen "Sentenced Home," a documentary about Uch and other refugees who faced retroactive deportation for crimes they committed in the United States, even though they served their time. Uch, who arrived in America at age eight, was detained for two and a half years without ever seeing a judge. Kondabolu and Uch will hold a panel after the screening and speak about comprehensive immigration reform. On April 11, Kondabolu will perform a stand-up show for the campus.

"Many introduces me as a comedian at the most inappropriate times," Kondabolu said. "We call ourselves 'Laugh Now, Cry Later.'"

Kondabolu may have cried at his last show as a Bowdoin student because "[I] knew I was going to be unemployed and living at home," but ultimately he left campus with a laugh. Getting his diploma proved to be comical.

"I forgot where we were and Barry Mills went to hand me my diploma and I just put my hand on his shoulder and said, 'How ya doing, Barry?'" Kondabolu said. "I sat down and thought, 'Did that really just happen?'"

Bowdoin women perform 'Vagina Monologues'

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languages, and V-Day has raised more than \$35 million. In 2006, more than 2,700 V-Day events took place around the world.

The Bowdoin directors emphasize that 100 percent of the show's proceeds go to charity. V-Day requires that 90 percent of the ticket sales go to a local organization that works to stop violence against women and girls.

Bowdoin's "Vagina Monologues" is the largest fundraiser for the non-profit organization Sexual Assault Support Services of Micoast Maine (SASS-MM). The other 10 percent of the pro-

ceeds go to a V-Day Global Spotlight organization that focuses on a group of women who are experiencing violence. This year, the organization is raising money for women in conflict zones such as the Darfur region of Sudan and Afghanistan.

"The Vagina Monologues" will run today and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for Bowdoin students, \$7 for community members, and are available at the Smith Union Info Desk. Immediately following tonight's show, there will be a benefit cocktail party open to the public at the Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center.

Here come the Oscars



by Mike Nugent
COLUMNIST

The Oscars are coming Sunday at 8 p.m. As your film critic, here are my predictions for the Academy's winners and my personal ballot for the year. Winners are marked with an asterisk.

Though I saw what I could, it amounted to a fraction of what paid critics see in an average year. Films like "Little Children" and performances such as Forest Whitaker's in "Last King of Scotland" could have factored in, had I seen them. Still, no film made this list without being deserving.

How do you choose a top-10 list? Filmmaking plays a part, from directing and acting to technical elements like art direction. A personal dimension also carries weight, when films stay with you over time. These choices can be difficult, but only you know how to make them.

Agree with me or don't, but do it after you've seen these films based on balance between personal taste and appreciation for filmmaking quality.

2006 Top-10 Films:

1) "When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts"—Nothing came close to Spike Lee's documentary chronicling Hurricane Katrina. "Levees" shows viewers the experiences of a wide swath of Americans and the difficulties that remain. This is filmmaking at its finest.

2) "Babel"—The alienation of the modern world and stories that span continents create the backdrop for González Irujo's fable about the need for love and connection.

3) "Children of Men"—In a dystopia close to the current day, Alfonso Cuarón shows a protagonist dealing with chilling realities with humor and determination.

4) "Pan's Labyrinth"—Prepare to be intoxicated and moved by del Toro's children's story for grown-ups.

5) "A Scanner Darkly"—Using the same creative methods of drawing over animation as in "Waking Life," director Richard Linklater adapts this Philip K. Dick story of drug addiction and a meddling government.

6) "An Inconvenient Truth"—No longer a stiff politician, Al Gore's introduction played a large role in trans-

forming the public's perception of the danger of climate change.

7) "Volver"—Almodóvar returns to basics with a vivacious mother dealing with the effects of the past and the problems of the present.

8) "The Departed"—Scorsese drops the Oscar begging and returns to his roots, making a badass Mafia film in the vein of "Good Fellas." Few films offer more fun this year.

9) "This Film Is Not Yet Rated"—The year's best exposé filmmaking. Tackling the behemoth of the ratings board, Kirby Dick's documentary unveils the contradictions of its biased decisions.

10) "Half Nelson"—A young inner-city teacher struggles between hope for change and drug addiction. He befriends a student who discovers his secret. Their connection is one of the year's best examples of on-screen chemistry.

Runners Up: "Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars," "Little Miss Sunshine"

Personal Oscar Ballot

Actress: Penelope Cruz received the role of her career as a mother struggling with her past. She delivers a vibrant performance, erasing the memory of subpar English language performances. Ivana Baquero, "Pan's Labyrinth"; Toni Collette, "Little Miss Sunshine"; Penelope Cruz, "Volver"; Shareeka Epps, "Half Nelson"; Helen Mirren, "The Queen";

Actor: The unheralded anchor of "The Departed," DiCaprio transforms to a Boston mafia thug and showcases expanding range and screen presence. "Titanic" seems a distant memory.

*Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Departed"

Ryan Gosling, "Half Nelson"; Richard Griffiths, "The History Boys";

Clive Owen, "Children of Men"; Keanu Reeves, "A Scanner Darkly"

Supporting Actress: Rinko Kikuchi delivers the performance of the year as a mute Japanese teen desperate for affection. Her performance gets to the core of "Babel" and the desire for connection.

Adriana Barraza, "Babel"; Jennifer Hudson, "Dreamgirls"; Rinko Kikuchi, "Babel"; Carmen Maura, "Volver"; Winona Ryder, "A Scanner Darkly"

Supporting Actor: Jesse Garcia portrays a young man struggling to balance his sexual identity and Mexican heritage with stoic determination.

Alan Arkin, "Little Miss Sunshine"; Boubker Ait El Caid, "Babel";

*Jesse Garcia, "Quinceañera"; Doug Jones, "Pan's Labyrinth";

Garrison Keillor, "A Prairie Home Companion"

Director: Spike Lee, "When the Levees Broke"

Original Screenplay: "Babel"

Adapted Screenplay: "Children of Men"

Foreign: "Pan's Labyrinth"

Documentary: "When the Levees Broke"

Animated: "A Scanner Darkly"

Oscar Predictions

Best Picture: It's the closest race of the night, between "Babel," "Departed," and "Sunshine." I'm guessing the overdue recognition for Scorsese will spill into Best Picture.

Best Director: It will finally happen for Martin Scorsese, the question is whether he'll get a standing "O."

Best Actor: Forest Whitaker swept the critics, won the Globes and the SAGs. The only possible challenger is O'Toole, but it's doubtful sentimentality will be enough to win.

Best Actress: Even more than Whitaker, Helen Mirren has been unstoppable this year.

Best Supporting Actor: Sentiment, along with a Globes Globe and SAG win, will reward Eddie Murphy's first nomination with a statue.

Best Supporting Actress: With arguably the scene of the year, Jennifer Hudson roars into her first leading role, as well as to her first Oscar.

Original Screenplay: After taking the Writer's Guild award, "Little Miss Sunshine" will edge out fellow Best Picture nominees "Babel" and "The Queen."

Adapted Screenplay: "The Departed" faces little competition after winning the WGA.

Foreign: With six nominations, "Pan's Labyrinth" should easily win.

Documentary: Star power and social consciousness in "An Inconvenient Truth" will give it the win.

Animated: It may be close, but I'm guessing Pixar's clout gets "Cars" the victory over "Happy Feet."

Narcissism drives 'Blue Taxi'

by Frances Milliken
STAFF WRITER

N. S. Koenings brings the fictional East African city of Vunjamungu and its inhabitants to life in her first novel, "Blue Taxi." The air

COMMENTARY is heavy, the scenery is rich, and her characters' lives are filled to the brim with inconsequence. The heroine's journey barely goes from Point A to Point B, but along the way there are business-savvy ice cream men and prophetic needle pointers with whom she needs to deal.

After witnessing a car accident that severs a child's leg, Saree Turner unwittingly sets out on a path that shakes her out of her complacent stupor. Saree, an orphan of Belgian descent, was raised by nuns in a remote and rural area of the country. She is saved from celibacy through the arrival of Gilbert Turner, with whom she has little in common, other than a European heritage. Their union is far from passionate, but the two settle quite comfortably in the center of

Vunjamungu, recently rid of its imperial fetters. Gilbert obsessively reads scholarly volumes and depends on a stipend, sent by his childless great-uncle in England, to support his family. Saree and Gilbert have a daughter, Agatha, who, through her presence in their lives, perplexes more than pleases her parents. Saree garners little satisfaction from her role as wife, but the idea of change does not occur to her, much less haunt her.

Enter Majid Jeevanjee, father of the child whose leg was severed in the taxi accident. More accurately, clad in a smock and flip-flops, zafgi Saree strides into this widowed man's life. Jeevanjee is a poet who breathes failure into all his endeavors and receives the nickname "Mad" for the manner in which he mourns his wife. While Agatha and de-limbed Tahir build a friendship as the boy recovers, a virulently sexual romance springs up between the sturdy Belgian and the angular Muslim.

Koenings's protagonists are entirely absorbed in the worlds they have created for themselves. Had not Saree been

witness to the blue taxi's collision with the child, it is likely that every one of Koenings's protagonists would have remained encapsulated in their dismal narcissism. Until now, all interactions with the world have been imbued with listlessness, a shroud that is thrown off curbed in the midst of the theatrical color of Vunjamungu.

Wrought with differences of class, understanding, and background, the novel takes off as the affair provides momentum for a number of plot lines that criss-cross Saree's involvement with the failing Jeevanjee. An inquisitive mother-in-law peers from behind window blinds and channels a prophetic awareness into her intricate works of embroidery. Relationships between mistress and servant, ice cream man and Gilbert, overly proactive expatriots and passive ones are set down in spindly but vibrant lines, suggesting nuances of understanding and releasing the characters from their comatose existences. Koenings's first novel is both a contemplation of fate and a baited anticipation of what action might take place.

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DJs OF THE WEEK



Zander Abbott '08 & Sam Weiss '07

What's the best album ever made?

ZA: Andrew WK., "I Get Wet."

SW: Hate to be cliché, but "The White Album" is pretty great. Everything is inferior.

Who is the greatest living musician?

ZA: Zeca Pagodinho. Everyone in Brazil loves him and he's a lot of fun to listen to.

SW: Seu Jorge. You may know him as the sailor who sang David Bowie songs in "Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou," but he's so much more than that.

What is the best show you've ever seen live?

ZA: The Hold Steady at Bowdoin, which inspired a lyric change in the new CD.

SW: The Mathematicians in the Pub.

What is the first album you ever bought?

ZA: Savage Garden's self-titled album.

SW: MC Hammer, "Can't Touch This," or something by R.E.M.

What's your music guilty pleasure?

ZA: Any song played at the climax of a romantic comedy.

SW: Tatu, "All the Things She Said," strictly the techno version, which is categorized as acid jazz on my computer.

If you were dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

SW: Europe, "The Final Countdown."

SW: "Milkshake" by Kelis.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

ZA: "I see pride. I see power. I see one bad moth that won't take no crap offa nobody."

SW: "Save the polar bears!"

Weiss and Abbott's show, "The Non-Eurocentric Credit," airs on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

Barn Door Café not cream of crop

by Diana Heald
STAFF WRITER

The first thing I noticed upon entering the Barn Door Café in Topham was its conspicuous lack of decent beverages.

COMMENTARY As I pondered the soup and sandwich offerings, I wondered what food I could possibly order to accompany the selection of strawberry milk, chocolate milk, Gatorade, diet Snapple, Sierra Mist, and bottled water. Was a can of Coke, a bottle of Orangina, or something from Nantucket Nectars too much to ask? Apparently, I decided on a large bottle of ginger ale accompanied by the Crunchy Thai Vegi sandwich, while my friend stuck with water and the Sicilian sandwich—chicken, pesto, and tomatoes on French bread.

An Asian-inspired vegetable wrap or cold roll, when made well, is one of the lightest, most satisfying meals in the world. It can be filled with lettuce, cilantro, tofu, peanuts, sprouts, or whatever strikes the maker's fancy. The rice pancake that wraps the sandwich is smooth and just large enough to cover all the vegetables without competing with their flavor and a delicious sweet peanut sauce is served on the side for dipping.

The Thai Vegi sandwich, unfortunately, bore little resemblance to the cold roll of my dreams. Wrapped in a whole-wheat tortilla better suited for heavier food and sauces, the sandwich I bit into had the unappealingly bland flavor of a handful of iceberg lettuce, a few cucumber slices, and wheat (other choices for the tortilla were

plain and spinach).

As I inspected the sandwich more closely, I noticed that one particular area of the sandwich, separated from the rest of the sandwich by a fold of the tortilla, seemed to contain peanut sauce. I bit into it only to find that this small portion of the sandwich was pure peanut sauce with no vegetables. Dressing the vegetables with the sauce would certainly have improved the sandwich, but regardless the Thai Vegi was a big disappointment.

My companion was only slightly more content with her Sicilian sandwich. The pesto was bland and the chicken was served cold. It was perfectly edible but not as interesting, complex, or well-prepared as the sandwiches at Brunswick establishments like Frontier Café or Big Top Deli. The high point of both of our sandwiches was the small bag of Cape Cod potato chips served alongside them—one of the best varieties of potato chips the world has to offer, but sadly not reflective of the culinary abilities of the chefs at Barn Door Café.

The desserts and baked goods on display were appetizing, if somewhat uninspired. On offer were several varieties of brownies, lemon bars, blueberry buckle, and chocolate cupcakes with chocolate frosting. The Barn Door Café is also a bakery that makes cakes to order. Perhaps it should stick to this pursuit and give up the mediocre sandwiches and salads.

The Barn Door Café is located at 4 Bowdoin Mill Island in Topham (in the same complex as Sea Dog). It is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SPORTS

Men's ice hockey grabs No. 1 seed

by Eren Munir
STAFF WRITER

Not even below-freezing temperatures in Vermont could cool off the Bowdoin Men's Ice Hockey Team.

Both Norwich and St. Michael's did their best over the weekend to keep the Polar Bears from obtaining a first-place finish in the NESCAC, but Bowdoin was equal to the task and was able to cross the Vermont border with the regular season conference trophy for the first time in school history.

Plane tickets to Disneyland should be put on hold, however, as the real grind begins this weekend with the first round of the NESCAC championships.

The first-place achievement is even more impressive considering the incredible competition going into the last weekend of play. Five teams were within grasp of first place before Friday night's games. Bowdoin had the advantage of being in control of its own destiny going into this photo-finish final weekend. The Polar Bears knew that they only needed to earn three points against Norwich and St. Michael's to finish ahead of the competition.

Norwich must have been aware of the heightened stakes as it attempted to play the role of the spoiler Friday night. The Cadets got off to an early lead and never gave Bowdoin a chance as Norwich went on to win 7-4. Colin McCormick '10, Tim McVaugh '07, Mike Corbelle '10, and David Ransom '08 tried to keep Bowdoin in the game, but ultimately Norwich was too much. The result put bitter rivals Colby in position to walk away with the No. 1 seed going into the NESCAC's until Saturday came around to shift everything up.

The Polar Bears came out firing on all cylinders against St. Michael's, a day after their bitter, hard-fought loss, and managed to score four goals in the first 7:37 minutes of ice time. This quick outburst ultimately knocked out the competition. Bowdoin went on cruise control for the remainder of the game as the Purple Knights were unable to rebound. Both Sebastian Belanger '08 and Ryan Blossom '10 contributed with two goals apiece to add to individual goals from Colin Hughes '07, Mike Westerman '08, Greg McConnell '07, and McCormick.

In addition, goaltender Chris Rossi '10 made 15 saves to earn his sixth win in seven tries to solidify his spot between the pipes for the Polar Bears in time for the NESCAC championships. This timely victory, combined with Norwich's continued contribution in the spoiler role (the team defeated Colby on Saturday as well), meant that Bowdoin finished first for the first time in school history.

The Bears will face Trinity this Saturday at Dayton Arena. Bowdoin's fortunes look good; the Bantams are on a four-game losing streak and the Bears are undefeated at Dayton this season. However, the Trinity squad played the Polar Bears extremely tough two weeks ago in a 5-4 loss in Brunswick.

First-year goaltender Rossi insists that Bowdoin is well aware of the need to give the Bantams the respect they deserve.

"Trinity is going to be the toughest eight-seed this tournament has ever seen," he said.

The matchup will be played at Dayton Arena on Saturday at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 for Brunswick residents and are free for Bowdoin students.

Bantams take out men's basketball

by Darian Reid-Sturgis
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin's Men's Basketball Team was knocked out of the NESCAC playoffs this weekend as Trinity defeated Bowdoin 77-67, ending the Polar Bears' season.

The seventh-seeded Polar Bears visited No. 2 seed Trinity on Saturday hoping to win a quarterfinal NESCAC playoff game for the first time in Bowdoin's tournament history, but the Bears faced a Bantam squad that was undefeated at home this season.

Andrew Hippert '08 became only the 18th player in Polar Bear history and the second of the season to score more than 1,000 points in a career. The milestone came on a layup in the first half. He finished with 18 points.

Kyle Jackson '09 carried the Polar Bear offense for much of the first half, scoring 12 of its 29 points in the first half. Jackson finished with a game-high 19 points. Halftime arrived with the score tied 29-29.

The two teams kept it close for the beginning of the second half, but after Bowdoin took a slight advantage 43-39, the Bantams went on a devastat-

ing 20-3 run to take control of the game. Although the Polar Bears were able to cut into the lead several times, the Bantams never relinquished it.

Clutch free throws sealed the victory for Trinity, which had five players scoring in double figures. The Polar Bears had only three players in double digits, including Andrew Sargeantson '08, who notched 10 points. Trinity will travel to Amherst this weekend to face the Lord Jeffs in the semifinals.

The team hopes to bring back 10 returning players as the Bears say goodbye to senior co-captains John Goodridge and Kevin Bradley.

"We will definitely miss Kevin and John," said Hippert, "but we do have a nice core of talented younger players and an experienced group of veteran players. We hope to stay competitive."



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Sophomore Jill Anelaskas shoots over a Bantam defender in Saturday's 61-50 quarterfinal victory over Trinity.

Women's hoops wants 7

by Jeremy Bernfeld
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team hopes to earn a seventh straight NESCAC championship trophy on Sunday, but will face tough competition for its seven-peat bid.

Bowdoin (24-1, 9-0 NESCAC) is the top-ranked team in the conference tournament and will hold this weekend's three games. On Saturday, the Polar Bears will look to get

things started off right when they play host to fourth-seeded Williams.

Bowdoin defeated Williams 68-58 on January 12 in Brunswick.

The Polar Bears will focus on their defense in preparation for Saturday's semifinal matchup.

"Williams has a good post game so we will need to focus on keying our defense in down low," said senior tri-captain Eileen Flaherty. "They also have adept scorers at the guard positions, so all-around

defense will really be the essential element."

The Ephs come into the conference tournament red-hot after winning nine of their last 11 games. Their senior-laden lineup boasts two of the top-10 scorers in the league in Maggie Miller and Meghan Stetson. In addition, Meghan O'Malley is third on the team in scoring, while also averaging 8.8 rebounds, good for second in the league.

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Colin Beckman '07 competes in the men's loss to Colby on February 3. Brunswick will see the men's NESCAC championship this weekend.

Women's track 4th at USM

The women's indoor track team finished strong at the New England DIII

by Laura Onderko
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Track Team held its own against powerhouses Williams, Tufts, and Amherst on Saturday, placing fourth overall with 72.5 points in the New England Division III Championship at the University of Southern Maine.

Senior co-captain Louise Duffus led the women, grabbing the only individual win for the team with her performance in the weight throw. Breaking her own school record in the event, she qualified provisionally for nationals and then continued her success in the shot put, where she placed second and broke another school record.

"Louise had a fantastic day in the throwing events," said Head Coach Peter Slovenski. "She set two school records in the most important meet of the season."

Teammate Chelsea Jackson '09 joined Duffus in the shot put, throwing a personal best for fourth overall, and helping to make the shot put Bowdoin's highest-scoring event of the day. The Bears also found success on the track with another record-breaking performance from Ali Chase '09 in the 600m; placing third, Chase broke her own personal record set at the same meet last year. Haley MacKeil '10 turned in another third-place finish for the Bears in the 200m following up her fourth place in the 400m earlier in the meet. Erin York '09 joined MacKeil in the 200m, placing eighth.

Beating her seed by four places, and taking five seconds off her personal best, sophomore Lindsey Schickner placed fifth in the 1000m run, while Laura Onderko '08 also captured fifth place in the mile and sixth in the 1000m. Senior Erin Prifogle sprinted to another fifth-place finish for the Bears with a personal best in the 55m hurdles and went on to place in her second event of the day, the high jump, with a seventh-place showing.

"Erin Prifogle has quietly and effectively run personal bests and scored lots of points in the New England championship over the years," said Slovenski. "Her clutch performances in the hurdles and high jump gave our team a big lift in the meet."

In the relays, the Distance Medley Relay team of Gina Campelia '07, Amy Ahearn '08, Alison Pilon '09, and Courtney Eustace '08 took seventh. In one of the most exciting races of the day, Bowdoin's 4x800m relay team of Dana Riker '10, Schickner, Ahearn, and Chase improved its seed by two places to take fourth, and the 4x400m relay of Campelia, Pilon, MacKeil, and York finished just six-hundredths of a second behind the first-place Tufts team.

This weekend, the women who qualified will travel down to Boston University for the Open New England Championships.

Women's swimming takes seventh

by Katie Yankura
STAFF WRITER

The women's swimming and diving team finished its season with a seventh-place finish at the NESCAC championships, held at Williams College.

The Williams swimmers dominated the meet over the weekend, capturing first place for the seventh consecutive year. Amherst and Middlebury followed Williams in second and third place, respectively. Bowdoin placed ahead of four teams, including Bates and Wesleyan, and just below rival Colby.

Seniors Megan McLean and Katie Chapman led the Polar Bears in collective points scored. McLean took second place in the 200-yard freestyle and third place in the 50-

yard freestyle, while also achieving National B cut times in both events. These times will earn her an invitation to compete in the National Division III championship to be held in Houston, Texas, on March 8-10. In addition, McLean swam to fourth place in the 100-yard freestyle. She finished the meet with the 10th-highest individual score of the overall competition. Chapman also excelled, coming in second place in the 400-yard individual medley, as well as achieving sixth place in both the 100- and 500-yard freestyles. Her time of 4:35.13 in the 400-IM will allow her to join McLean in representing Bowdoin at the final NCAA competition.

Head Coach Brad Burnham was very satisfied with the efforts of his team and looks forward to coaching

McLean and Chapman to the national level.

"I was pleased with our finish as a team but as always that is merely a product of all the individual swims we have," he said. "The highlights were the swims by Megan and Katie to qualify for nationals, but there were many great swims by all the women. I am sure that Katie and Megan will represent Bowdoin with some fantastic swims at the nationals. We can expect even more improvement [from them]."

Sophomore Annie Chisholm and first-year Kirsten Chmielewski also produced outstanding individual performances for the Polar Bears. Chisholm, competing in her first NESCACs after recovering from a shoulder injury last season, swam to fifth place in the 100-yard breast-

stroke, as well as to sixth place in the 50-yard breaststroke event. Chmielewski represented Bowdoin in the diving portion of the meet, with a fifth place finish in the one meter and a seventh place in the three meter.

While the NESCAC competition marked the final meet of the season for the women swimmers, save for Chapman and McLean, the men's team will swim this weekend in its own championship, to be held at Bowdoin today through Sunday. Burnham holds high expectations for the men.

"The guys are very ready to swim fast—we love swimming the conference meet at home. There are some potential national times in there and I am confident they will all swim best times," he said.

Squash finishes third in Kurtz Cup

by Sarah Podmaniczky
STAFF WRITER

The women's squash team took third place in the Kurtz Cup division of the College Squash Association's National Championship Tournament at Yale, one spot behind rival Bates, which toppled Bowdoin 8-1 in the weekend contest.

The women began the tournament last Friday with a 9-0 sweep over a Middlebury team they had barely squeaked by with a 5-4 win only two weeks before in the NESCAC tournament. Bowdoin brought in two quick wins from Sarah Podmaniczky '08 and Biz Gillespie '09 at No. 9 and No. 6, bringing the match to a favorable start.

Overcoming recent illness, Alex Franceschi '09 began strong at No. 3 with 9-3 wins in each of her first two games. Opponent Avery Tiley struck back in the third and fourth games with 9-5 wins in each. But Franceschi pulled out the win in the fifth game with a decisive 9-4 score. By this time, tri-captain Dodie Press '07 had brought in the team's fourth win at No. 8.

Meanwhile, the No. 5 players were battling out a close match, with Susie Martin '07 barely leading her opponent. Martin had taken the first game 9-1 but dropped the second 9-2. One

more win to each player brought the score to two-all. Like Franceschi, Martin took another win, capitalizing on her touch and ball placement. This secured the win for Bowdoin, but the team continued to place full pressure on Middlebury. Tri-captain Lydia Pillsbury '07 seized a definitive 3-0 win at No. 7, and Kate Gormley '09 took three very close games off Middlebury No. 2 Sally Hatfield, winning 3-0 (10-8, 9-7, 9-8).

Jackie Deysher '09 replaced Martin as the No. 5 matchup left the middle court and the No. 4 match began. She nearly pulled out the first game, but fell 10-9, dropping the second game 9-6 as well. Deysher regained her focus for the third game and continued strong through the rest of the match, taking a comeback 3-2 win over her opponent with 9-4, 9-4, and 9-6 scores.

Finally, tri-captain Emilie McKenna '08 ousted her opponent Hannah Baker at No. 1 in three games (9-4, 9-4, 9-7), an especially exciting outcome considering the fact that Baker had won both previous team matchups this season.

After a gracious team dinner replete with songs and parting gifts on Friday night and a restful Saturday morning, the Polar Bears prepared to meet their rivals and what they hoped to be their next victims, the Bates Bobcats.

But Bates proved a stronger opponent than expected, taking the first two match wins at No. 9 and No. 3. Bowdoin struck back with a comeback at No. 5 from Gillespie. Bobcat Jenny Imrich's strong game overpowered Gillespie during the first two games, but Gillespie bounced back in game three with a 9-6 win and dominated the fourth game 9-0. The Polar Bear finished strong with a 9-4 final game, and Bowdoin hoped to continue the trend.

Press did her best to follow Gillespie's lead, playing a strong game at No. 8 against Bates' Caroline Lemoine. Press demonstrated skill and strength as she moved Lemoine to each corner of the court, tiring her out, but Lemoine managed to hang on and eventually defeated Press in five games.

Pillsbury also demonstrated her substantial improvement when she battled Sarah Bloomstedt at No. 7. Their match went to five games as well, with Bloomstedt barely pulling off the win with a 10-8 score in the fifth game.

Although the team was disappointed to have lost to the Bobcats for the third time this season, they recognized the high level of skill shown by both teams and looked forward to Sunday morning's match with Stanford, a rapidly improving team under the aus-

pices of coach Mark Talbott, who is a nationally renowned professional squash player in his own right.

After a special team introduction recognizing the seniors, for whom it would be their final collegiate squash match, the Bears took to the courts and did what they do best: play aggressively from the start and giving their opponents no time to react. The Polar Bears swept the first three matches on court, not dropping a single game, which set the tone for the next two rounds. The three seniors, Press, Pillsbury, and Martin each followed up with three game wins for strong finishes to their collegiate careers.

"This season and this team has pushed the level of squash at Bowdoin to another level," said Pillsbury. "We had higher expectations for ourselves, as a group and as individuals, and we did an amazing job at living up to them. Regardless of match scores and rankings, this was by far one of the most successful seasons Bowdoin squash has seen."

"Our fans and support were amazing, and we were able to end on a high note with a solid victory over Stanford," said Gillespie. "This season has been truly unforgettable, and any sports team would be lucky to have as incredible a team dynamic and work ethic as the women's squash team did this year."

The MLB's top-10 offseason acquisitions

Column Like I See 'Em

by Chris
Adams-Wall
COLUMNIST



It's here. After flocking from hundreds upon hundreds of miles from the far north, wild west, and eventful SPORTS east to the warm tropics of the south, COMMENTARY Major League Baseball has finally made its much anticipated return, with all 30 teams now officially in full swing entering Spring Training with an infinite number of intriguing storylines: Who will be this year's Cardinals? Will A-Rod finally gel in the Big Apple? Will Barry Bonds surpass Hank Aaron? Will Tom Glavine win his 300th?

While I can't yet answer any of these questions, I can prepare you for the upcoming season with a little insight on new faces in new places: Sometimes it works, other times it doesn't. But when it does, like it did for St. Louis when it traded for Jeff Weaver midway through last year, the new addition can serve as the main catalyst to your club winning the World Series. So without further ado, I give you the 10 best acquisitions of the 2006-2007 offseason:

10. Daisuke Matsuzaka, SP, Boston Red Sox

I was more excited this week to write this article than I was when I found out that Beyoncé was the new cover girl for this year's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue (OK, maybe not), but it truly pains me to put the new Sox hurler here at No. 10. I still fail to understand how a guy who has never pitched in the majors can be worth \$103 million, but suffice it to say that nobody is worth that much (not even you, David Beckham), so it's not Matsuzaka's fault that Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein decided to throw that much cash in his direction.

Ironically, it's Matsuzaka's novelty that is actually his greatest strength. With a repertoire of six different pitches including a critically acclaimed gyro ball that apparently makes Barry Zito's curve look like a straight heater, Matsuzaka will surely be able to confuse the steroids out of hitters, especially early on in the season, and should give the Sox a reliable No. 2 or No. 3 in what has become one of the more formidable rotations in baseball. Also, remember that with each passing day we get that much closer to the epic showdown between Dice-K and his rival, Hideki Matsui.

9. Andy Pettitte, SP, New York Yankees

Speaking of the Yankees...how about General Manager Brian Cashman's move to bring back old friend and four-time World Series champion, Pettitte, to solidify the Bronx Bombers' staff and to help it to get back to what it was seven years ago: good. Pettitte brings poise and experience to a rotation that has been severely lacking a dependable anchorman since the southpaw left for Houston at the end of the 2003 season. With the Astros last year, Pettitte went 14-13 with a 4.20 ERA and 178 strikeouts, while posting the second-lowest ERA in the league for the second half of the season (2.80). Don't be surprised if he continues to keep hitters off balance with his marvelous ability to change speeds in what will be his second stint in New York...or if No. 46 can entice former teammate and best friend Roger Clemens to join him onboard sometime at the beginning of the summer.

8. Gary Sheffield, DH/RF, Detroit Tigers

Jim Leyland has only talked briefly about whether Sheffield will see the majority of time as the designated hitter, in right field, or split time with Magglio Ordonez. But guess what? It doesn't matter. As long as last year's manager of the year has the King of the Hunch in the lineup everyday, the Tigers will remain a force to be reckoned with. Sheffield, who was acquired via trade with the Yankees earlier this winter after complaining to everyone but the Dalai Lama about his menial, diminished role on the team, will likely hit third for Detroit, and could be the final piece to Motown finally recapturing a title...just don't spill beer on him.

7. Eric Gagné, RP, Texas Rangers

It's true that Gagné has not thrown a pitch in a game in almost a year, but anytime you can get a former Cy Young winner for \$8 million, you've got to take it. Gagné and 2006 closer Akinori Otsuka (2.11 ERA, 32 saves in 36 chances), who will become the set-up man this year, should make for an excellent one-two punch for the eighth and the ninth inning. Now if only this Sosa guy was for real.

6. Carlos Lee, LF, Houston Astros

El Caballo! The horse brings his .300 batting average, 37 homers, and 116 RBI to an Astros squad that was in the bottom third of the National League in runs scored last year with only 735, good for fifth worst. Although viewed as somewhat of a liability in left field, his mere presence enables slugger Lance Berkman to move permanently from the outfield become the team's everyday

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	FINAL NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
BOWDOIN	11	6	2	14	6	3
Middlebury	11	6	2	14	7	3
Colby	11	7	1	13	8	2
Wesleyan	9	6	4	11	7	5
Amherst	10	8	1	13	9	1
Williams	9	9	1	10	12	2
Conn. Coll.	8	9	2	8	13	2
Trinity	6	10	3	8	12	4
Hamilton	6	12	1	7	16	1
Tufts	3	16	0	6	18	0

SCOREBOARD
F 2/16 at Norwich L 7-4
Sa 2/17 at St. Michael's W 8-2

SCHEDULE
Sa 2/24 v. Trinity (NESCAC first round) 1:00 P.M.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD
F 2/16 - at New England 5TH of 24
Sa 2/17 Dills (at Bates)

SCHEDULE
F 2/23 - Open New England 5:00 P.M.
Sa 2/24 (at Boston University)

MEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD
F 2/23 v. Amherst (at Yale) 3:30 P.M.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

School	FINAL NESCAC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	14	0	2	20	2	2
BOWDOIN	11	3	2	16	6	2
Amherst	10	3	3	16	5	3
Hamilton	7	8	1	9	13	2
Colby	6	7	3	9	10	5
Williams	5	7	4	8	12	4
Trinity	4	12	0	8	15	1
Wesleyan	2	10	4	4	16	4
Conn. Coll.	2	11	3	6	14	3

SCHEDULE
Sa 2/24 v. Trinity (NESCAC first round) 4:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SCOREBOARD
Sa 2/17 v. Trinity (NESCAC first round) W 61-50

SCHEDULE
Sa 2/24 v. Williams (NESCAC semifinal) 2:00 P.M.
Su 2/25 NESCAC final (if applicable) 1:00 P.M.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SCOREBOARD
Sa 2/17 at Trinity (NESCAC first round) L 77-67

- Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

SCOREBOARD
F 2/16 - at New England 4TH of 21
Sa 2/17 Dills (at USM)

SCHEDULE
F 2/23 - Open New England 5:00 P.M.
Sa 2/24 (at Boston University)

NORDIC SKIING

SCOREBOARD
F 2/16 - at Williams 11TH of 14
Sa 2/17 Carnival

SCHEDULE
F 2/23 - at Middlebury Carnival TBA
Sa 2/24

WOMEN'S SQUASH

SCOREBOARD
F 2/16 v. Middlebury (at Yale) W 9-0
Sa 2/17 v. Bates (at Yale) L 8-1
Su 2/18 v. Stanford (at Yale) W 6-3

M. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCHEDULE
F 2/23 - at NESCAC 9:00 A.M.
Su 2/25 Championship (at Bowdoin)

W. SWIMMING AND DIVING

SCOREBOARD
F 2/16 - at NESCAC 7TH of 11
Sa 2/18 Championship

first baseman, putting far less demanding physical pressure on his body, which should ultimately enable him to swing a more powerful stick this season. Lee and Berkman could become one of the more potent duos in the National League, especially if third baseman Morgan Ensberg (235, 23, 58) and outfielder Jason Lane (201, 15, 45) can bounce back from what was a terrible year for both of them and provide some protection for the two-headed monster.

El Caballo could be the start to something great deep in the heart of Texas with what should be a solid offense, and a revamped pitching staff with newcomers Jason Jennings and Woody Williams behind ace Roy Oswalt. It's just too bad that they play in one of the toughest divisions in the majors (N.L. Central), and that Lee comes with a \$100 million contract.

5. Freddy Garcia, SP, Philadelphia Phillies

Finally some pitching. Last year, the Phillies (85-77) finished with a better record than the World Series champion Cardinals (83-78), but missed the playoffs again, taking home only the National League MVP trophy that went to first baseman Ryan Howard. Philly has had the offense, led by Howard, Chase Utley, and Pat Burrell; they've just lacked an ace in the starting rotation. Garcia fills that void. The former White Sox hurler comes into the City of Brotherly Love (Tim Lincecum's last favorite town, apparently) fresh off of a 17-9 year where he had a respectable 4.53 ERA and 135 strikeouts. His numbers should improve during his transition to the National League without having to deal with the designated hitter anymore. Oh yeah, his career ERA against National League East opponents is 1.12.

4. Jason Schmidt, SP, Los Angeles Dodgers

Perhaps no move was smarter than that of the Dodgers to steal away

their rival's No. 1 gun. Schmidt, who has won only 23 games over the last two seasons with San Francisco, heads south with a chip on his shoulder, seeking a vengeance against the Giants who opted not to bring back the flame-throwing right-hander. Schmidt will join one of the best staffs in the National League with Derek Lowe, Brad Penny, newly signed Randy Wolf, and youngster Hong-Chih Kuo complementing a fine offense led by Nomar Garciaparra and Jeff Kent. We can only hope that manager Grady Little decides to pull Schmidt if the veteran hurler gets into trouble in a Game 7, lest he lose his job and be ostracized from the community again.

3. Miguel Batista/Jeff Weaver, SPs, Seattle Mariners

In the words of Hillary Duff: "Why not take a crazy chance?" Well, I just did. Batista (11-8, 4.58 ERA, 110 Ks) put together a solid year in 2006 with the Diamondbacks, and Weaver was outstanding for the Cardinals in their run to the World Series championship. Both of these additions, along with lefty Horacio Ramirez will give Seattle a decent rotation with Felix Hernandez and Jarrod Washburn occupying the first two spots.

The M's also came into 2007 with a solid bullpen led by closer J.J. Putz (2.30 ERA, 36 saves), Jake Woods (7-4, 4.20 ERA), and Mark Lowe (1-0, 1.93 ERA). Adrian Beltre has come into Spring Training completely rejuvenated, as has Richie Sexson and newly acquired former Nationals Jose Vidro and Jose Guillen. And how can we forget about Ichiro? How's this for a bold prediction: The Seattle Mariners will make the playoffs.

2. Randy Johnson, SP, Arizona Diamondbacks

First, if you haven't yet seen the D'Backs' new uniforms, please log onto MLB.com immediately and check them out. Secondly, if you haven't yet noticed that abnormally

tall, familiar frame and face that's back in the desert, it's the Big Unit, Randy Johnson. Over the last two seasons with the Yankees, the timeless, hard-throwing left-hander really never felt comfortable in New York, compiling a 34-19 record with a disappointing (at least in Steinbrenner's book) 4.40 ERA, which paved the way for a trade.

Now, the 43 year old returns to the place where he pitched his way to four consecutive Cy Young awards ('99-'02), threw a perfect game, and won his only World Series in 2001, and joins a pretty formidable rotation headed by 2006 N.L. Cy Young winner Brandon Webb, Livan Hernandez, and Doug Davis. Johnson insists that his famous mullet won't be coming back any time soon, but we can be sure that his untouchable slider will be.

1. Alfonso Soriano, CF, Chicago Cubs

He may have never played the position before, but that won't stop the speedy former second baseman from taking the Cubs to the postseason for the first time since 2003. Soriano, who signed one of the richest contracts in MLB history this winter (\$136 million over eight years), brings his 46 homers and 41 stolen bases from a year ago to Wrigley Field, and will likely lead off a lineup that already consists of sluggers Derek Lee and Aramis Ramirez, with a backbone of a pitching staff fronted by Carlos Zambrano, Mark Prior, and Ted Lilly, not to mention former Notre Dame wideout Jeff Samardzija.

The Cubbies may have spent close to \$300 million on free agents this offseason, but it'll all be worth it come October Manager Lou Piniella will have something to smile about once again.

*Please note: If and when SP Roger Clemens signs with any team, he will assume No. 1 on this list, and everyone else will move down one spot. Thank you.

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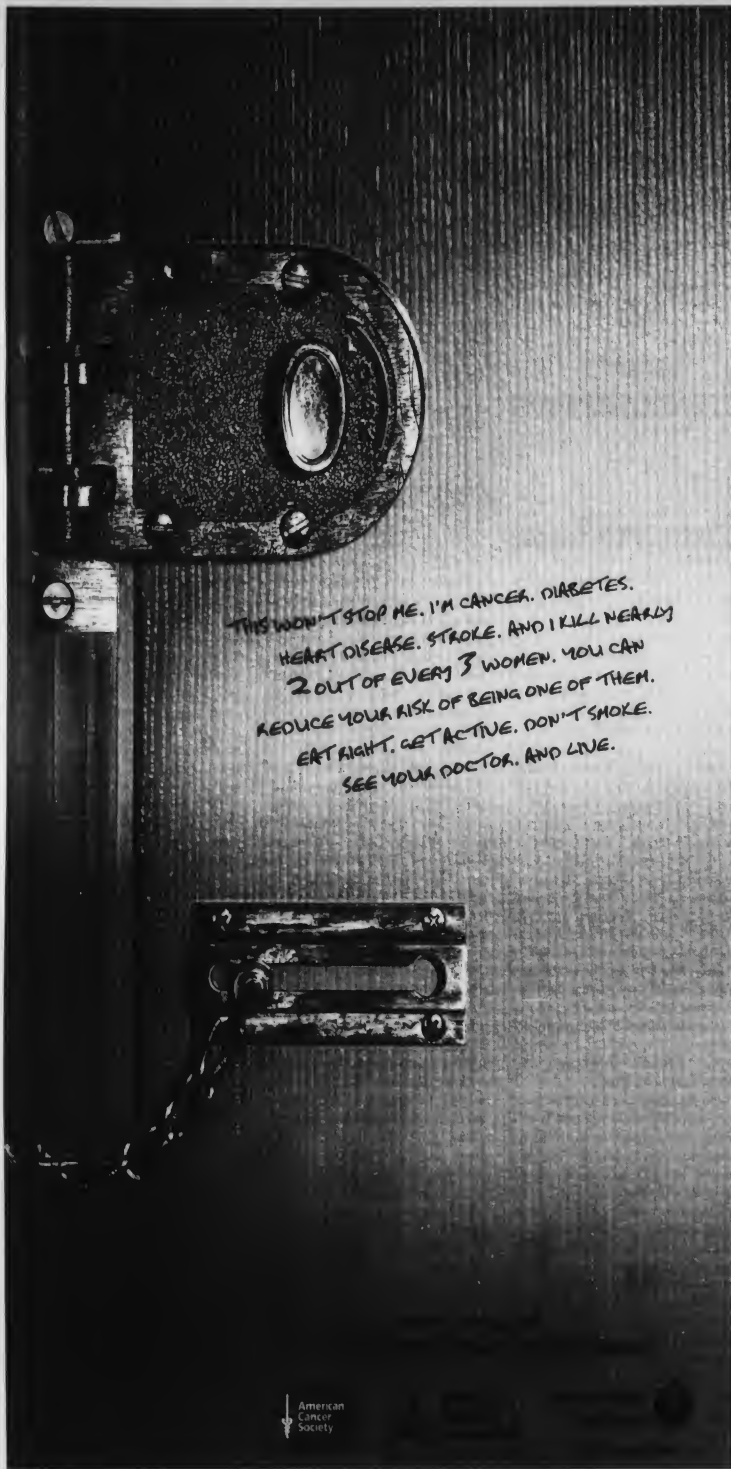
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Senior tri-captain Julia Loonin drives past a Bantam defender on Saturday.

Women's basketball prepares to defend its NESCAC title

HOOPS, from page 13

"Williams has three seniors averaging double figures so first off we have to do a good job on them," Head Coach Stefanie Pemper said. "Like all teams, they have others who can score too, so a lot goes into every possession. I'm not sure fans realize what a mental and physical grind it is to have a great defensive effort against a talented team."

The Polar Bears played well defensively and offensively in their first-round 61-50 win over Trinity on Saturday. Flaherty chipped in a game-high 19 points, four rebounds, and two blocks, and senior tri-captain Julia Loonin scored 12 points. The Polar Bears also forced 20 Bantam turnovers.

"We played well defensively [against Trinity]," Pemper said. "We got our hands on a lot of balls and forced turnovers, and we didn't allow

many offensive rebounds. Jill Anelauskas especially rebounded the ball well. Offensively, we had a balanced attack and made big shots when we needed to. Julia Loonin had a strong game overall, which was great to see."

Bowdoin will play Williams at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The second semifinal, second-seeded Tufts against third-seeded Bates, will be at 4 p.m. The winners will play on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Morrell Gym for the NESCAC conference championship.

Even with tough competition, the Polar Bears feel confident they can take home the crown.

"We know it'll take two great days of basketball to win NESCACs," Pemper said. "Physically we have the tools [to win], and if our heads and hearts are in the right place I like our chances. When we play with good collective emotion we're pretty tough."

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Grade/Credit/Fail

Three years ago the College changed its Credit/Fail policy to a Credit/D/Fail policy. The policy change was driven by concerns that students were abusing the system. Faculty argued that students were putting in minimal effort to attain a passing grade and that their lack of interest was harming the quality of many classes. According to Orient records, students were barely included in the discussion—and the faculty ultimately decided to create a Credit/D/Fail policy that, for many students, is stifling. The threat of receiving a “D” discourages students from broadening their academic interests, even though that exploration is at the core of a liberal arts education.

This week, Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) members reopened the issue for discussion, providing opportunities for students to share their opinions with the administration. Opening this dialogue represents an important first step in formulating a policy that reflects the concerns of faculty, as well as the students these policies impact. After all, students have the most at stake in this debate.

BSG Vice President for Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07 and Recording Committee student representative Sam Dinning '09 have offered a worthy proposal. The proposed Grade/Credit/Fail policy is based on Dartmouth University's Non-Recording Option, but retains some the College's current restrictions. The plan would allow students to declare the Grade/Credit/Fail option three weeks into the semester and wait to determine a lowest acceptable grade later in the semester.

The proposed policy rewards students for exploring different disciplines. Under current policy, the simple prospect that a student could receive “D” in a risky course may lead her not to take the course at all—defeating the purpose of the credit-fail option. In contrast, the proposed policy may mitigate students' concerns about their likelihood of success.

The proposal also encourages students to engage fully while taking their credit-fail-optioned courses. The current policy does not reward students for working hard in their Credit/D/Fail courses, instead offering only the threat of what could happen if they put in minimal effort. The result is a system where students can calculate when their “credit” grade has been secured and reduce the level of effort they exert in the final weeks of the course—an easy compromise to make when it is crunch time. The proposed Grade/Credit/Fail policy instead provides incentives for students to work harder when they realize that a good grade in a risky course is a possibility.

Some may see the proposal as an overemphasis on maintaining that perfect grade point average. Maybe it is. But it is undeniable that students, faculty, future employers, and graduate schools do care deeply about grades. And if any student does not enter into a new area of academic exploration simply because of the emphasis on grades, that student will have missed an important opportunity. The College should do anything it can to encourage students take on these challenges, and the Grade/Credit/Fail option can help in this pursuit.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Transparency is necessary

To the Editors:

Last week, Professor Scott Schon criticized an attempt to improve the J-Board selection process. Schon bases the majority of his argument on the premise that the J-Board process for hearing cases is thorough and fair and thereby illogically draws the conclusion that the selection process need not be changed. He seems to misunderstand that correlation does not equal causation. While I agree that the J-Board considers cases reasonably, this does not mean that the selection process is in good shape (and that is what I was conveying in my February 9 op-ed where I referred to the process of considering cases as “positive” and the selection process as questionable).

Moreover, Schon attacks opening up the selection process on the basis that openness would be abused. Schon writes, “Imagine the campaign slogans: ‘Appoint Ray—He Won’t Suspend Anyone!’” This logic, which doubts the rational decision-making ability of the student body regarding self-governance, is troubling. While the federal government entrusts students to make informed decisions on the highest levels of government every November when we enter the voting booth, Professor Schon's logic—which I doubt is such—seems to suggest that student voting rights are a misguided concept. I strongly believe the student

body is capable of making informed decisions concerning their J-Board. Nevertheless, I do not believe, as some have implied, that BSG should appoint J-Board members; rather I simply continue to implore that the selection process be made more transparent.

Sincerely,

Clark Gascoigne '08

College fines have purpose

To the Editors:

In last week's Orient, Raashi Bhalla and Zachary Linhart ask Bowdoin to “stop being ridiculous” for charging students fees for parking their cars illegally, forgetting their cards at the dining halls, and locking themselves out of their rooms. “Where is this money going?” they ask, as if it goes into a secret fund that staff use to line their own pockets.

As with most penalizing fees, they exist more as a disincentive than a source of revenue. The authors' agitation is evidence that the fees are doing their job. If making someone's life harder by parking in a spot reserved for someone else is not reason enough for them to park where they're supposed to, then hopefully that \$25 fine will be.

Bowdoin is “needlessly stingy.”

Stop being ridiculous.

James Baumberger '06
Washington, D.C.

To the Editors:

I strongly disagree with the senti-

ments expressed last week by Ms Bhalla and Mr. Linhart. I have personally worked with the administrators who made the policies they criticized and find it offensive that their rational decisions are being confused with overzealous penalization.

I spoke with Randy Nichols about the ticket policy, who noted that an independent campus parking report suggested much higher increases! They're also very forgiving when unlocking your door, often only charging repeat offenders. Also, the Dining Service is very lenient with its fines. Dining does more than enough for us already by being No. 1 and not having to punch in your number manually.

Last year the College found a deficit in the heating budget because of rising oil costs and, thus, dropped the temperature. The change addressed the unexpected expense and *student-advocated* environmental standards.

Finally, all Security and Dining Service fines go back into the department for services such as SafeRide. Unlike many other places we will encounter in our lives, Bowdoin is extremely forgiving of our minor transgressions and accommodates every reasonable need. Throwing the cliché we-pay-enough-already argument into these issues is nauseating. Let's not make petty accusations against our administrators for changes that help save money and the environment or fines to motivate us to obey reasonable rules.

William Donahoe '08

Vice President for Facilities
Bowdoin Student Government

BSG addresses J-Board issue

by DeRay McKesson

Over the past few weeks, Bowdoin Student Government's (BSG) role in the campus discussion about the Judicial Board (J-Board) has been largely misinterpreted. Recent opinions expressed in the Orient have been written on the premise that BSG did not support the J-Board hearing process or our fellow students on the board. This is absolutely not the case. Similarly, characterizations of BSG as seeking J-Board oversight are unfounded. The opinions or statements of one member of the body in no way reflect the opinions or goals of the group as a whole and should not be considered out of context. We refer the reader to our meeting minutes online to read our full debate.

BSG neither discussed nor brought into question the integrity of the J-Board members. BSG's past discussions have focused entirely on the new member selection process without ever questioning the past results of such processes. The confusion seems to have arisen from the fact that, while we did not insist that the previous system of BSG approval and presidential involvement be maintained, we highlighted the importance of engaging a conversation about how the process could be improved in the future.

Our past discussions and actions have been an attempt to address the discontinuity in our constitution and school policy outlined in the Student Handbook regarding the J-Board new member selection process. In the meetings in which BSG discussed the current selection process several members expressed concerns with its lack of transparency, external involvement, and consistency with regards to our constitution. With that said, we have had repeated conversations with J-Board leadership about these concerns and they have been fully committed to establishing a process to

adequately address them.

We are actively engaged in discussion with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs Office and the leadership of the Judicial Board about changes to make in the selection process. BSG, J-Board, and Dean Tim Foster have come to the table committed to finding the ideal process for our community which remains rigor-

ous and thorough and also addresses the divergent philosophical understandings present in BSG Constitution and the Student Handbook. We are confident that in the coming months we will see much change for the better.

McKesson is the president of BSG. This piece represents the views of the BSG officer team.

Housing solutions

by Kathryn Solow

Like many rising sophomores, I am facing a great deal of uncertainty, especially the pressing issue of where I will live next year. In light of the housing crunch faced by upperclassmen, the College's decision to have eight freshmen dorms and to create two new college houses to accommodate them is troubling and illogical.

Simply put, there is no need for eight freshmen dorms. The issue is simply mathematical. Consider the following: There are approximately 475 students entering Bowdoin as the Class of 2011. Each of the six renovated bricks can house approximately 64 students for a total of 384 students. If most of the rooms are triples, as they are now, East and West halls can each house over 100 students.

Clearly, the six bricks cannot house an entire first-year class, but six dorms (four bricks, East and West) can. The College should turn two of the bricks into upperclassmen housing and thus provide approximately 128 beds for upperclassmen. The year before Coleman was renovated, the top floor was sophomore housing, so housing upperclassmen in the bricks is not a new idea. To accommodate the increasingly high demand for chem-free housing, at least one of the bricks should be made into an additional chem-free

dorm for upperclassmen. Finally, with only six freshmen dorms, there would be no need to create two new college houses.

It confuses me as to why the College would add new houses without trying to reform the current house system first. The college houses already dominate weekend life for many underclassmen. Essentially, they serve as breeding grounds for alcoholism and encourage the exact kind of excessive drinking that the College should be trying to discourage. Equally confusing is the College's decision to turn Reed House into a college house. Currently, Reed is a chem-free residence, and its transformation into a college house will only increase the shortage of chem-free housing close to campus.

What is so troubling about the housing crunch is that the College has the buildings and the rooms and the beds to significantly alleviate this problem. This is not a matter of a lack of space, but rather a matter of Bowdoin College's incredible lack of foresight. I hope that the Office of Residential Life will seriously rethink its decision to create eight freshmen dorms and two new college houses and will consider the possibility of housing upperclassmen in two of the bricks.

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Anthropogenic global warming: Fact or fiction?

by Zachary Linhart

Global warming is a hot topic today. With recent reports coming out regarding the state of our planet, the media and politicians nationwide have locked into "we are all going to die in a fireball of death" mode. However, global warming is a lot more complex than politicians and the media may tell you.

There are two issues at hand when the term "global warming" is thrown around. The planet is warming. This is a fact. We have been measuring surface temperatures of our planet for the last 200 years. In the past 30 years, the average temperatures on earth have been steadily increasing. The second issue is the more controversial one. Humans are the cause of global warming, through our pollution of the environment. Since the second industrial revolution in the late 19th century, humans have been pumping gases into the atmosphere. In the past 30 years, the earth has become warmer. But correlation does not mean causation. So is our putting gas into the atmosphere the cause of the warming that has occurred in recent years?

If you ask Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, George Soros, or the *New York Times*, the answer is a certain confident "yes." Others are not as sure. A chemistry professor I spoke

with said the last place to turn for information on this theory of global warming is to politicians or the popular media. The study of global warming is a scientific study, he emphasized, and thus scientific papers are where one should look to find out about this phenomenon.

The recent "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)" report, which is a "summary for policymakers," gives some insight into the warming of our planet. They say that they have "very high confidence (90 percent) that the globally averaged net effect of human activities since 1750 has been one of warming." But the surface temperature readings only show warming in the past 30 years, not the past 250. In addition, there is still a 10-percent chance that global warming is completely unrelated to humans. As the science professor I interviewed put it, "Are you willing to bet the farm on 91 odds or less?"

Other scientific sources have also provided evidence for anthropogenic global warming, however, not one of these scientists is willing to say with even close to 100-percent certainty that humans are causing global warming. So many Americans and Bowdoin students are certain, but what is this based upon?

So global warming may or may not be anthropogenic. Say it is. How do

we know what the future consequences of global warming are? Computer models have made predictions about what the causes may be, yet these models are imprecise. Many consider these computer models flat over not abiding by the Kyoto Protocol, which would require all the signing countries to bring their greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels. President Clinton did not submit the protocol for ratification in America, even though it was signed by America as a symbolic measure. We never hear criticism of Clinton for not taking measures on the protocol, but we do hear Bush bashing.

Even if the Kyoto protocol was followed though, it would only reduce levels to 1990 standards. The IPCC claims warming has been caused by humans for over 250 years! In addition, the Kyoto protocol was not signed by India or China, the two fastest-growing economic powerhouses in the world right now and also two of the biggest polluters. In order to eliminate all greenhouse gas emissions, we would have to return to the living conditions of 250 years

ago! No, you say, we can develop new forms of energy such as wind and solar energy.

These "clean" forms of energy are not so clean to set up though. Creation of solar cells is devastating for the environment as the mining of the semiconductor materials requires substantial, notoriously dirty, open mining operations. Wind energy has been met with opposition from environmental groups who do not want wild land or seascapes sullied with turbines. Ted Kennedy is adamantly opposed to the wind farm proposed for the Massachusetts coast, presumably it will upset his view from the family compound. A permit to build a wind farm in Maine was just denied because it would spoil the view from the Appalachian Trail. There is one form of energy that suits our needs though: nuclear power. Ironically, many of the politicians who are against global warming are also against nuclear energy.

Lastly, let us look at the opposition to anthropogenic global warming theories. Besides the chemistry professor I talked to here at Bowdoin, many other scientists worldwide are not convinced that global warming is being caused by humans. Nir Shaviv, an astrophysicist at the University of Jerusalem, has said, "Solar activity can explain a large part of the 20th-century global warming." Dr.

Timothy Ball, one of the first Canadians with a Ph.D. in climatology, believes that "global warming, as we think we know it, doesn't exist." Richard Lindzen, an atmospheric physicist and a professor of meteorology at MIT, has said, "The Antarctic is not warming and there is nothing in the models that distinguish the temperature trends they predict in the Arctic from those in the Antarctic." A quick Google search on Lindzen will supply anyone interested with dozens of reasons to be skeptical of anthropogenic global warming.

Therefore, before creating an opinion on whether or not global warming is being caused by humans, go and do the research. Look at scientific papers, what scientists are saying, and analyze both sides of the argument rationally. Do not rely on politicians and the media for your information.

700 years ago, everyone thought the Earth was flat. 100 years ago, some scientists believed you could ascertain everything there is to know about a person from feeling his or her skull. 35 years ago, there was a scare that global cooling was occurring. As a student at a top liberal arts college, it is your responsibility to do your own research, form your own opinions, and don't believe everything you see on TV.

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The price of laziness: 25¢ a load

A Sojourn
in Civilized Life



by Annie
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COLUMNIST

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column about college students' dependence on laptop computers—the obstacles they represent, the activities we need them for, the solace we find in them, etc. Without debate, we need our laptops to function as students and as social beings. Bowdoin has developed many services that are conveniently accessible on our computers. But kind of like an alcoholic having an uncorked bottle of champagne sprayed down his gullet at a wedding, some of these "conveniences" just feel like extravaganzas that unnecessarily feed the flames of our addiction.

I had to resist the urge to knock back a capful of Tide out of exasperation when I saw that the price of laundry had risen by 25 cents. Somehow, someone in the upper echelons had found out my revoltingly scanty laundry habits and decided to milk me for all I had in the bi-semesterly event that I feel the need to do a couple of loads. But, once again, the *Encyclopedia Britannica* clarified that these funds were being put toward LaundryView, an online laundry monitoring system to which Bowdoin students now have access. Students can now check online the status of their laundry, and receive e-mail alerts when a load is finished.

Temporarily spitting the Tide out of my mouth, I decided to check out this newfangled operation. Admittedly, I initially ooh-ed and ahh-ed at what I saw, not only does the Web site graphically depict your laundry room, but you can actually rotate the image with your mouse. In case, you know, you want to make sure there's no lollygagging going on behind or beneath your drying

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towels. Also, there is a tracker to measure the gallons of water conserved by using the high-quality washers that Bowdoin does. But the fun doesn't end there. There are helpful washing tips for those far away from Mom, such as "to remove protein stains, soak in cold water and then launder." For when the Honolulu Tofu just can't seem to keep from having a luau on your pants.

The point of all this, however, is that once I pulled myself away from the spinning laundry rooms and the Stain Removal Index (that wasn't a joke, there are 71 different types of stains, including airplane glue, but that's another story), I realized that was at the root of my detergent-swallowing urge. This was no longer about my cheapskate disgust at the extra 25 cents, but about the principle behind this idea that we feel we don't have the ability to monitor our own clothing. LaundryView states on its homepage that it "was developed in response to requests for greater control over laundry activities." As though we were concerned that the Phantom of the Laundry Room would sneak off with our sheets without our being able to immediately detect and eliminate him. Personally, if I had full control of my "laundry activities," I would not be paying 25 cents extra to not stink.

LaundryView.com also recounts a heart-warming tale about the establishment of the Mac-Gray Corporation, which developed and

maintains LaundryView. The corporation was founded in 1927, when H.S. Gray sold Maytag wringer washers door-to-door on foot, thus spearheading the operation. To which I ask, wouldn't the very ambulatory Mr. Gray be a touch appalled at our inability to get up from our computers, trod downstairs, and physically observe the washing machines? Methinks there is a shade of irony in that story.

To be fair, I own both a watch and a clock, exempting me from actually having a pressing need for the services offered by LaundryView, a fact which could perhaps skew AnnieView. It's entirely possible that this is a brilliant concept that has saved hours of walking up and down stairs to check loads, or glancing at watches to see how much time is left on the machines. Laundry no longer has to sit idly waiting for its forgetful owner to retrieve it. Now, I can immediately fly downstairs to a pile of still-steaming dry laundry that I can satisfyingly bury my face in. But my guess is that my clothes will probably be close to rotting by the time I finish checking every angle of the dryer and figuring out the best way to remove an eggnog stain.

In the meantime, I, along with everyone else, will learn to adjust to this new laundry system, somehow, I will learn to stomach LaundryView and the additional quarter attached to it. But I might need some Tide to wash it down with.

Problems in union can be addressed

by Darren Fishell

Smith Union is a great place. Structurally, it's one of the reasons I chose to attend Bowdoin, and I know an array of students who would say the same. Something about the space allows you to feel the intent—maybe it's the combination of grandiosity (the largest single piece of linoleum in the universe) and good feng shui. The design is admirable for its variation and inventiveness, but those qualities are lost when considering what is beyond the architecture.

When the building was renovated and reopened in March of 1995, it represented a reexamination of what a central student union could be, and the intent of this innovative approach was realized. Bowdoin was in dire need of a new student union at the inception of renovation plans for the Hyde Cage, the athletic facility housed in what is now Smith Union. The Moulton Student Union was frequently overcrowded and the benefits of a larger student union became apparent.

Let us contrast this with Smith Union today. The building never fails to be populated, but that population is most often sparse. The union, in this way, has become more popular as another campus study space than as a center for building a Bowdoin community. At this point, we should remember the original intent for Smith Union's role on campus as "a building that will redefine and enrich the spirit of our community in all of its aspects—social, academic, and intellectual—for many years to come."

There are three significant goals in this statement.

1. Redefinition. The union should be undergoing constant transformation both to meet the needs of an ever-changing student population and to revivify the campus.

2. Social, academic, intellectual. These three components should find sufficient presence as well as a pleasant balance and intersection in the union.

The space was created to foster the coexistence of these elements and is structurally ideal for meeting that challenge.

3. For many years to come. In order for the Union to maintain its role on campus as a social, academic, and intellectual center, it must be frequently reevaluated and revised. This promise is kept through continual redefinition.

Since 1995, however, Smith Union has lost its freshness, and there are many spaces that go under-utilized. This is, fortunately, not a result of architectural inadequacy, but a result of spatial mismanagement and a failure to refresh and revise the union's layout and content. The mismanaged space can easily be regained, and it could be done through small changes by the end of this semester.

With the sheer amount of space that the union provides, the less attractive areas are readily ignored and go unused, while the other areas are frequently overburdened to meet various student needs. Compromised by this understanding of the space, the building loses its original dynamic quality—the balance of social, academic, and intellectual—and a great deal of its functionality. For example, the lounge area opposite the Café is clumsily organized and could easily be rearranged to accommodate student needs and desires. Many other areas in the union, sadly, fall into the same category.

The building is structurally welcoming to redefinition and it is unfortunate that the potential and intention for a fresh, exciting, and diversely functional space has not seen steady progress and reexamination. It is in students' best interests to take an active part in the reinvigoration of our union. With the formation of a thoughtful group of interested students and other members of the Bowdoin community, these problems may be addressed, and the broad possibilities for a more enjoyable and useful union can be reclaimed.

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This is the most important thing I've ever written

These Revelations Will Not Be Televised

by Steve Kolowich
ORIENT STAFF

Over the past year, I have used this space for a number of different purposes. I have waxed philosophical, attempted to analyze the oft-perplexing behavior of myself and my peers, described my various social misadventures—I have even resorted, on several occasions, to letting my imagination run wild all over the page, a dangerous and bewildering exercise indeed. But rarely in the course of my ramblings have I touched upon topics of practical relevance.

So as a change of pace, I have chosen not to exhaust your patience with another jaunt on the treadmill of triviality this week. Because while the occasional intellectual spunk session is all well and good, I'd prefer that my labors were not entirely inconsequential.

It is in this spirit that I embarked on a daunting but important project.

We talk a great deal about diversity here in our enlightened little enclave. And though murmuring about the school's homogeneity is a popular pastime, Bowdoin undergrads boast their share of differences. There is at least one thing, however, that all students here have in common: we all use communal lavatories.

There are people who don't feel comfortable using the bathroom anywhere but in their own home. Most of you probably know a person like this—someone who is either super-germaphobic or else preternaturally private about certain of his or her body's essential functions.

While college is challenging for most people, folks of this disposition have it especially tough. Not only do the communal living arrangements and busy schedules find them with precious little alone time, but even what should be their most meditative moments of their day—the time they spend in the stall—are rife with anxiety.

You really can't have comfortable "home base" here on campus for three main reasons. First, there are no private restrooms here. Even if you share one only with your roommates or floor mates, you still must lower your standards for sterility. After all, John from

down the hall has, like, six servings of Honolulu Tofu in the tank right now, and it's only a matter of time before that show goes live. And your roommate has hooked up with how many random, possibly unclean partners this semester?

Second, students here are always on the move. Classes, meetings, practices, study groups—some students spend such long periods of time away from their rooms that they return to find that their dorms gutted and gated off (such incidents have been especially common among first-year students of late). Even though the Bowdoin campus is small, it is impracticable to rush all the way back home every time natural calls, and the consequences of attempting to do so can be...horrid.

Third, and this also applies primarily (though not exclusively) to first-year dorms, the fallout of Bacchanalia-gone-bad—by which, of course, I mean *puke everywhere*—can make your home-base toilet a non-option for days at a time.

This has left many students grasping at straws. How to cope with this lack of a reliable refuge? This is the problem that I spent the majority of my time and energy this week seeking to solve. Some would call me a hero, but to them I say nay—I am merely a man, a man in search of what any reasonable student wants and deserves: a restroom that is truly restful.

So, armed with determination and a notepad, I set off to visit every non-residential campus lavatory that I could. And after hours of thoughtful analysis and awkward interactions, I found the answers I was looking for.

Ladies and gentlemen, I submit, for your consideration, the top three best and worst restrooms on the Bowdoin campus:

(Please note: For obvious reasons, the lavatories reviewed here are coed and men's rooms only. However, I assume that most men's and women's rooms in the same building are designed similarly. The facilities are scored on a 0-5 scale.)

Dungeon cells

HUBBARD HALL, BASEMENT

Even before you enter this dank little lair, you get an idea of what you're getting yourself into. The peeling letters, M-E-N, tell you two things off the bat: 1) This restroom is decaying, and 2) its design predates the picture of the

little man that has graced the majority of public men's rooms since the early 1990s. Also, the ventilation grates on the door are completely sheer, providing users almost no separation from the outside world.

Once you get inside, more flaws become apparent. For example, standing at six-foot-nothing, I could see completely over the walls of every stall stapling flat-footed, causing me to speculate as to whether these facilities were built back when the average height of a male human was markedly shorter. Another interesting design choice involves urinal placement: The three urinals fixed to the long back wall are all crammed into the center, leaving about four feet on either side of the cluster and only about an inch between each urinal. Needless to say, personal privacy is not one of this lavatory's strong points.

Aesthetics: 2
Privacy: 1
Amenities: 2

SILLS HALL, BASEMENT

This is a terrible restroom. First off, I don't know if this is a chronic problem or if I just caught it on a bad day, but the heater was out of control. I felt like I was in a sauna. If there's anything worse than sitting on a public toilet in environs that can be fairly described as "dingy," it's *sticking* to that toilet because the rainforest-grade humidity has made you sweat out of every pore.

Climatic concerns are just the tip of the iceberg. Disconcertingly, a wooden chair faces the urinals from the far left corner of the room. Because nobody in his right mind would actually want to hang out in this place, the chair's only conceivable function seems to be providing voyeurs a vantage point from which to study patrons' peeing stances.

Once you're done using the facilities, you wash your hands, getting soap from a dispenser that, judging by the 900-odd holes in the wall above the sink, has changed positions more frequently than an insomniac with bed rash. Either that or this is the bathroom where they filmed that gunfight in "True Lies." Now that your hands are washed—and here's the final straw—you look around to discover that there are *no paper towels!* Outraged, you wipe your hands on the inside of your shirt, vowing never to return.

Aesthetics: 1
Privacy: 3
Amenities: 0

ADAMS HALL, SECOND FLOOR

Adams Hall is a pretty weird building, so I suppose it's no surprise that this restroom is also unusual. First off, there is a giant tub next to the sink, where the custodial staff washes its mops and dumps out buckets of cleaning solution. While this did not directly affect my use the facilities, I found it aesthetically unsettling. Second off, there is both a urinal and a stall, and yet the room has a locking door. So is this a one-person lavatory, or a two-person one? Restrooms shouldn't be this confusing.

In addition to these eccentricities, the Adams Hall facilities suffer from the same problem as all locking-door lavatories, *especially* ones that are coed: There is no plausible deniability in the event of disaster. If the door's locked, and you neglect to flush or leave the room smelling like World War III, there is absolutely no way to avoid being held accountable by whoever uses it after you. You will become known as the kid who made the Adams second floor bathroom a biohazard. This is a small school, and a label like that is hard to shake. I would not recommend this restroom to my worst enemy.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

The lavatories in Cleaveland Hall boast a number of space-age amenities, including motion detectors, automatic hand-dryers, and mirrors.

Aesthetics: 1
Privacy: 1
Amenities: 2

Dishonorable mention: Sills Hall, first floor. Not only does this lavatory possess nearly all of the same weaknesses as the Adams Hall restroom, but it deserves recognition for having hilarious twin scuff marks on the floor in front of the toilet, where thousands determined feet have churned and ground up the tile over the decades.

Regal thrones

PICKARD THEATER, GROUND FLOOR

Appropriately, what is arguably one of the grandest buildings on campus boasts one of its grandest restrooms. The mirrors are enormous, taking up the better part of two walls, and the countertops—an underrated practical and aesthetic feature—are vast.

With four sinks, this restroom affords multiple users adequate "me" space. So too do the urinals, which are spaced well apart and separated by dividers, nearly stalls unto themselves. And now the kicker: this is a completely hands-free restroom. We're talking motion *everything*: toilets, urinals, faucets—I half-expected to wave my hand and watch as my pants magically zipped themselves. This lavatory, like many of the shows staged in the same building, deserves a standing ovation.

Aesthetics: 4
Privacy: 4
Amenities: 5

CLEAVELAND HALL, SECOND FLOOR

One can never underestimate the value of isolation when using the restroom. That said, the lavatory on the second floor of Cleaveland Hall (also known as the third floor of Druckenmiller) is a hidden gem. Not only is it tucked away from the world, but there is also a large anteroom dividing it from the main thoroughfare.

Located across the hall from biochemistry laboratories, this restroom, like everything else in a 100-yard radius, is kept extremely sanitary. And, as with the rest of the building, its architects equipped it with cutting edge technology. As in Pickard, everything is motion-sensitive. But this hidden haven ups the ante by offering an automatic hand dryer in addition to paper towels. What a time to be alive!

Aesthetics: 4
Privacy: 5
Amenities: 5

And finally, the best restroom on campus is (drum roll please)...

MASSACHUSETTS HALL, BASEMENT

Other than the map to Franklin Pierce's strategic whiskey reserves and the key to Nathaniel Hawthorne's poem

collection, the lavatory in the basement of Mass Hall is probably the English Department's best-kept secret.

This restroom remains a secret primarily because the basement of Mass Hall—the College's oldest building—seems such an unlikely place for such an oasis. Heading down the creaky staircase into the building's bowels, you enter a bizarre underworld that smells of dust, wood, and history. To your left, you find a wooden cabinet filled exclusively with light bulbs. To your right lies a doorway labeled "English Department Storeroom," which, it seems, contains only envelopes. Behind the staircase, you notice the locked door to an enormous walk-in safe. Deeper into the room lies a door marked cryptically by two Greek letters and a hand-written sign: "Keep door closed!!!" I can only imagine what lies beyond, but I'd say there's at least a 65 percent chance it's Longfellow's re-animated body floating in a tub of jelly.

Finally, amid these other-worldly elements, a tiny sign that says "Rest Room" appears on the wall, accompanied by an arrow. After only a few moments you emerge in a spacious, speckless anteroom. There is a leather chair in the corner, a mini-fridge, a microwave, and, at last, a door.

The restroom inside is simple and neat. In the corner, a small pot of flowers rests atop an old, wooden bureau, which itself sits upon a beautiful, marble floor. Ambient lighting emanates cordially from three understated fixtures along the top of the wall. The mirror above the sink is trimmed with an arabesque wire frame, which coils and winds to create the appearance of blooming flowers that look suspiciously like Bowdoin suns. The din of a generator, which had been overwhelming in the last room, has turned into a low, comforting hum.

It is obvious that this elysium was furnished by poets.

Aesthetics: 5
Privacy: 5
Amenities: 4

Honorable mention: The Queer-Trans Resource Center. This wins the prize for "most educative restroom on campus," with its exhaustively detailed instructions for "Finding the G-Spot" posted to the wall. It also wins the prize for "most misleading restroom on campus," because I'm pretty sure that the G-Spot doesn't exist.

Adjusting to home away from home can be trying, especially if you are accustomed to having a place where you can conduct your natural affairs in physical and psychological comfort. I hope this guide helps direct you toward a refuge that serves your needs.

But seriously, though, just remember to flush. Seriously, guys. I'm not kidding.



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

In the coed restroom on the first floor of Silks Hall, students' shoes have worn through the tile, especially under the right, or "anchor" foot.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1

Friday

Common Hour with Nuruddin Farah

Farah, an award-winning Somali novelist, will give a lecture titled "Political Islam and Clan in Present-Day Somalia."

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

The Bowdoin Film Society will show this 1967 romance starring Katharine Hepburn.

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

"Vagina Monologues"

Bowdoin students will perform Eve Ensler's piece, which is based on interviews with women about their sexual "fantasies and fears."

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
8 P.M.

"Marriage of Bette & Boo"

Written by Christopher Durang, the play mixes seriousness and comedy as it chronicles the life of a husband and wife, as told by their son.

PICKARD THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
8 P.M.

Ebony Ball

The African American Society concludes Black History Month activities by sponsoring a winter formal.

MOULTON UNION,
10 P.M. - 1 A.M.

Saturday

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
7 P.M.

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PICKARD THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
8 P.M.

Safe Passage Benefit Concert

This event, featuring select a capella groups and student performers, will celebrate Safe Passage.

LADD HOUSE,
8 P.M.

Sunday

Oscar Party

This party, sponsored by the Bowdoin Film Society, will consist of prediction ballots, Chinese food, and the screening of the Academy Awards on the big screen.

SMITH AUDITORIUM, SILLS HALL,
8 P.M.

Sunday Mass

MAIN LOUNGE, MOULTON UNION,
9 P.M.

Monday

Art Opening

A show titled "Through My Eyes: Visions of Hope from fifth and sixth Graders at Safe Passage" will be open for the week.

LAMARCHE GALLERY, SMITH UNION,
7 - 9 P.M.

Birth Control Forum

In response to the recent changes in Bowdoin's birth control policy, the Bowdoin Women's Association has organized this question-and-answer session with Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett.

DAGGETT LOUNGE,
THORNE HALL,
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's 200th Birthday

Wednesday

Dinesh D'Souza

The best-selling author and former aide of Ronald Reagan will give a lecture.

KRESGE AUDITORIUM,
VISUAL ARTS CENTER,
7 P.M.

Thursday

Anti-Semitism at Bowdoin

A panel of Jewish alumni will discuss its experiences at Bowdoin.

LANCASTER LOUNGE,
MOULTON UNION,
7 P.M.

"An Enemy of the People"

Bowdoin's theater department will perform this tragedy about conflict between communities. No tickets necessary.

WISH THEATER, MEMORIAL HALL,
7 - 10 P.M.



Groundskeeper Bob Towle touches up the ice rink on the Quad after Thursday's warm-up.

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BRUNSWICK, MAINE

Bowdoin, Brunswick negotiate BNAS pact

College officials, town representatives debate language in document detailing land use

BY STEVE KOLOWICH
ORIENT STAFF

Herschel Sternlieb showed up at Wednesday's meeting of the Brunswick Conservation Commission (BCC) prepared to make a presentation proposing the construction of a public park on Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS) land once the base closes. He was second on the commission's agenda.

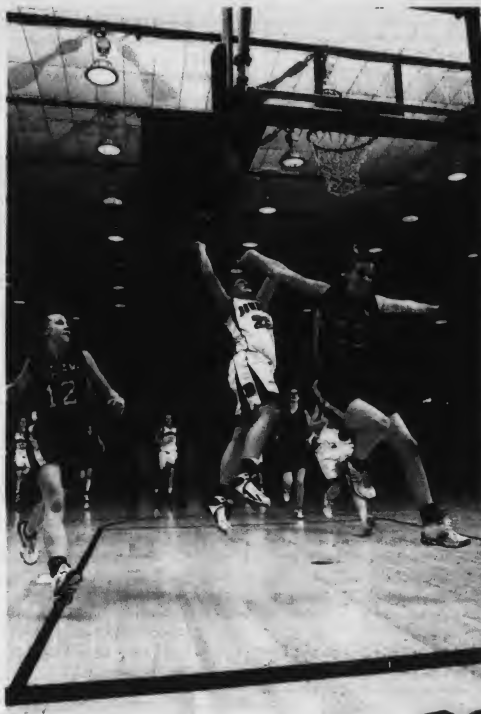
Little did he know that he would first have to endure more than two hours of haggling between Bowdoin brass and town officials.

"That was quite a jousting match," Sternlieb remarked of the lengthy debate, which focused on the language of a joint agreement between the College and the town regarding their own plans for the BNAS property.

Katy Longley, Bowdoin's treasurer and senior vice president for finance, and Jamie Kilbreth, an attorney for the College, presented a draft of the agreement to the BCC, Town Commons Planning Committee (TCPC) Chair Christopher Livesay, and Rep. Stan Gerzofsky, D-Brunswick. The town officials said the draft needed to be reworked before they would be willing to sign on to it.

The draft of the agreement outlines compromises between the two parties regarding parcels of land that both are interested in acquiring once

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MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

HIGH-FLYING: Alexa Kaubris '09 goes for a layup on a fast break against Williams in the team's NESCAC semifinal matchup at Morrell Gymnasium on Saturday. The Polar Bears will face Mount Holyoke at 7 p.m. today.

Women's basketball team takes conference crown

BY JEREMY BERNFELD
STAFF WRITER

Capping off a big weekend for Bowdoin sports, the women's basketball team won its seventh-straight NESCAC championship and secured the No. 1 seed in the upcoming NCAA Division III tournament.

The team sprinted through the conference tournament over the weekend, beating Williams 66-46 on Saturday,

and rolling past Tufts 64-48 on Sunday in the championship showdown.

In both of the weekend's games, the Polar Bears (26-1) started off slowly but counted on decisive second-half runs to put their opponents away.

On Saturday, the team faced unexpected pressure from Williams and only led by one at halftime. After the break, however, Bowdoin shot an

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Construction nears for fitness center

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
ORIENT STAFF

Although students often complain about construction on campus, it is doubtful that many will protest the upcoming construction of the new fitness center.

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster said that Bowdoin is close to hiring the architectural firm Cambridge Seven Associates, which designed Kanbar Hall and the renovated Searles Hall.

The new fitness center will be around 13,000 square feet, almost triple its current size.

Foster said that Cambridge Seven has already come to Bowdoin to evaluate several spaces for the new fitness center, including the current athletic offices and the old squash courts. The tops of those spaces were also evaluated because there is a chance to build vertically as well.

"We talked to them about the program and fitness space, weight space, and the possibility of incorporating a climbing wall in the project," Foster said. "They have a detailed overview of the number of machines desired

and the square footage estimates."

Another meeting with the architectural firm will most likely occur after Spring Break.

"They are going to share their preliminary ideas and will want to have meetings with people in the community to hear their ideas about what kind of space would be interesting to them," said Foster.

At this time, there is no concrete timeline for when construction on the fitness center will begin or finish.

"We're still raising money for the project," said Foster. "We've had some success with the fundraising, but we still have more to do."

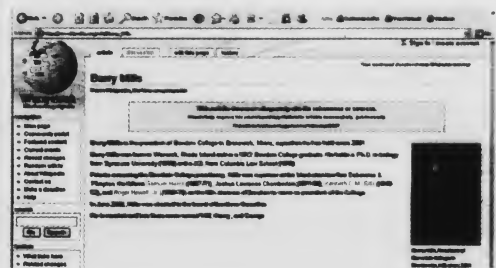
Foster said that a new fitness center is a high priority for development.

"We're envisioning beginning the design process while simultaneously fundraising. There's a chance we may have to pause the project to have fundraising catch up, but we are aggressively moving forward," he said.

As for the space that is now the Watson Fitness Center, Foster said that there are many possibilities for

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ACADEMIC STANDARDS



SKETCHY SOURCE: Bowdoin President Barry Mills has a biographical entry on the popular online encyclopedia Wikipedia. The Middlebury College history department has banned the citation of Wikipedia in papers.

SCREENSHOT

With two new residences, house system has room

Some 175 applications received for 200 slots; extra rooms in house system will be lotteried

BY SAM WAXMAN
ORIENT STAFF

Although college houses attracted only approximately 175 applicants for 200 slots this year, the Office of Residential Life and the Inter-House Council (IHC) are optimistic that next year's college houses will be enthusiastic and active in the Bowdoin community.

Director of Residential Life said that she was happy with the 175 applications, a number on par with prior years.

Each of the eight colleges houses received approximately the same number of applications.

Pacelli is quite optimistic about the applicants, noting that they seem "interested and engaged" in the process. IHC President Alex Lamb '07 similarly said that she is "confident we will create excellent houses for next year."

There was a large amount of initial enthusiasm among potential applicants to the houses, with more than 300 applications circulating among students. However, this eagerness did not translate into a significantly larger number of submitted applications, compared to past years.

Pacelli is unsure of the reason for this outcome, but "would love to hear from students who picked up applica-

tions but did not apply."

Possible reasons may include changes in the applications themselves. Also, the decrease in block size from eight people to four implemented this year may have split up groups of friends who would have otherwise applied together.

Pacelli stressed that decreasing the block size was "the right thing to do; it really emphasizes diversity in the college houses."

Lamb elaborated further on this decision, explaining that it "allows for better understanding the group dynamics" and permits the house selection committees to "let in more excited, enthusiastic people."

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Professors question merit of Wikipedia citations

BY NICK DAY
ORIENT STAFF

Wikipedia.org, the popular online encyclopedia, offers users instant access to over a million articles ranging from the Battle of Waterloo to Barry Mills to Brussels sprouts. But a recent decision by the Middlebury College history department to ban citing the ultra-convenient, yet notoriously inaccurate, Web site on papers and exams raises an important question: What role should Wikipedia play at Bowdoin, particularly in research-intensive courses?

In January, the Middlebury history department voted unanimously to adopt a statement that affirms, "[While] Wikipedia is extraordinarily convenient and, for some general purposes extremely useful...it suffers inevitably from inaccuracies deriving in large measure from its unique manner of compilation."

The Bowdoin history department has not discussed a formal ban of Wikipedia citations as a department. However, some Bowdoin professors seem opposed to such a move.

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MORE NEWS

BSG VOTE: Student government votes to recommend an overhaul of the Credit/D/Fail policy. **Page 3.**
FORMER REAGAN AIDE: Dinesh D'Souza speaks to Bowdoin audience about terrorism and Iraq. **Page 3.**

THIS WEEKEND: "AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE"

The Department of Theater and Dance presents a performance of Henrik Ibsen's play "An Enemy of the People" this weekend in Memorial Hall. **Preview, Page 10.**

WISHTHEATER, TODAY AND SATURDAY, 7 PM. NO TICKETS NECESSARY.

PLAYOFFS: MEN'S HOCKEY VS. AMHERST

The top-ranked Bears will face the fifth-ranked Lord Jeffs in a NESCAC semifinal matchup at Dayton Arena on Saturday. **Preview, Page 13.**

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TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

RENOVATED: Bowdoin students tour the rotunda in the nearly renovated Walker Art Building. According to Director of Capital Projects Don Borkowski, staff will begin occupying the building this month, while the art museum within the building will open in August, in time for the beginning of the fall semester.

FITNESS

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the space.

"Anytime you have a space like that, that is prime space in the middle of everything, we have to consider any number of things that could potentially go there," he said.

While preliminary conversations have taken place, there have been no official meetings about the space.

According to Foster, since "it's the very heart of campus...and a place where there is lots of traffic, it makes sense to be somehow related to student life and the student experience. The really nice thing about the new fitness center is that it opens up a really key space in the center of campus. There are all kinds of possibilities."

Bowdoin has also taken steps to add a rock band practice room, as the current space would be used by the new fitness center. An acoustical engineer evaluated a number of

spaces on campus, including basement space in first-year dorms and the current football offices.

It was found that the best place for the new practice room would be the current football office, located at the bottom of the stairs near the union entrance.

"The reason is that it's easier to insulate for sound traveling up than sound traveling down," Foster said.

It's a space, he said, that could "function with a lot of energy and life in the middle of campus."

In news on other construction sites around campus, Bowdoin hopes to begin building the new hockey rink this July, and finish in late September of 2008.

Scott Meiklejohn, vice president for planning and institutional advancement, said that Bowdoin is currently waiting on permits to begin construction.

"It's a multi-step process where we have to obtain permits from the town of Brunswick, from the state fire marshal, and the [Maine State] Department of Environmental Pro-

tection [DEP]," he said.

Meiklejohn said that in obtaining the necessary permits, "a couple of steps go quickly, and a couple can take awhile, particularly the permit from the DEP. We don't know yet how long it will take—it could take a number of months."

Meiklejohn added that while they hope to have construction finished in September, the rink won't be in use until December 2008.

"It's sort of like building a big machine. You have to start it up, make the ice, and test it," he said.

According to Director of Capital Projects Don Borkowski, the Walker Art Museum "is on schedule to be occupied by staff later this month."

"Artwork will begin to be moved in May and will be completed in August for the start of the Fall '07 semester," Borkowski wrote in an e-mail.

Borkowski also said that the Recital Hall is scheduled for completion on March 30, and that the first concert "is being scheduled by the music department for May 3."

WIKIPEDIA

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"I think banning Wikipedia outright is a mistake," said Associate Professor of History and Asian Studies Tom Conlan. "It is important to understand what Wikipedia is, and to use it skeptically."

Assistant Professor of History David Gordon added, "Wikipedia is a powerful generator of perspectives on the past. In my view, it would be shortsighted for history departments to ignore it."

Neil Waters, a history professor at Middlebury and the catalyst behind the ban, raised the issue at a faculty meeting after he noticed that students in his classes were citing inaccurate information from the Web site.

"I saw an increasing percentage of information being drawn from the Web site [in my classes]," he said.

Waters attributes this phenomenon to the "extreme convenience" of Wikipedia and ill-informed first-year students who had been permitted to cite Wikipedia for assignments in high school.

"I had a lot of freshmen in my courses citing Wikipedia because their high school teachers had told them that it was okay to do so," he said.

Waters pointed out that the ban does not prevent students from using the site all together, but rather deters them from using Wikipedia as an authoritative source.

"Students enrolled in history classes [at Middlebury] can use Wikipedia. They just can't cite anything [from the Web site]."

But Associate Professor of Government and Asian Studies Henry Laurence is skeptical that such a ban would prove effective without further restrictions.

"A formal ban seems pretty arbitrary to me unless it includes all other less-than-ideal sources, which would be a very long list," Laurence wrote in an e-mail to the Orient.

Laurence, along with Conlan and Gordon, stress the importance of uti-

"It's really puzzling to me why students enrolled in college would uphold the lowest possible standard of information gathering."

TRICIA WELSCH
CHAIR OF FILM STUDIES

lizing primary sources—rather than tertiary sources like Wikipedia—in academia.

"All the encyclopedias make mistakes," said Conlan. "You really need to get down to primary sources or course materials."

Gordon believes that Wikipedia can be employed for "background research...or to gain insights into social or popular perspectives on a historical episode."

However, he rejects the notion that Wikipedia can be used for legitimate academic work, and strongly encourages students to examine "recommended primary sources or peer-reviewed scholarship."

Tricia Welsch, chair of the film studies department, reminds students "a couple classes before an assignment is due," that with sources like Wikipedia, "you don't know the background of the authors of specific articles."

She also stresses to her students that when writing papers or studying for exams, "you want the best sources rather than the most convenient."

Welsch expressed surprise that colleges should have to deal with students using Wikipedia in the first place.

"It's really puzzling to me why students enrolled in college would uphold the lowest possible standard of information gathering," she said. "Institutions of higher learning should be about forming great habits of mind."

Laurence agreed. "The bigger issue is that we should be teaching students how to engage in serious scholarly analysis," he said. "And Wikipedia doesn't go very far at all in helping with that endeavor—it's just too superficial."

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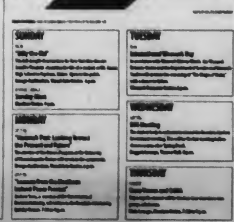
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By now you've noticed that today's Orient looks very different. What you see today is part of a redesign initiative that began a few months ago. The Orient's appearance was overhauled at the turn of the millennium, but in 2007, it no longer looked fresh. Today's paper takes advantage of a professional font set and employs new design elements that will make the newspaper easier to read. We are hopeful that the newspaper's new design modernizes our appearance while maintaining the Orient's rich history.

Most of the changes you see today are cosmetic, but they are part of a wider trend. In recent years, the Orient has made a number of advancements to increase the newspaper's professionalism. We have codified our mission and ethical beliefs. In the fall, staffers participated in an eight-week training program taught by a professional journalist. The new design that you see today is one more effort to bring the Orient to the next level.

As always, our foremost concern is that our reporting is accurate, interesting, and comprehensive. To comment on the Orient's new look or let us know how you think we are doing generally, please e-mail us at orient@bowdoin.edu. We will be happy to hear from you.

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POLITICS



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

INTELLECTUAL PRESSURE: Dinesh D'Souza, a former senior policy analyst for the Reagan administration, lectures in Kresge on Wednesday. D'Souza said that American withdrawal from Iraq would be victory for the insurgency.

D'Souza discusses Iraq, American foreign policy

BY EMILY GUERIN
ORIENT STAFF

Dinesh D'Souza, former senior policy analyst during the Reagan administration, addressed terrorism and the war in Iraq in a lecture Wednesday titled "America and Its Enemies."

D'Souza is the Robert and Karen Rishwain Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He is a best-selling author whose articles and books are controversial among conservative and liberal audiences. His most recent book, "The Enemy at Home: The Cultural Left and Its Responsibility for 9/11," was published in January.

D'Souza's lecture was sponsored by the Bowdoin College Republicans and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

D'Souza began his lecture by addressing what he believed to be flaws in liberal and conservative thinking about the war in Iraq.

"To understand the situation in Iraq, we need to take a fresh look at 9/11," he said. "Our understandings of the enemy have been unmoved for five years."

Speaking about 9/11, D'Souza posed the question: "How did radical Islam get in a position to do what it did?" He attributed the attack to the Clinton administration's failure to act after the attacks on the U.S. Embassy in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998. According to D'Souza, the success of those attacks led Osama bin Laden to "conceive of a grander strike" against the United States.

D'Souza said that Muslims are attracted to Islamic tyranny because there are no other types of government to choose from in the Middle East. He said that the United States was in Iraq "to put a new card on the table: Muslim democracy."

He said that the United States cannot lose the war in Iraq militarily.

"The only way to lose the war is to lose it in the American mind," he said.

According to D'Souza, the insurgents know that they cannot beat the U.S. army; they only have to "hang in long enough for weariness to weigh in."

He said that the insurgency in Iraq could only win by convincing Americans to leave—the same goal that, according to D'Souza, the political left has.

"The left is pushing for the same objective as bin Laden for its own reasons," he said.

D'Souza concluded his lecture by saying that the war in Iraq "is not a war we can afford to lose."

D'Souza's lecture has generated some controversy within campus political groups. Charlie Ticotsky '07, co-president of the Bowdoin College Democrats, sent the Orient a press release criticizing the College Republicans for inviting D'Souza to speak.

"D'Souza is an interesting choice for Maine Republicans," reads the release. "He is known for his obscene, intolerant, and racially charged assertions on race and foreign policy."

The release quotes Waterville City Councilor and Maine College Democrats' President Henry Beck.

"Speakers like D'Souza have a right to deliver these remarks, but at the end of the day, what are Maine Republicans trying to accomplish?" Beck asked.

The Orient attempted to contact the Bowdoin College Republicans but had not received a response at press time.

D'Souza said that Bowdoin students should thank the Bowdoin Republicans for bringing him to campus.

"Republicans are doing you a big favor—subjecting your entrenched flabby liberalism to a little bit of intellectual pressure," he said.

BSG suggests credit revisions

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) has voted to recommend the replacement of the College's current Credit/D/Fail policy with a Grade/Credit/Fail policy. After hearing concerns from students and faculty about the shortcomings of the current policy, BSG members suggested that their support would help the Recording Committee in further discussion and policy revisions.

While Wednesday's vote to recommend such a policy does not endorse a concrete document, it does suggest certain changes BSG feels would be beneficial to students. One change suggested is allowing students to set a lowest acceptable grade that would appear on their transcripts if attained, while receiving a credit or F if the grade is lower.

"This is an issue that involves everyone on campus: faculty, staff, and students," said Sam Dinning '09, a student member of the college's Recording Committee. If any changes were to be made to the grading system, the Recording Committee would draft the new policy and submit it to the faculty for approval.

"As such, BSG's efforts are focused on speaking from a student's perspective in the greater process. We

are not trying to mandate a certain policy; we are simply trying to make the opinions of students clear so that the Recording Committee and other groups of faculty and staff will move forward with students in mind," Dinning said.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 added that BSG is working closely with the Recording Committee to discuss policy changes to "serve the interest of both students and faculty."

"Tonight was the first step with student leaders making a cogent recommendation expressing the sentiment of students about the policy," he said after Wednesday's meeting.

BSG members also discussed the suggested revisions to the campus attendance policy. Proposed by Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster and the Student Affairs Committee, the policy intends to increase communication between faculty and students about scheduling conflicts in the evenings.

Members of BSG agreed that the revisions are more student-friendly, but that faculty might not approve changes unless there is widespread student support. Last week, Foster said that the Student Affairs Committee is still talking with groups on campus about revisions.

"This is a good step in the right

direction," said Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks. "It does set a place for student affairs, faculty, and students to come together around an idea for how time should be managed on campus."

The policy might be proposed to faculty in April, possibly followed by a vote in May.

In other business, BSG proposed an amendment to the constitution that would allow juniors who go abroad for a semester to hold half-year terms as student government representatives, calling for an election for a "split seat."

Debate followed regarding how such an election would best be held, how the candidates would run, and whether such an amendment is necessary. It was moved that the amendment be reconsidered next week.

Also, BSG continued its discussion on election reform, debating whether all students should be eligible to run for the BSG presidency, whether elections should be held in the spring or fall, and what type of campaigning should be allowed.

Finally, Vice President of Facilities Will Donahoe '07 said BSG has received approximately 250 suggestions for the "50 Things To Do Before You Graduate" list and is now working on selecting the top submissions.

SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 1

Friday, February 23

•A student using a curling iron activated a fire alarm in a room on the fourth floor of Chamberlain Hall.

•A student who burned a bagel in a microwave oven set off a fire alarm in a fourth-floor room in West Hall.

•An officer reported that the main entrance door of Reed House was forced, damaging the mechanism. A repair was ordered.

Saturday, February 24

•A student reported that a Bowdoin ID card and a Sony cellular telephone were missing from a jacket pocket during the Ebony Ball at Moulton Union. Both items were later returned as the jacket was taken by mistake.

•Officers investigated a report of noise coming from Brunswick Apartments M section.

•Brunswick Rescue transported a Chamberlain Hall student to Mid Coast Hospital for treatment of an allergic reaction.

•A campus visitor's vehicle struck a student's vehicle that was parked on South Campus Drive. Brunswick Police responded but did not take a report as the amount of damage was deemed to be less than \$1,000.

•A student Dining Service employee reported that his dark green Nautica parka was missing from the staff changing area at Moulton Union Dining.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event on the third floor of Appleton Hall.

•Officers dispersed an unregistered event on the second floor of Hyde Hall.

Sunday, February 25

•Brunswick Rescue transported an ill student from Coles Tower to Parkview Hospital.

•An Amherst College student reported that she lost her Vera Bradley handbag in the bleachers of Greason Swimming Pool. The bag contained an Amherst ID card, driver's license, credit cards, and cash.

•A Howell House student reported that someone had written threatening messages on a door message board.

Monday, February 26

•A museum employee reported the theft of an office door sign in Bannister Hall.

Wednesday, February 28

•A security officer transported a West Hall student with a medical problem to Parkview Hospital.

•A security officer transported an ill Chamberlain Hall student to Mid Coast Hospital.

Thursday, March 1

•A security officer transported an ill Reed House student to Parkview Hospital.

—The Department of Safety and Security

CORRECTIONS

Recording Committee

A summary box for the front-page story "Credit/D/Fail up for revision" (2/23) incorrectly stated that members of BSG and the Recording Committee proposed the adoption of a new credit policy. The policy was proposed by members of BSG. While the Recording Committee will consider the plan, it has not made any proposal. We regret the error.

Kosher Food

"Thorne accommodates Muslim students' needs" (2/23) should have stated that Bowdoin Dining Service did not provide Kosher food for Jewish holidays until this year, and not until after Muslim students made inquiries about serving Halal meat. We regret the error.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: Officials from the town and the College are attempting to reach an agreement whereby each would help the other obtain land from the soon-to-be-decommissioned BNAS. The town wants Bowdoin to commit to conserving certain areas and creating public paths that would connect town land.

BNAS

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the base is decommissioned in 2011. It stipulates that the College and the town will support each other as each applies for the land through appropriate channels. The two parties will then cooperate with one another regarding its use and development should they acquire the land successfully.

"The College and the Town wish to work together to support each other's public benefit conveyance applications and other efforts to acquire the property...to ensure the long term future of the area along the west side of the base," the document asserts.

Because the College is seeking property that divides the land that the town wants, the draft instructs the College to grant an easement of conserved land that could contain public bike and footpaths connecting the town's parcels.

It was this part of the document that prompted disagreement during Wednesday's meeting. Livesay indicated that the draft did not address the town's concerns comprehensively enough.

"I don't think issues such as width of these easements has been addressed; I don't think there is any detailed description of how the College and the town would be managing conservation areas," he said, "and that's the kind of stuff that shouldn't be left to the last minute."

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CHRISTOPHER LIVESAY
TOWN COMMONS PLANNING COMMITTEE

the TCPC think the town should be looking to acquire the 493-acre swath of land that the College is seeking along the western side of the base.

"Frankly, if you can't reach an agreement that satisfies the town on that intervening land, maybe that's something that ought to happen," he said.

The BCC's main concerns lay with a 152-acre parcel at the top of this "intervening land." According to the draft, the College wants to develop approximately one-third of the parcel. Some members of the commission were concerned about the College's plans to develop that land because of the natural resources there, specifically pitch pine and sandplain grassland.

"I read this language as us taking a 50-acre hit," said BCC member Loraine Kohorn. "I would like to avoid rather than minimize impact on critical natural areas."

While Livesay said that the town and the College should wait until they can evaluate the environmental attributes of the land in question before signing on

to a joint agreement, Kilbreth argued that a proper assessment would not be feasible before the April 9 application deadline because of snow cover.

"We don't have five weeks to try to refine this," Kilbreth said. "Until April at the absolute earliest, you can't do any meaningful work out there to identify these resources and figure these things out."

"If you go down that path, you're essentially saying we can't have an agreement," he added.

The college representatives left the meeting agreeing to rework the language of the agreement that concerns the 152-acre parcel in question and the footpaths.

Bowdoin's plan for the development of the BNAS property it is pursuing, which it must submit to the Department of Education by April 9, is not yet complete, according to Longley. Though acquiring the land would triple the size of the campus, Longley said that the College has no plans to grow the student body.

When it comes to the new land, "we're talking about playing fields, we're talking about science classrooms, outdoor classrooms, possible facilities buildings and parking," she said.

The College may also plan to keep its IT servers in the building that currently houses the base's flight simulator.

Longley noted that because of the bureaucracy involved in the application process, it could be up to a year before the College submits a finalized plan for the BNAS land.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

SPARE ROOMS: Burnett House will become part of the College House System this fall. Since not all college houses will be filled to capacity through the application process, the remaining rooms will be lotteried.

HOUSE

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The plans for two new college houses to be paired with the two soon-to-be newly renovated and available first-year dorms (Maine and Winthrop halls), remain unchanged by the low application rate relative to house capacity.

Pacelli noted that the two new houses would decrease the number of affiliations for each house, making it easier for all of the houses to do programming.

Pacelli elaborated that it can be challenging when students have a large number of affiliates.

Shrinking the size of affiliations "could be a helpful change," she said, especially since there are many "students saying they wish the affiliations were

stronger."

Since applicants alone will not fill the houses, the empty spaces in each house will be placed in the regular housing lottery in April.

The students who are placed into each house do not necessarily have to become active in the house's activities.

"Students wouldn't be held to the same standards," said Pacelli. But, she said, in the past many students whom the lottery placed into houses decided they wanted to engage in programming.

If there were students whose lack of motivation was affecting the dynamic of the house, however, Pacelli said that residential life would "try to endorse a small group of people who were involved."

"When numbers were low in the past," Pacelli said, the College House System was "still successful."



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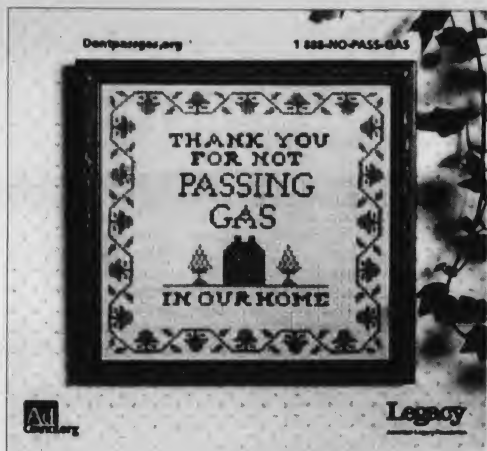


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SafeRide bumps capacity to two vans during peak hours

In response to increased demand, Bowdoin security has upped the capacity of the SafeRide system. According to Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols, two SafeRide vans have been operating during peak hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

Nichols said that security has hired two casual employees to drive the vans for 10 hours on Friday and Saturday night, respectively. In addition, a student-driven van has been operating from 8 or 9 p.m. until 2 or 3 a.m.

"Based on input that we'd received from students...we felt that the time was right to add a second van during those peak times so that they wouldn't be waiting as long," said Nichols. "That second van has helped us a lot in providing better coverage and quicker response time to the calls that are coming in."

According to Assistant Director of Security Louann Dustin-Hunter, who oversees the SafeRide system, on Friday and Saturday nights SafeRide averages more than 100 calls.

Dustin-Hunter attributes the large number of calls to a change in the system that occurred last year that allows any student or group of students

to utilize the service.

In addition to the extra van, security has also hired a second dispatcher during peak hours just to handle SafeRide calls.

According to Nichols, the change may not be temporary.

"It's not just an issue of cold weather—we just want people to feel free to call regardless of the weather, so we'll see what happens," he said.

"A lot of it's going to depend on the volume," Dustin-Hunter said. "If it's still really high [when temperatures start rising], we're going to continue to have the extra coverage so we can meet the need. We want to make sure everyone has the word that they can call for a ride, pretty much any time."

—Nat Herz

Mathematician to deliver lecture on uncertainty

Acclaimed author of "The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable" Nassim Nicolas Taleb will deliver a lecture titled "On the Impact of the Highly Improbable."

According to his book "Fooled By Randomness: The Hidden Role of Chance in Life and in the Markets," Taleb, formerly a quantitative trader, is interested in "multidisciplinary problems of uncertainty." Taleb devel-

oped the Black Swan Theory, which asserts that there is tendency to exclude unexpected or random events that cannot be explained in data models. It these unexpected events, Taleb argues, "end up controlling our lives, the world, the economy, history, everything."

Taleb, a native of Amioun, Lebanon, holds multiple degrees, including a Ph.D from the University of Paris and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. According to his home page, Taleb is finishing a break as a Dean's Professor in the Sciences of Uncertainty, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is also a fellow in mathematics in finance, an Adjunct Professor of Mathematics at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences of New York University, and a research fellow at Wharton School Financial Institutions Center.

Taleb admits to finding amusement in mocking those who take themselves too seriously and overrate the quality of their data.

"My major hobby is teasing people who take themselves and the quality of their knowledge too seriously, and those who don't have the guts to sometimes say: I don't know," Taleb writes on his home page.

His lecture will take occur on March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.

—Anna Karass

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Student trapeze artist flies solo in England

BY ANNE RILEY
ORIENT STAFF

When most children threaten to run off and join the circus, their parents don't take them seriously. But when Lizzie Hedrick '08 decided to take a year off from Bowdoin and enroll in a full-time circus school in Bristol, England, her parents couldn't have been more pleased.

"My husband and I are really proud of Lizzie, not only because she is a talented trapeze artist, but also because she really is pursuing her dream," said Janet Hedrick, Lizzie Hedrick's mother.

Lizzie Hedrick, an English major hailing from Ardsley, New York, is currently enrolled in Circomedia, a circus and physical theater school where she can explore her passion for the trapeze. Although she will not receive Bowdoin credit for the program, it is not a problem for Hedrick.

"I feel like I am learning more than I could anywhere else in the world," she said in an e-mail to the Orient.

Hedrick, who is specializing in acrobatics and aerial skills during her year abroad, found her circus school schedule to be much more demanding than a typical Bowdoin semester.

"The time table is the most intense and formidable thing I've ever seen," she said.

"Bowdoin students avoid 8 a.m. classes like the plague. At circus school, we need to be on the campus by 8 a.m. every morning, and have mandatory group runs every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday," Hedrick said. The rest of the day is filled with classes until often as late as 8 p.m.

During the first six weeks of the course, participants are required to take classes in all four genres of circus—acrobatics, aerial skills, physical theater, and juggling—before selecting their specialties.

"That was hilarious, as I'm hopeless as a mime, and can't for the life of me understand why anyone would want to throw and catch more objects than they have hands," Hedrick said.

Although the school does not offer courses in flying trapeze, which has been Hedrick's focus for many years, Circomedia does offer static and swinging trapeze as part of its aerial skills program. Since "flying" is not part of the course itself, Hedrick takes night classes from her aerial teacher and participates in his company's affiliated flying trapeze troupe in addition to her required classes.

Hedrick first became interested in flying trapeze by coincidence, when, at the age of 14, her mom found a poster for a flying trapeze in a field on a "hippy farm" near her house.

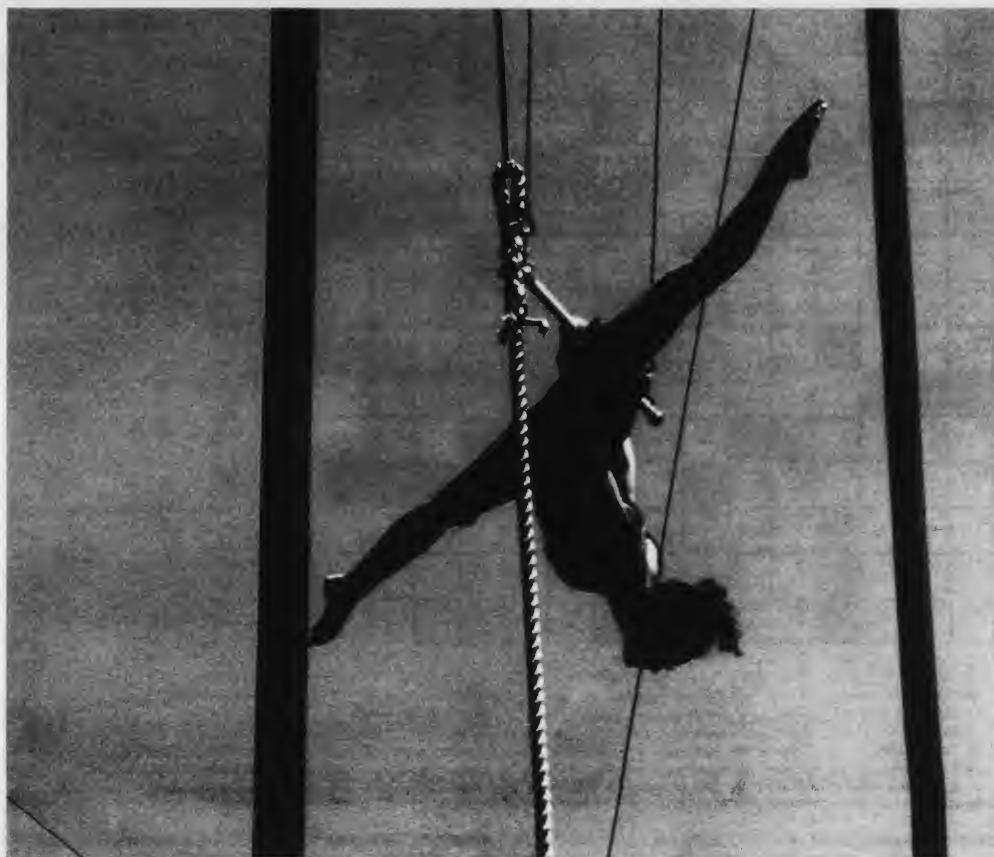
"I was hooked from my very first swing, and haven't been able to give it up since," she said.

According to her mother, Hedrick's life has revolved around the trapeze for a very long time. Since eighth grade, Hedrick drove three hours a day, three or four times a week, for the chance to fly.

However, when she came to Bowdoin, she found that there were no opportunities to practice near campus. According to Hedrick, during her first two years at Bowdoin, she only "flew" during the summers.

"That was really my biggest issue with Bowdoin," she said. "Otherwise it'd be perfect."

Without access to a flying trapeze, Hedrick found other avenues to stay active at Bowdoin. Founder of the Bowdoin Rock Climbing Club and a diver for the swimming and diving



(COURTESY OF JANET HEDRICK)

FLYING HIGH: Lizzie Hedrick '08 practices her hobby of eight years, "flying" on a trapeze. She is taking a year off from Bowdoin to attend circus school in Bristol, England, this year, where she specializes in acrobatics and aerial skills.

team, Hedrick's lack of flying opportunities did not prevent her from getting back in the air.

Nevertheless, the longer she spent away from the trapeze, the more she missed it. As junior year approached, Hedrick began looking into opportunities for study abroad that were distinct from those of her friends.

"When I'm away from the trapeze, I itch to get back on," she said.

According to her mother, "Her summer jobs, vacations, school breaks all revolved around 'flying,' so it seems natural that she'd be immersing herself in aerial arts this year."

Lizzie Hedrick will return to Bowdoin in the fall with two more years of college ahead of her. After graduation, she hopes to find a way to make a career out of her passion.

"I'd like to integrate trapeze into whatever I choose to do, but not necessarily perform," she said.

"I am really interested in doing something with outdoor education, in which I would use rock climbing and trapeze in conjunction with regular, academic education," she added.

Although Hedrick has been flying

for almost eight years, she recognizes that there is a certain element of risk involved. According to Hedrick, in order to minimize risk, performers extensively practice a trick in safety lines before removing the harness, and even then, they only perform over a net.

"I, personally, feel completely comfortable letting go from anywhere in the swing—within reason—and landing on my back in the net. Once I had this aerial consciousness instilled in my brain and body, I felt completely safe doing most tricks without safety lines," Hedrick wrote.

"People do get hurt, though. Your biggest fear as an aerialist is always going to be equipment failure," she said.

Hedrick herself has had some close calls. The summer that she turned 16, she was first permitted to fly to a catcher—a trick in which one performer lets go of her bar and is caught by a performer swinging from another trapeze—without a safety harness.

"It went really well for the first few weeks, but one day in August, I was a little spacey, I guess, and let go of the bar with only one hand. It is really

dangerous for the flyer's shoulders to be caught with only one arm, so once the catcher realized what had happened, he had no choice but to release me into the apron (vertical, back section) of the net," she explained.

Since Hedrick wasn't prepared to be released, she hit the apron, full force, "smacking my back in about 15 places," she said.

Hedrick was fortunately unharmed.

"The good news: My back has been much more flexible since," she said.

According to Hedrick, her parents have been very supportive of her passion, despite the risks involved.

"They are amused, I think. I don't think they care what I do as long as I'm happy," she said.

Janet Hedrick said that she and her husband have gotten used to their daughter's unique hobby.

"You can't be Lizzie's parents and be feint-hearted," Janet Hedrick said. "We've grown used to watching Lizzie turn every board—no matter how high up—into a balance beam, perch atop the highest trees with her favorite novel, climb rocks that I can't even look at, dive off the high board at Bowdoin."

"At least with trapeze, she has a safety net," she said.

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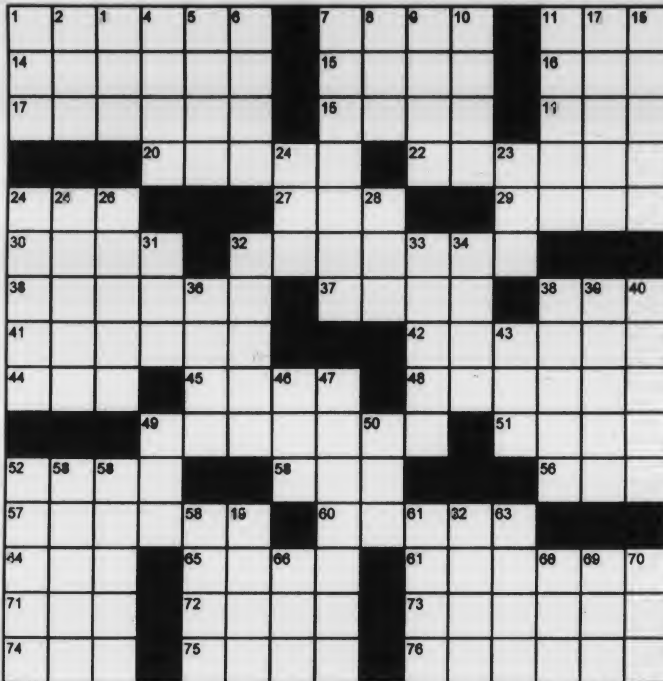
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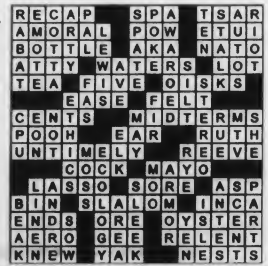
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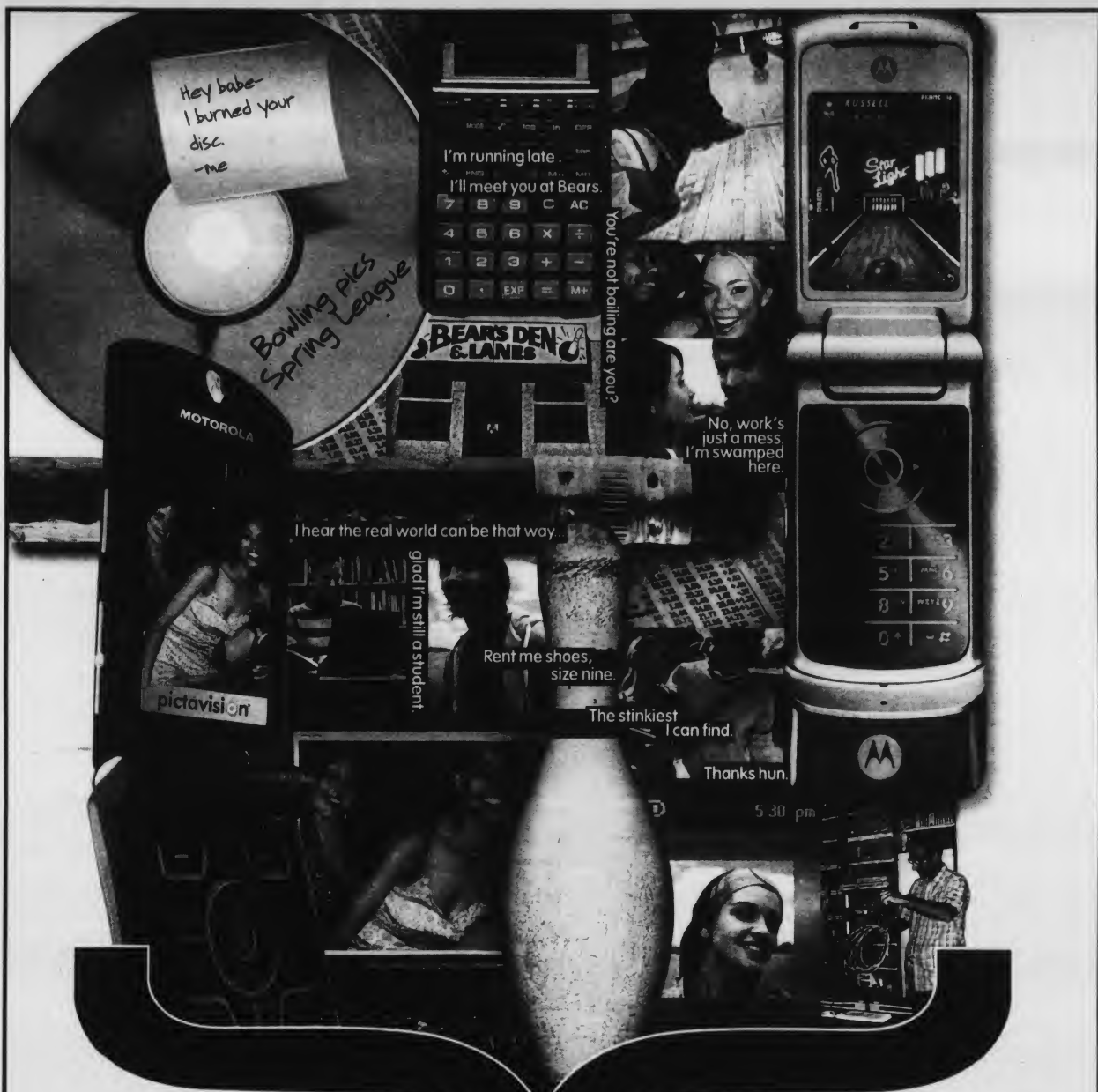
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brothers' struggle makes 'An Enemy of the People'

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

Because of their strong friendship, Anthony DiNicola '07 and Willi Yusah '09 refer to each other as brothers. This weekend, they get to act the part as brothers torn apart by corruption in Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People."

"One of my biggest concerns is being genuine, and it's automatic being genuine as brothers when I'm onstage with Anthony, my brother," Yusah said.

For Yusah, "An Enemy of the People" will be his first play as an actor. His role is that of Dr. Stockman, a scientist who discovers that pollution is contaminating the town's tourist baths.

Yusah's role includes a lengthy monologue in which he gathers the town's citizens together and rants against their refusal to recognize the pollution issue. The monologue runs for nine pages of text, presenting a challenge for any actor, let alone a beginner.

DiNicola plays Peter Stockman, the town mayor who turns against his brother because of the pollution issue.

DiNicola expressed admiration for what Yusah has accomplished in his first role.

"Willi's our anchor, and he's done a phenomenal job of pulling this ship in," DiNicola said. "He's never taken the stage before and now he's taken it full force. He's so truthful in the town scene that, in rehearsal, I broke character and started nodding, agreeing with what he said."

Yusah credits Associate Professor of Theater Davis Robinson, who is directing the play, with helping him master the text and get over his "fear of puking." Robinson, in turn, recognized the work that the actors have done in delving into their characters.

"Because Anthony and Willi have done improv together and because they're friends, the bond that brothers have is already there," Robinson said. "Who knows, they might be enemies by the time it's over."

For Yusah and DiNicola, the reality of Ibsen's play and the decision to stage

AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

When: today, 7 p.m.

Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall, Wish Theater.

Admission: Free.

the play in the round (where the audience is seated around the stage, usually in a circle) furthered their transformation into the Stockman brothers.

"Before I go onstage, my first instinct is to review the lines, but now I just go out and it's action and reaction," Yusah said.

He continued, "The reality of the text and the characters will take care of themselves."

"This play is a huge gift as an actor, with deep, interesting characters," DiNicola said. "I have to be this character, and there's no point where I can be Anthony because the audience will see Anthony. I can't hide a gesture, a breath, a glance. It's a tight little space we're working in and everything counts."

When deciding how to stage the play, Robinson imagined a boxing ring as the central image. By staging it in the round, the audience is always close the action and can see the drama unfold from different perspectives.

"People feel implicated themselves and it's continually reflective," Robinson said. "As an actor, there's nowhere to hide and it's three-dimensional the whole time. You're naked as an actor."

The psychology of Ibsen's play also provided ample material for Robinson and his actors. "An Enemy of the People" poses questions about the minority versus the majority, and what is right versus what is right at the moment.

"Ibsen's good at the nuances of psychological argument," Robinson said. "The real issue is: 'What makes an entire town turn on somebody on what's true? What is the shelf life of a truth? When's the right time to pick a fight?'"

When asked what people should expect from the play, Yusah said, "Let yourself be affected and engaged. Get rid of good and evil."



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1: Willi Yusah '08 stars as Dr. Stockman in the Department of Theater and Dance's spring show, "An Enemy of the People." The play, written by Henrik Ibsen, is part of a semester-long celebration of Ibsen's work that includes puppet shows and films.

Guatemalan schoolchildren show hope in Safe Passage art



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

THROUGH THEIR EYES: The artwork of Guatemalan children hangs in Smith Union. Senior bsz Lovell put together the exhibit, titled "Through My Eyes: Visions of Hope from 5th and 6th Graders in Safe Passage."

BY SARA TENNYSON
STAFF WRITER

Hanley Denning's legacy at Bowdoin began long before her tragic death in January. Camino Seguro,

or Safe Passage, which was founded by Denning in 1999, has been a testament to Bowdoin's mission to serve the common good for almost two decades.

The organization, which works

with poor, at-risk children of families working in the Guatemala City garbage dump, has received three volunteer groups of Bowdoin students since Denning's coordination of an Alternative Spring Break trip to the program's site in 2003. A number of Bowdoin students have made their way to Safe Passage independently.

Liz Lovell '07 spent 10 days during January working with elementary school children as a teaching assistant in an educational reinforcement program. As students in Guatemala City only attend school for half-day sessions, the program facilitates continued education for the remainder of the day and encourages an extended commitment to learning.

Touched by the program's impact on Guatemala City's children, Lovell was compelled to share her powerful experience with the Bowdoin community in an effort to

promote awareness of Denning's program and the volunteer opportunities available.

The result: "Through My Eyes: Visions of Hope from 5th and 6th Graders at Safe Passage." On display in Lamarche Lounge, Lovell's exhibition features artwork done by students at Safe Passage.

"Though the trip was short, I saw the opportunity to bring something big back with me," Lovell said.

She had a vision that the Guatemalan students could share their appreciation for Bowdoin's involvement with Safe Passage, while being commended and rewarded for their enthusiasm for learning.

Lovell provided art supplies and asked students to create images showing what Safe Passage meant to them.

"The kids were extremely responsive and happy to work on the project," she said.

She plans to send them photographs of the exhibit and notes from members of the Bowdoin community to thank them for their work.

"The main goal of this art project was to create an exchange that would benefit the students at Safe Passage, as well as the community here at Bowdoin," she said. "I want the students from Safe Passage to see their work in a gallery setting and understand that people will listen to them and appreciate their commitment to education."

Lovell hopes that the exhibition will promote awareness and involvement among Bowdoin students.

The exhibit opened on Monday evening, with a speech by Professor of History Allen Wells, who specializes in Latin America Studies, about the history of Guatemala

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Starr to regurgitate pool balls, goldfish for Smith Union crowd

BY CAROLYN WILLIAMS
CONTRIBUTOR

A light bulb, a pool ball, goldfish—these are just a few of the things Stevie Starr, also known as The Regurgitator, can swallow and then regurgitate on command. Tonight, Starr plans to make another of many appearances at Bowdoin.

The Regurgitator has visited campus several times, and according to Julia Seltzer '09, co-chair of the Campus Activities Board committee that booked Starr, he's back because of "high student demand."

Co-chair Claire Lewkowicz '09, called him "a Bowdoin legend."

Starr spent the first 18 years of his life in an orphanage in Scotland where he discovered his talent for regurgitating all sorts of unexpected objects.

"He started out swallowing money," said Lewkowicz.

Since then, he has spent 34 years im-

[Starr] also downs a ring, a locked padlock, and key and reproduces the padlock with the ring locked to it. In fact, Seltzer said, "Don't wear a ring to the show if you don't want it to go down his throat."

pressing audiences, and has appeared on numerous shows including "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Howard Stern Show," "Late Night with David Letterman," and "That's Incredible."

His act includes a variety of baffling stunts. He can swallow a jumbled Rubik's Cube and return it solved. He also downs a ring, a locked padlock, and key and reproduces the padlock with the ring locked to it.

In fact, Seltzer said, "don't wear a ring to the show if you don't want it to go down his throat."

When Starr swallows a bowlful of sugar and a glass of water, just the sugar

STEVIE STARR, THE REGURGITATOR

When: Today, 8 p.m.
Where: Morrell Lounge, Smith Union.
Admission: Free.

reappears, completely dry.

Card tricks involving his stomach and regurgitating smoke from his cigarette make up more stunts that Starr has up his sleeve. One of his most popular acts involves goldfish. He swallows them then regurgitates them—alive—and gives them to an audience member.

Bowdoin audiences always anticipate "who gets to keep the goldfish," said Seltzer.

Although neither Seltzer nor Lewkowicz has seen The Regurgitator, they've "heard many stories" and are "excited to witness his talent," stated Lewkowicz. The show starts at 8 p.m. in Smith Union and is free of charge, but Seltzer advised arriving early because "it's usually really crowded and there's limited seating."

BRINGING TRUTH TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



MIKE ARDOUNI, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

SPEAKING THE TRUTH: Using Sojourner Truth's own words, Kathy Woods performs her interpretation of Truth's life on Thursday at Jack Magee's Pub. The event is part of a series of celebrations for Women's History Month.

Alex Weaver's cures for beer fever



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

Beer Fever has the flu. Now, I'm not talking a runny nose and a little muscle ache here. This is the kind of flu where I'm dripping sweat walking through a snowstorm in a T-shirt and absolutely freezing on the third floor of the library.

This is not your one-day bug where you try to tell yourself that you're sick enough to skip class. No, I was actually told by the health center that I am not allowed to attend class for three days. Normally this would come as welcome news to anyone, but somehow, having a hard time swallowing my own saliva seems like a big price to pay for missing a couple of English classes.

So, in the tradition of writing increasingly less-focused beer reviews and instead producing tangential commentaries about what is relevant to my personal life, this week's article is no exception. Without further ado, I present to you the top five alcoholic beverages to consume when you are feeling under the weather. Just be forewarned that unlike the back of that Tylenol bottle, my advice comes with no user guarantee or your money back.

1. Champagnesicles. As we all know, the sore throat is the earliest and perhaps deadliest symptom of an impending illness. If you're like me, you still lean towards those heavenly Ludens cough drops that have every middle schooler secretly wishing to come down with a cough. But if your throat is tightening to the point where dinner needs to be consumed through a straw, you may need something a little more potent. So grab the strongest, nastiest cough drop you can find (because we all know these really work best), and do the following: fill up an ice tray with

strawberry-flavored champagne, drop a cough drop in each section, and garnish each with a popsicle stick. When done, you have the perfect remedy for the scratchy throat blues. After a couple Champagnesicles, your throat will be so numb that the cough drop won't even be necessary. ~~It'll~~ suck down a full tray's worth, and you'll just giggle that cough away.

2. Natty Bismol. No surprises here. In my vast lexicon of cheap beer knowledge, I happen to know for a fact that Natty Light calms the nerves just as much as it settles the stomach. You may think that the stomach rumblings you get around halftime of the big game are from the pile of beer cans that has mysteriously piled up around your feet. Not true—hint: it may have something to do with the pile of salsa con queso jars that have begun to pile up next to the beef jerky and Dead River pizza boxes.

In fact, the only reason you're able to remain seated and watch the game at all is because you have the mild carbonated goodness of Natty Light to calm things down.

Add to one 12-ouncer a capful of Pepto Bismol (or Pepto Bismol Max if you're feeling crazy), and you're pretty much guaranteed that the only thing you'll be feeling down there is giddy butterflies in the heat of competition. For those of you who choke during that big game of flip-cup at halftime, this little homemade remedy may come in handy for you as well.

3. Late night glass of brandy. I learned this one from my girlfriend, who came down with mononucleosis freshman year and was promptly sent home to recuperate.

So the story goes, one night she was about an hour into a Herculean coughing fit when her dad gently knocked on the door and said he had just the thing to put her back to sleep in no time. At the height of her mono-induced delirium, she prob-

ably thought that a nice warm glass of milk and some Advil were lovingly making their way to her bedside. Not exactly.

Instead, she was told to sit up and choke down a nice warm glass of brandy so the rest of the house could finally get some sleep. The best part? Her coughing immediately ceased. Every one got a full night's rest, and she awoke the next morning to find her illness miraculously cured in one night.

Think I'm lying? Call Emma and ask (about the story, not out to dinner).

4. Ted's Hard Green Tea. Whenever Ted gets the sniffles, he indulges himself in perhaps one of the girliest concoctions known to man.

After taking a nice warm bubble bath and popping in season one of "Sex and the City" (he loves being reminded of where it all began), Ted makes himself a delightful, hot cup of green tea and tops it off with some honey, a splash of Mike's Hard Lemonade, and a little pink cocktail umbrella.

This way, when he tears up after one of the girly scenes about how men are such pigs, he can tell himself it's the "booze" talking as he quietly nods in agreement.

I will say, however, that Ted's recovery period from illness is always surprisingly speedy. Personally, I would rather sweat myself through a couple of sleepless nights before lowering myself like this, but maybe he is on to something.

5. Three tequila shots. A Newcastle, and a comfortable bed. Like most of the beverages on this list, number five has no actual medicinal merit whatsoever. But hey, when you're the sick one, you really have free reign to do whatever makes you happy. You want to skip class and watch "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" on repeat? By all means. Think that extra-large pizza and pint of Ben and Jerry's will do the trick? Be my guest.

For those of you who just want to have a nice beer before crawling into bed? Well, I don't see why not either. As I always say (until I have kids, that is): a booze drink a day keeps the doctor away.

BOOK REVIEW

City of New York takes center stage for Gopnik

BY FRANCES MILLIKEN
STAFF WRITER

As a sequel to the narrative that chronicles his family's time in France, "Paris to the Moon," Adam Gopnik brings us "Through the Children's Gate: A Home in New York." The title serves as an accurate, if incomplete, description of what the chapters of this book contain.

Gopnik, as a regular contributor to "The New Yorker," knows New York well. At the very least, he knows multiple facets of the city, which is a veritable maze of intersecting worlds. Gopnik reads the changes that have taken place over the past two decades with a compassionate but rational eye. He admits a wary understanding of the skepticism of native New Yorkers toward the alterations that have diminished the prospect of danger.

These New Yorkers bemoan that the charm of their bustling epicenter has been somewhat dulled with the retreat of crime and the infiltration of "yuppies." Nonetheless, the intrinsic, vestigial appeal of New York is obviously not absent, and its grandiose scale and promise of novelty winks from behind every closed blind.

It seems everyone has a concept of New York, be it based on time spent there, on hearsay, or on one of hundreds of films. The crowds, the wealth, the homelessness, the black attire, the neuroses, and the brusque dismissive quality of the inhabitants are all legendary aspects of the city, which make it New York.

Gopnik is attuned to the fact that New York, as a concept, is so big in itself that inhabiting it means living in one's idea of New York and the daily routine of the city simultaneously. With his narrative, he does not refute the stereotypes, nor

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does he verify them.

Gopnik includes amusing anecdotes that concern visits to his psychologist (supposedly like all New Yorkers, he has one), the frenzied attention that parents bestow upon their children, the hellish search for an apartment that satisfies a fraction of the renter's criteria, and the strained negotiations that take place between neighbors whose ceilings are each other's floors.

He and his family are a part of the idea of New York as much as they are members of reality. The writing in "Through the Children's Gate" is smart and contemporary. His references to the pop culture are frequent though not heavy-handed, and while this method engages the current audience, it becomes difficult to imagine first name references to Tom, Nicole and Demi carrying through to the next century. Although this element might endanger the longevity of his work, he recovers his footing with wonderful anecdotes about his children and his discovery of New York through their eyes.

Gopnik's illustrations of New York resonates accurately and will make many hunger for whatever niche the city's visitors and residents have mapped out for themselves. It is clear through his engaging accounts of the city that New York is a city all its own. Despite the changes that have taken place, and those that are imminent, New York will always have something for everyone, be it horror or an undeniable and somewhat mysterious allure.

Director finally scores Oscar



BY MIKE NUGENT
COLUMNIST

Scorsese finally did it.

After five tries and the endless indignation of his fan base, Martin Scorsese won Best Director on Sunday night and the crowd instantly stood to applaud him.

"Could you double check the envelope?" he nervously asked, but the enormous smile on his face said it all. Scorsese has previously been nominated for films like "Raging Bull" and "Good Fellas" but wasn't even nominated for "Taxi Driver."

Now, all is forgiven. In the end, "The Departed" was the biggest winner of the night, also picking up Best Picture, Adapted Screenplay, and Editing. It was a fitting celebration for a director who has been long overdue for recognition by the Academy.

This, as the peak to the 79th Annual Academy Awards, came nearly four hours in—but you wouldn't have known it. This was a well-produced, entertaining Oscars, and much of the credit should go to the host Ellen DeGeneres.

DeGeneres was engaging in her opening monologue and kept the energy going throughout the night with gags like "Ellen's Oscar Biome," which she designed so the stars could keep their hands free and still carry around their Oscars. Much credit is due to her impeccable comedic timing. For her success on Sunday, DeGeneres deserves to be asked back again in the coming years.

Entertaining vignettes added to the proceedings, like Jack Black and Will Ferrell's skit on how comedy isn't respected, the fantastic dance troupe Pilobolus that made human sculptures of this year's iconic film symbols, and the Sound Effects Chorus.

In the acting categories, most of the



WINNERS OF THE OSCAR CONTEST: Michael Glantz '08, Anne Cathart '08, and Jordan Schiele '07

expected winners were victorious. In her first film performance, Jennifer Hudson won Supporting Actress as a struggling singer in "Dreamgirls." Forest Whitaker earned a Best Actor Oscar for his performance in "The Last King of Scotland," about Idi Amin, the former dictator of Uganda. Hudson is only the third African-American and Whitaker the fourth to win in their respective categories.

Helen Mirren reigned supreme on Sunday as she had all year long, winning Best Actress for her role as Elizabeth II in "The Queen." She is the first actress in her 60s to win the award since the late '80s.

Alan Arkin also is one of the oldest winners of the Best Supporting Actor award. He won for his performance as the foul-mouthed grandpa in the indie crossover hit "Little Miss Sunshine."

Upon winning the award he remarked, "I'm deeply moved by the open-hearted appreciation our small film has received, which in these fragmented times speaks so openly of the possibility of innocence, growth and connection." "Little Miss Sunshine" also won for Original Screenplay.

Though none of them came away with an Oscar in the Best Director category, the three Mexican directors led the international contingent at this year's awards. "Pan's Labyrinth" garnered the next most Oscars of any film, with three wins in technical categories. However, "Pan's" lost in Foreign Film to Germany's "The Lives of Others." "Babel" picked up an Oscar for Original Score.

Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth"

led the socially conscious portion of this year's Oscar telecast and garnered two Oscars, including one for Best Documentary.

Onstage with Leonardo DiCaprio, Gore announced this is the first "green" Oscars ever, applauding Oscar organizers for using environmentally friendly practices to produce the show. Upon winning for Best Song, Melissa Etheridge reiterated this, saying "Caring about the earth is not Republican or Democrat. It's not red or blue. We are all green."

But the night still belonged to Scorsese. If only every Oscars could end with a moment this satisfying.

If you're going to be in the area during spring break, the 10th annual Maine Jewish Film Festival will be happening in Portland from March 17-25. The festival includes both short and feature-length films, and includes fiction documentary features. There's sure to be something worth checking out. Look up www.mjff.org to find out more.

"Little Children," an Oscar-nominated film, is now open at the Eveningstar Cinema in the Tontine Mall. Starring Kate Winslet, Jackie Earle Haley (both nominated), and Patrick Wilson, it tells the story of Sarah and Brad (Winslet and Wilson), adulterous suburban parents struggling with the social conservatism of their community. Directed by Todd Field ("In the Bedroom"), this one is worth a look. Now playing at 3:20 and 7:50 p.m. Check out www.eveningstarcinema.com for more information.

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RUTH MORRISON '07

What's the best album ever made?

RM: Beck's "Mutations" or Michael Jackson's "Thriller"—love the music, not the man.

Who's the greatest living musician?

RM: If I said Ringo Starr, would I lose all my street cred?

What's the best show you've seen live?

RM: How about this instead—the best show I haven't seen live. Greg Brown under a big-top style tent in Bayfield, Wisconsin, this past summer. I love the backwater locales Greg chooses to play. Real funny places, unique places. And though I wasn't there, my folks were, so I still managed to get a signed copy of his new album out of it.

What's the first album you ever bought?

RM: We all have to start some-

where. I started with Amy Grant's "Heart in Motion" on audio tape. No regrets.

What's your music guilty pleasure?

RM: Unexpected, sort of off-color cover tracks are so wonderful. Notables include Mike Doughty doing "Real Love" or Matt Weddle giving "Hey Ya" a minor-key revamp.

If you were the dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

RM: "Beast of Burden" and it would be broadcast every day at 6 p.m., like in Thailand.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

RM: "Make out!"

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City and the community targeted by Safe Passage, as well as Denning's role in the development of the community.

Lovell was pleased with the opening.

"The people who attended the opening were kind enough to write

short notes to the artists, which I will send back to Safe Passage with pictures of the opening," she said. "I hope that people in the Bowdoin community have gained a new understanding of the organization and of Hanley's vision."

"I hope that Bowdoin students are moved enough by the stories they are hearing about Safe Passage to become involved," she continued. "Becoming involved means

anything from volunteering in Guatemala to going on an ASB trip to simply spreading information about Safe Passage beyond Bowdoin. Hanley had an amazing vision and courageously took action to make it a reality. Now it's up to us to carry on her work in any way that we can."

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SPORTS

Men's hockey beats Trinity in NESCAC quarters

A Sunday Bowdoin-Colby final is a distinct possibility

BY EREN MUNIR
STAFF WRITER

Brunswick residents are hoping that 2007 will be remembered as a season of firsts for the Bowdoin Men's Hockey Team. The men have already clinched the first seed in the NESCAC tournament, won the right to act as host for the last two rounds for the first time, and, with a little luck, will capture Bowdoin's first NESCAC crown. This weekend promises to go down as one of the most exciting in the history of the men's hockey program at Bowdoin.

The Polar Bears used six unanswered goals to plow past Trinity 7-3 and earn a 1:00 p.m. showdown with the fifth-ranked Lord Jeffs in the semifinals on Saturday. Dayton will also play host to a match between second-ranked Middlebury and third-ranked Colby at 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, February 24, the eighth-seeded Bantams put a scare into the favored Polar Bears, lead-



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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BATTLE ON THE ICE: Senior Tim McVaugh (4) and sophomore Matt Smith (26) fight for position and the puck in front of the Bantam net in Saturday's 7-3 victory over Trinity in the NESCAC quarterfinals.

Men's squash team ends season on a high note

BY SARAH PODMANICZKY
STAFF WRITER

The men's squash team took two upset wins in the College Squash Association's (CSA) National Championships B Division tournament, also known as the Hoehn Cup, at Yale this weekend.

The team has steadily improved its ranking throughout the season. The Polar Bears made no exception to this trend this weekend, jumping to a 13th-place overall finish (fifth in the Hoehn Cup)—their highest ranking since December 2002 when they reached 11th and their highest season-ending ranking since 2003.

An influx of talented and enthusiastic first years—seven of them, on the 14-person team—promised an especially strong season for Polar Bear squash. Several tough losses early in the season, compounded with injuries, deflated championship aspirations as the team's ranking fell to 17th by January.

Two upsets within 24 hours over Tufts and Brown, at the end of January began the team's upswing, and by February 12, the squad had moved up to 15th in the rankings, securing

its spot within the second eight-team echelon (and thus contenders for the Hoehn Cup).

A stronger and more mature team arrived at Yale last Thursday night, where they prepared to face the strong Amherst team that had twice defeated them in the regular season. While the team played hard, they were unable to topple the Lord Jeffs, seeded second in the Hoehn Cup tournament.

Sophomore Rob Lynn, who took the sole Bowdoin win against Amherst, explained that when it came down to it, "Amherst was better prepared to handle the pressure of nationals than we were."

On Saturday the Polar Bears faced sixth-seed Franklin and Marshall College, to whom they had lost earlier in the season.

"Going up against F&M was definitely a grudge match," said David Funk '10. "They beat us earlier in the season and we knew that we could answer right back."

Hungry for retribution, Bowdoin secured the first of its wins this weekend, 6-3. The first round of Bowdoin matches set the precedent, with wins

from Peter Cipriano at No. 9, Lynn at No. 6, and senior co-captain Zach Linhart, playing No. 3. Fellow senior co-captain Matt Drescher captured a win at No. 1 in four games.

"Drescher played a very hard opponent who he had lost to the first time we played, but he sealed the win for us," said Josh King '10.

Funk and Arun Makhija '10 pulled out five-game victories to bring in the other two points for Bowdoin at No. 4 and No. 8, respectively. Makhija's match required an special amount of "physical and mental toughness," according to Cipriano, because Makhija had been injured for the majority of the season, and this was his first post-injury match.

The seniors' performance against F&M inspired the team in its Sunday 5-4 win over fifth-seed Brown in the consolation finals of the tournament.

"The old guys led the way for the young ones," said co-captain Jake Sack '08, who claimed one of the Polar Bears' wins on Sunday. "Drescher and Linhart had two huge wins in the F&M match, and then Cipriano and Funk won thrilling five gamers in the Brown match to

honor the seniors."

Linhart took a second win of the weekend in four games, and Lynn finished the weekend with a third individual win in three games.

"We knew Brown would be gunning for us after our huge 6-3 upset when we beat them earlier in the season," said King.

The team agreed that its two upset wins created a satisfying end to a season of growth.

"We're already looking forward to next year," said Lynn.

At the same time, the team will miss senior co-captains Matt Drescher and Zach Linhart.

"It was a bittersweet end, because we will have some very big shoes to fill with the losses of Matt and Zach," said Cipriano. "These two guys will most definitely be missed."

"They have been great leaders and players," added Funk.

The Polar Bears also recognized the support of Bowdoin parents and injured teammates.

"They've been incredibly supportive during their injuries and they refuse to give up being part of the team," said Sack.

Nordic ski finishes season

BY EMILY BAIRD
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Nordic Ski Team finished its most successful season to date this past weekend, earning 11th place at the Eastern Championships. Twenty-four-year-old first-year Walt Shepard led the team, finishing seventh in the 10k Freestyle—the highest place ever for a Polar Bear. With junior co-captain Forest Horton finishing 23rd, and senior co-captain Leah Ricci taking 32nd in the woman's 5k Freestyle, these accomplishments represent the culmination of a season dedicated to developing a young and talented team.

This team has only recently emerged as a powerhouse in Maine and a threat to the top Division I and Division III programs in the country. With a field usually dominated by future Olympians and current Junior Olympians, Bowdoin has typically been on the periphery of the radar screen.

Sophomore Tom Cook attributes Bowdoin's "stepping up" to both the experience and skill of Coach Marty Hall, a former U.S. and Canadian national team coach, and to the dedication and talent of new skiers. With the rise of this program, Bowdoin has begun to attract some of the best high school skiers in the country.

Within the last two years, the team has made a big jump in its re-

Women's hockey looks to win NESCACs at Middlebury

BY KATE WALSH
STAFF WRITER

The women's hockey team continues its magical playoff run when the squad travels to Middlebury on Saturday for the NESCAC semifinals and possible finals matchup on Sunday.

Last weekend Bowdoin defeated Trinity 3-1 in the quarterfinals.

The Polar Bears struck first, as Kara Kelly '10 scored at 11:17 in

the first period, assisted by Kristen Cameron '08 and Julia King '09. But with 15 seconds remaining in the opening frame, the Bantams tied the game with a short-handed goal.

The Polar Bears dominated the second period, outshooting Trinity 14-3. At 16:54 Caroline Currie '08 scored the game winner, assisted by Scooter Walsh '09 and Lindsay McNamara '09.

The Bears, however, were not finished, as Jayme Woogerd '07 tallied

another goal with only 22 seconds left in the period.

The third period proved no different, as Bowdoin pressured the Bantams with 16 more shots. With strong backchecking and tight defense, the Polar Bears firmly held onto their 3-1 victory. Goalie Emileigh Mercer '09 had an excellent game, posting 12 saves.

The Polar Bears are looking forward to the challenge of the NESCAC playoffs this weekend, and

believe they have what it takes to bring home the gold.

"Hands down we have the most talented team, but we haven't come close to playing to our potential," said Katie Forney '07.

"Once we figure out how to take our game to the next level, we will return to Bowdoin with a NESCAC championship followed by Bowdoin's first national championship. The talent is there and it's up to us to get on the same page," Forney said.

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TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

DIVING HEAD-FIRST: A Polar Bear dives into the water for a race on Saturday. Bowdoin finished eighth of 11 in the NESCACs, held in Brunswick over the weekend.

Women's indoor takes on Open New Englands

BY LINDSEY SCHICKNER
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin's women's track team had a weekend of season bests as it sent some of its members on to the Open New Englands at Boston University, where the squad faced competition from DI, DII, and DIII schools.

This meet has competitive qualifying marks and Bowdoin sent only two women in individual events. Junior Laura Onderko earned a 10th-place finish and qualified for the NCAAAs with a season-best time of 5:00.93 in the one-mile competition. Senior captain Louise Duffus placed fourth in the best finish of the weekend for a Polar Bear, having already qualified for the NCAA championship the previous weekend.

At this point in the season, Coach Peter Slovenski has put together two relay teams, which he hopes will make it to the NCAAAs in two weeks. The women's 4x400m relay team shattered the school record and earned a provisional qualification for the NCAAAs. Sophomore Alison Pilon, senior captain Gina Campeila, sophomore Erin York, and first-year anchor Haley MacKeil set the new record with a time of 3:56.65, four seconds faster than the previ-

ous record. The distance medley relay, which is comprised of Lindsey Schickner '09 and Ali Chase '09, MacKeil, and Onderko, also qualified provisionally for the NCAAAs with a time just three seconds off the school record.

Also competing in the meet was the women's 4x800m relay, which consists of Schickner, juniors Amy Ahearn and Courtney Eustace, and first-year Dana Riker. The 4x800 came in ninth and ran four seconds off the school record.

"Every runner in each of the relays and every individual competitor truly stepped up to the competition and did exactly what they needed to do to qualify for nationals," Campeila said. "It was incredible to watch and be a part of. I think that this is the first season since I've been a part of the team that I've seen such and incredible amount of talent, depth, and determination."

The relay teams and several other individual athletes will go to Wesleyan this weekend to run at the Eastern College Athletic Conference championship. Both the 4x400 relay and the distance medley relay hope to improve their times to have a better chance of making the NCAAAs, which will be held the following weekend in Indiana.

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Williams swims away with NESCAC gold

BY KATIE YANKURA
STAFF WRITER

The men's swimming team finished eighth for the second year in a row at the NESCAC championships at Bowdoin's Greason Pool over the weekend. Williams College took the championship for the fifth consecutive season.

The Ephs dominated over the rest of the field, finishing with a total of 2,019.5 points, followed by Amherst in second place with 1,308 points and by Tufts in third place with 1,306 points. The most notable individual swims of the meet came from Steve Spinelli '07 of Williams and Rob Collier '07 of Middlebury. Spinelli's time of 9:21.99 in the 1,000-yard freestyle broke the former NESCAC conference record of 9:27.17, set by Amherst's Rob Winoograd in 2002. Collier also broke a NESCAC record with his time of 1:50.39 in the 200-yard butterfly.

Despite swimming in their own pool, the Bowdoin men experienced disappointment in reaching their full potential.

Head Coach Brad Burnham said, "The men's meet was a tough one. I think we all expected more."

Only three swimmers—Max Goldstein '07, Nate Hyde '07, and Sean Morris '10—swam to top-eight finishes in their events.

Last Friday, the first day of the meet, Hyde took eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke, while Goldstein

captured eighth in the 200-yard Individual Medley. In his rookie debut as a Bowdoin swimmer, Morris also excelled, swimming to an eighth-place finish in the 50-yard butterfly.

Despite this strong start, the men struggled in the second day of the competition. Only Goldstein managed to finish in the top eight, with a fifth-place finish in the 400 IM.

"We came out swimming fast on Friday, then got caught a little flat on Saturday," Hyde said. "That being said...I'm proud and impressed with the way the guys bounced back."

He added, "It's not always easy to shake off a disappointing swim, but they found a way to do it anyway."

Burnham particularly commended the efforts of co-captain Hyde.

"We had some fantastic swims from Nate Hyde. I was very proud to see him swim so well in his last meet," he said.

In addition to placing eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke, Hyde also finished 12th in the 200-yard breaststroke, and 18th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

David Wells '10, Matt Kwan '10, Josh Kimball '09 and Goldstein comprised Bowdoin's highest-placing relay team, which came in seventh place in the 800-yard freestyle event.

The NESCAC championship marked the end of the season for the men's swim team, as no members of the team will advance to the final NCAA Division III competition.



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LOOSE PUCK: Greg McConnell '07 (8) and Colin McCormick '10 (25) look down for the biscuit while Colin Hughes '08 (2) chases after the puck in Bowdoin's 7-3 win over Trinity.

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ing by as many as two goals at various points in the quarterfinal game. Trinity's third goal was particularly disturbing for the Dayton faithful after Mike Corbelle '10 worked so hard to narrow the lead to 2-1 with 10 seconds left in the first period.

The Bantams' third goal catapulted the Bears into action. Captain Bryan Ciborowski '07 jump-started this impressive run as he fired a cannon from the right face-off circle. Moments later Ryan Blossom '10 put an exclamation point on a scramble in front of the Trinity net to level the score. Colin Hughes '08 scored the go-ahead

goal off a feed from Tim McVaugh '07 10 minutes into the second period. Hughes passed the hot baton onto the red hot Matt Smith '09, who scored two for Bowdoin. Corbelle notched his second goal six minutes into the final period of the game for a 7-3 Bowdoin victory.

Chris Rossi '10 was spectacular between the sticks, netting 25 saves for the Polar Bears in his first-ever playoff. He made twenty saves in a 36-minute scoreless span from the start of the second period until the end of the game.

The victory ensured that the NESCAC's hottest team, 7-2-0 over the last five weeks, would go on to the semifinals. The 3-0-1 record that the Polar Bears own over the other three semifinalists combined with the untainted 10-0 mark at Dayton

this season has left everyone walking around Brunswick with a quiet confidence recently. That is, everyone except the actual team.

Ciborowski stresses that it is critical the team remains focused before Saturday's game.

"It's going to be a huge game for us," Ciborowski said. "We really have to take it one game at a time and not get ahead of ourselves."

Looking into the crystal ball, a Brunswick Bowdoin-Colby matchup seems possible. If the Bears can defeat the Lord Jeffs and Colby can upset the Panthers, the stage would be set for the newest chapter in the Polar Bear-Mule competition: a showdown in the NESCAC championship.

Ciborowski agreed, "It's going to be a weekend of great rivalries."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BEATS EPHS IN SEMIS



PHOTOS BY MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

MORRELL DRIVE-THRU: Maria Noulas '09 plows past Eph defenders in the first half of Bowdoin's 66-46 victory over Williams in the NESCAC semifinals. Tufts defeated Bates in the other semifinal (also held in Brunswick) to set up the Polar Bears' Sunday championship triumph.

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astounding 62.5 percent from the field while holding the Ephs to a 30 percent mark.

In the championship game on Sunday, the team made only one of its first 14 shots and Tufts held a one-point halftime lead. The Polar Bears once again took control in the second half and, after a 10-1 run early, never looked back.

"In both games we came out dominant in the second half because we really felt a sense of urgency," said senior tri-captain Eileen Flaherty. "A ton of people stepped up and made big plays for us at crucial moments."

The title of NESCAC champion is not new for the Polar Bears. Bowdoin is the only team to win the title in the seven years it has been up for grabs.

"Winning the NESCAC title seven consecutive years feels awesome," said Head Coach Stefanie Pemper. "It's a grueling weekend physically and mentally and to come out on top feels absolutely wonderful."

Flaherty has won a NESCAC championship in all of her four years at Bowdoin.

"It says a ton about our program and how proud of Bowdoin basketball our team is," said Flaherty.

For her efforts over the successful weekend, senior tri-captain Julia Loonin was named NESCAC player of the week. Loonin sparked the Polar Bears' second-half surges in both games, hitting three decisive three-pointers in the second half on Saturday and draining eight second-half points

against Tufts.

"Julia's performance gave me chills," Pemper said. "Her confidence, her leadership, and her skills were out in full force and she is just so fun to watch in those moments. She's a great player."

Loonin was not the only Polar Bear player to be honored this week. Flaherty was nominated for the celebrated Josten's Trophy, awarded each year to Division III's best basketball student-athletes in the nation.

"I'm really flattered to be nominated for such a prestigious award," said Flaherty. "Everyone that is a finalist is so accomplished—I'm really proud to be included in such great company."

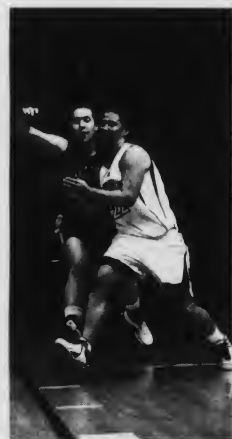
On Wednesday, the NESCAC also honored its best players. Flaherty, the leading scorer in the conference, averaging 18.1 points per game, was named player of the year. She is also the team's leading rebounder, grabbing 6.1 boards a game and the only Bowdoin player to ever reach the 1,700 point plateau. She had scored 1,780 points in her career at the start of her final NCAA tournament. She was also named a NESCAC First-Team All-Star.

"What makes Eileen special is her consistent confidence, her boldness, her team-first attitude and work ethic, and her sportsmanship," said Pemper. "She is humble and she is coachable and as a result she has improved her game and continued to be among the best players in New England for four years."

Sophomore Jill Anelauskas joins Flaherty on the All-NESCAC squad. Anelauskas is averaging 11.6 points



CONFERENCE KUDOS: Eileen Flaherty '09 (left) was named player of the year, and Katie Cummings '07 (center) was named co-defensive player of the year. Jill Anelauskas '09 (right) and Flaherty were both named to the All-NESCAC. First team: Sarah Cox of Trinity, Val Beckwith of Bates, and Maggie Miller of Williams made up the rest of the team.



and 6.0 rebounds per game for the Polar Bears. Senior tri-captain Katie Cummings was also among those honored on Wednesday when she was named Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Cummings stands at ninth all-time with 168 career steals, and led the league with 68 this year alone.

Championship dreams

With the NESCAC trophy in hand, the Polar Bears begin their quest for a national championship tonight. The team is the No. 1 seed in its quarter of the bracket of the NCAA tournament and will play host to first- and second-round

games this weekend. The Polar Bears will look to knock off first-round foe Mt. Holyoke (21-7) today at 7 p.m. To ensure an NCAA tournament bid, the Lyons beat Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference championship last Sunday.

"Mt. Holyoke has one of the better backcourts we've faced all year in Joanna Silvey and Angela Astuccio," said Pemper. "They are very well-coached and they're coming off a big win in the NEWMAC final. Their program has been one of the top in New England the past three years and we expect a great effort and a great game."

The early match-up tonight pits Maine Maritime (25-3) against Keene St. (21-6). The winners of Friday's games will play each other on Saturday at 5 p.m. in Morrell Gym in an NCAA second-round contest.

"I think that even though we think winning NESCACs was great, we have even loftier goals set for ourselves," said Flaherty.

Women's basketball is the only Bowdoin team to have played for a national championship, when it finished second in the nation in 2004. Heading into this year's tournament a favorite, the team hopes to bring a national title to Brunswick for the first time.

The MLB's 10 worst offseason acquisitions



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BY CHRIS ADAMS-WALL
COLUMNIST

For everything that is good in the world, there is something that is equally bad. For every grain of salt there is a speck of pepper. With sunshine there comes rain, with apples come oranges, and with J. Lo comes Chris Judd...and Ben Affleck...and Marc Anthony...and John Travolta? Stay tuned. Suffice it to say though that for most everything in our dear universe, there always appears to be some opposing counterpart that goes hand in hand in these reciprocated juxtapositions.

Last week I wrote a column on the MLB's top-10 acquisitions of the offseason, so, naturally, this week I decided to counter that article with the 10 worst acquisitions, which I enjoyed writing much more. With a total of 30 teams all vying for a World Series Championship, 29 of them will undoubtedly fail; it happens every season, which makes the signing of a player who will not lead your respective team to a title that much more likely. I certainly like my chances in this one.

10. Barry Zito, SP, San Francisco Giants

I still can't believe this is the same guy who went 23-5 back in 2002 to capture his first and only Cy Young Award. Now granted, Zito has been a terrific pitcher so far in his young career, going 102-63 with a 3.55 ERA over the last seven seasons with three all-star appearances. But will all that be worth \$126 million over the next seven seasons? Probably not. Zito is renowned for his idiosyncrasies, which include sleeping with his lucky teddy bear and pink satin pillows while away on the road;

dating singer Hilary Duff; but most importantly, his un-hittable curveball, which has earned the nickname "Captain Hook." However, according to recent reports, Zito is presently in the middle of a windup makeover, and is planning to modify his delivery significantly for '07 to that of his days back in high school, which could definitely spell trouble down by the bay. Not only does the most expensive pitcher in MLB history play the game as callously as one possible can, but now he's going to completely change the way he throws the ball? Good luck, Barry.

9. Gary Matthews Jr., CF, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

If the newly signed Angel could flashback to his days as a rookie, and deliver a speech on his future never-ending journey through the majors five minutes before he took the field on opening day in 1999 with the Padres, I imagine that it would be remarkably similar to that of former presidential candidate Howard Dean's back in 2004: "Not only am I going to San Diego, Mr. Selig. I'm going to Chicago! And Pittsburgh! And New York! And then I'm going to Baltimore! Back to San Diego! And Texas! And then, I'm going to Los Angeles to take back the World Series! YEEEE-AAAAH!" Hopefully the end result will turn out better for Matthews Jr. than it did for Dean. The journeyman outfielder hit an impressive .313 for the Rangers last season with 19 homers and 79 RBIs—all career-highs, earning him a five-year \$50 million deal from the Halos this winter. But with his recent linkage to the steroids scandal in Orlando earlier this week, it's hard not to be skeptical of those kinds of numbers for the veteran switch-hitter. Not even his flawless defense can justify this signing.

8. Jeff Suppan, SP, Milwaukee Brewers

Some players, like Alex Rodriguez, will say that it's not about the money before signing an absurdly rich contract. Jeff Suppan is not one of those people. The former Cardinal opted to stay in his division and join the subordinate Brew Crew for the linkings of \$42 million over four years. The veteran right-hander has a mediocre 106-101 career record with a dismal 4.60 ERA, and will have his hands full with perennial division rivals Houston, Chicago, and St. Louis all season long. Milwaukee will finish fourth, in what will prove ultimately to be an insignificant move for both parties.

7. Adam Eaton, SP, Philadelphia Phillies

Phillies General Manager Pat Gillick did a great job this offseason trading for starter Freddy Garcia, keeping outfielder Pat Burrell, and bringing in role players like catcher Rod Barajas and third baseman Wes Helms. But signing the player that is seventh on my list is a move that I am still struggling to comprehend. Since entering the league back in 2000, Eaton has never had an ERA lower than 4.08, nor has he ever won more than 11 games in one season. Last year with Texas, the former Padre went 7-4 with a 5.12 ERA in 13 starts, and those numbers should perpetuate—if not skyrocket—in moving to the hitter-friendly confines of Citizens Bank Park. Eaton is also notorious for injuring himself, most bizarrely in 2001 when he stupidly stabbed himself in the stomach while attempting to open a DVD package with a paring knife. It is apparently these kinds of antics that land you a \$24 million contract.

6. Juan Pierre, CF, Los Angeles Dodgers

Arguably one of the best leadoff hitters in the game, Pierre will relocate once again, this time from the

Windy City to Hollywood where he will make his new home at Chavez Ravine. The nimble 29 year old hit .303 (.292 career) last year for the Cubs with 13 triples and 58 stolen bases, while playing solid defense as well. So why is this move so terrible again? Because the Dodgers already had speedster Rafael Furcal and didn't need to go buy a new one for \$44 million—the same amount of cash that might have paved the way to signing more of an impact player, someone like Alfonso Soriano.

5. J.D. Drew, RF, Boston Red Sox

Here's another injury waiting to happen. In eight full seasons, Drew has surpassed the 140-game mark just twice, which by itself should be incentive enough not to bring this guy onboard for one year, let alone five. For \$70 million, the Red Sox signed Drew (.283, 20, 100), who has one of the sweetest swings in baseball, but who will also undertake the daunting task of replacing long-time fan-favorite Trot Nixon this year out by Pesky Pole. The passionless Drew claims that he is up for the challenge, but just wait until Beantown's new No. 5 hitter feels the intense pressure of a Yankee-Red Sox late-season matchup, and is then caught looking on a game-ending third-strike cutter by Mariano Rivera...or just wait until his shoulder gives out by mid-May.

4. Sidney Ponson, SP, Minnesota Twins

Last week I was reading the first Power Rankings for the 2007 season on a particular sports Web site, and to my astonishment, the Twins were ranked first. It's true that they have the best pitcher in baseball in two-time Cy Young Winner Johan Santana, A.L. batting champ Joe Mauer, and A.L. MVP Justin Morneau. But then I looked at everything else...mainly Ponson. In 2006 for the Cardinals and Yankees, the overweight

Aruban went 4-5 with an atrocious 7.86 ERA. And with youngster and No. 2 pitcher Francisco Liriano out for all of this season, the Twins are expecting Ponson to be a reliable four...or even worse, a three.

3. Julio Lugo, SS, Boston Red Sox

This is simple: He is a defensive liability at shortstop, and after playing a utility role for half of last season with the Dodgers he is (somehow) set to make \$9 million this year...twice as much as reigning AL MVP Justin Morneau.

2. Gil Meche, SP, Kansas City Royals

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands! You can bet that this was the only tune on Meche's iPod on-route to his new team's press conference earlier this winter. Meche arrives in KC with a respectable career record of 55-44 with a 4.65 ERA. It's not that Meche is a bad pitcher; it's just that he's not worth anywhere remotely close to \$55 million over five years. And hey, he could actually put together a nice little season, especially if third base prospect Alex Gordon is the real deal; the team just won't go anywhere. It would have just been far more prudent for them to have signed someone who would have helped them win everyday, like say, Gary Matthews Jr.—at least he gives entertaining speeches.

1. Barry Bonds, LF, San Francisco Giants

I wish I could leave my reasoning blank; I really do. But since I can't, I'll just say that at 42 years old, Bonds' endurance is disappearing faster than Britney Spears' hair, and although he can still hit the ball a mile, paying him \$16 million for one season is insane, especially with his countless defensive lapses and meager durability. Oh, he'll break the record. But nobody likes a cheater...not even an alleged one.

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SCOREBOARD
Sa 2/24 v. Trinity (NESCAC first round) W 3-1

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Sa 3/3 v. Amherst (NESCAC Semifinal) 2:00 P.M. at Middlebury

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SCOREBOARD
Sa 2/24 v. Williams (NESCAC semifinal) W 66-46

Su 2/25 v. Tufts (NESCAC final) W 64-48

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F 2/23-Middlebury Carnival 11th of 17
Sa 2/24

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SCOREBOARD
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F 3/2 at ECAC (Wesleyan) 6:00 P.M.
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F 2/23 v. Amherst (at Yale, Nationals) L 8-1

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sults, doubling or even tripling the number of top 30 finishes and beating NESCAC rivals including Colby and Williams and Ivy League competitors including Harvard.

Bowdoin's program is unique in this competition, as team results are calculated by adding the points from both alpine and nordic races, automatically placing Bowdoin at a disadvantage in final standings due to its lack of an alpine team. Overall, carnival results do not reflect the strength of the team, as Bowdoin's program remains strong despite it getting bottom results.

The lack of an alpine team is only one of the many challenges the Polar Bears have had to overcome this year. At the start of the season, the Polar Bears contended with a lack of snow, training on roller skis instead and traveling as far north as Rumford, Maine, in search of snow. The team was hit with a bout of the flu, but still managed to pull through and make a name for itself.

In spite of these setbacks, the team has been training since October and will continue to compete this spring in non-collegiate marathon and Junior Olympic competitions, already preparing for next year's events.

Over the next few weeks, Colman Hatton '10 will compete in the Junior Olympics in Soldier Hollow,

Utah—the same place where the Salt Lake City Olympic nordic events were held. Shepard, a biathlete, is going to be competing in the U.S. National Biathlon Championships in Presque Isle, Maine. Other athletes may attend races at the Canadian National Championships.

"Bowdoin is now the team to beat in Maine," said Shepard. "For the first time in a while, Bowdoin is the team perennial rivals Colby and Bates look to beat. This team is creating a legacy for itself."

Although races take place off campus and often in distant states, the successful numbers put up by the team this year show how it is a team of talent, and one to keep an eye on in the future.



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Internship credit policy

As students soon to enter the workforce, we find ourselves baffled by the premier paradox of the "real world": You can't find a job without experience, but you can't get experience without a job. The way to surpass this dilemma, we've been told, is to land a summer internship. With internships on our resumes, we are no longer deemed "inexperienced," and come graduation, we can compete for spots in an increasingly selective job market.

That is, if we can even land the internships in the first place. Students from all over the country are desperate to gain hands-on experience in the industries of their choice, and employers have come to realize that whether or not they offer paid positions, hordes of applicants will be knocking down their doors in an effort to "break into the field." Consequently, many businesses and non profits offer for-academic-credit-only internships, a policy that in no way diminishes the competitive nature of the intern selection process, since unpaid experience is still experience, and experience is still the deciding factor between landing a job after graduation and moving back home.

While many students might be willing to take unpaid offers if for no other reason than to get their feet in the door, these organizations have made it clear that students must receive academic credit for their colleges, a stipulation that allows organizations to get away with not paying their interns. Students cannot simply "volunteer" for an advertising agency or a publishing firm—they must provide official documentation from their college that they are, in fact, getting something out of their experience besides just that—experience.

Because of Bowdoin's commitment to liberal arts education, the College does not award academic credit for internships. If a student wishes to pursue an unpaid internship, he or she can request that the Career Planning Center (CPC) write a letter in support of him or her to the potential employer, stating that while credit will not be awarded, the College does "encourage internships," according to the CPC's Web site.

We wonder how successful such a conversation will be when a number of competitors, who are playing by the organization's rules, also apply. In our experience, the encouragement of Bowdoin does little to persuade the organizations.

Another option for a student aiming for an unpaid internship is to ask a professor to sponsor his internship as part of an independent study that will be completed upon return to campus in the fall. Of course, if the student were to drop his independent study before the start of the semester, no employer would ever know. While we would like to think that students would not work to intentionally mislead potential employers in this way, there is nothing stopping students from taking advantage of this evident loophole.

It seems to us that if Bowdoin graduates are to continue to be competitive in their fields, the College must find a way to make students eligible for academic-credit-only internships. There is no silver bullet for this problem. Of course, employers who can afford to pay interns could and should start compensating them for the valuable work they do, but since this is not going to happen anytime soon, the College should work to find a solution. For instance, it could award half-credits for internship programs or create an independent study policy conducive to internships. The current system, which either makes students unattractive candidates in competitive fields by requesting that they receive special treatment or requires students to manipulate the system, cannot stand.

As Bowdoin students, we may be "at home in all lands and all ages," but our eagerness to serve the common good will be quickly lost on many potential employers who see our internship-free liberal arts resumes as stark.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Science behind anthropogenic global warming convincing

To the Editors:

As a scientist in the field of climate, I feel compelled to reply to Zachary Linhart's piece on global warming (2/23). Since space is limited, I can't fully address the many topics Linhart raised. Instead, I'll stick to a few highlights.

While I agree that politicians and the press are generally a poor source of objective information on the topic, I strongly disagree with the majority of Linhart's assertions. Some are simply false: "Surface temperature readings only show warming in the past 30 years." In fact, temperatures have been climbing almost continuously since 1910 (with a brief decline in the 1940s). Others are misleading: "Many other scientists worldwide are not convinced that global warming is being caused by humans." Many scientists maybe, but very few (two, three, maybe 10) who have done serious work on climate change, and I know of only one who has published recently in support of this position in the peer reviewed scientific literature. Even Linhart's favorite (Richard Lindzen) has not done active research on climate in several years. Furthermore, his climate work was closely examined in the years since and proved incorrect. His old papers are still in journals, but scholars in the field recognize that subsequent publications supersede earlier work. Science marches on.

So how do you assess an arcane, fast-moving field? The world's political leaders asked this question 19 years ago, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was the answer. For the IPCC, more than 600 active climate scientists from all over the world created consensus documents after 600 others reviewed the drafts. If you really want

guidance, read the IPCC report for yourself.

You'll find that the likelihood is at least 90 percent that the recent warming is anthropogenic. Of course it's not "certain," but that brings up my last point: If you had a gun with 10 chambers and nine bullets, would you point it at yourself and pull the trigger, or would you stop to unload it?

Sincerely,

Mark Battle

Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Linhart's argument is deficient, lacking common sense

To the Editors:

Last week, Zachary Linhart tried to generate doubt about the necessity of acting swiftly to halt global warming. The reasoning was blatantly deficient in several areas. First, he referenced the IPCC in saying that "there is still a 10-percent chance that global warming is completely unrelated to humans." True. But if the forecast says 90-percent chance of rain, do you pack an umbrella? Of course you do. The same common sense should hold when we hear the climate forecasters give us the same odds, especially when the consequences are potentially so much graver than a soaked T-shirt.

Second, Linhart criticizes Kyoto on the grounds that it does not regulate India or China. This has been a long-standing and frankly immature objection of Kyoto. America is responsible for decades of massive carbon pollution, while China, and especially India, though they are culpable, are infant polluters compared to us. We must pioneer strategies of sustainability before they can be compelled to follow.

Third, rather than citing the failed attempts at responsible technological adaptation and leaving it at that,

I challenge Linhart to offer a cogent argument for nuclear power. That would be a debate worth having.

Sincerely,

Colin Beckman '07

90-percent chance leaves little room for doubt, controversy

To the Editors:

There is no controversy over whether global warming is happening or whether humans are causing it. Zachary Linhart mentions in his own piece that the government-sponsored panel on climate change finds that there is a 90-percent chance that humans are causing global warming. Linhart says that "there is still a 10-percent chance that global warming is completely unrelated to humans."

If there was a 9:1 chance that we would be attacked by al Qaeda with nuclear weapons, do you think Republicans would sit on the sidelines and ignore the threat?

I'm confused by those who think environmental activists have another agenda, while simultaneously defending the Republicans who have been proven to be pressuring government climate scientists to downplay the threat. If we take steps to end global warming, what do the activists stand to gain? What does the GOP stand to lose?

Even if humans aren't causing global warming, we should still save energy, reduce waste, and use resources more efficiently, because it's profitable. Just because global warming might not be "our fault" doesn't mean we shouldn't try to mitigate the effects.

This would never be printed in a major newspaper, and I hope for the sake of the credibility of the opinion section that the staff looks more closely at these articles in the future.

Sincerely,

Alex Locke '10

Washington behind Bowdoin tradition

BY WILLIAM C. WATTERSON

The Reverend Joseph McKeen's oft-quoted passage on liberal education and the common good comes from an address which he delivered in 1802 as part of the inauguration ceremony which established him as the first president of Bowdoin College. The speech was published as a pamphlet in Brunswick in the same year by the printer Joseph Griffin. It has since been reprinted in its entirety in "Bowdoin" 62, No. 3 (Summer 1989) and is extremely well-known to members of the College community. Here are its two most famous sentences:

"It ought always to be remembered, that literary institutions are founded and endowed for the common good, and not for the private advantage of those who resort to them for education. It is not that they may be enabled to pass through life in an easy or reputable manner, but that their mental powers may be cultivated and improved for the benefit of society."

As a matter of fact, McKeen in the above quotation is paraphrasing a

similar formulation he made in 1800 when he preached the Election Day sermon in the State House before the Massachusetts Legislature in Boston on May 28. The climactic paragraphs of that sermon pay tribute to George Washington, who died on December 14, 1799. In McKeen's homage, the late president is represented as exhorting the elected officials to put the "good" of their constituents above their own self-advancement in language quite similar to that quoted above:

"Imagine, honored fathers, that ye hear him [Washington], though dead, yet speaking to you. And is not his language to this effect? Remember that you are not elevated to your present places for personal emolument, but for the good of your fellow mortals, whose happiness in life depends much on your conduct."

In McKeen's inaugural address *vis a vis* his earlier Election Day sermon "good" becomes the "common good" and "personal emolument" (a phrase actually used by Washington in his first inaugural address as president of the United States in 1792) becomes "private advantage." In the second, arguably pithier version of the idea of placing service above self, the McKeen of 1802 effectively borrowed from the McKeen of 1800, who had himself in turn paraphrased in quotation marks the father of our country in the early years of the republic. We can therefore only conclude that George Washington is the posthumous "ghost writer" of Bowdoin's most famous founding principle.

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Sex? Singing? Stacking up the stacks



A SOJOURN IN A
CIVILIZED LIFE

BY ANNIE MONJAR
COLUMNIST

I'm writing this column in perhaps what is the single most dingy, and yet most revered and mythical place on our campus. It is surrounded by sexual urban legend, and frequented by Bowdoin students in their most academically diligent states. The most glorious sunny day in Maine would not be able to bring more than a few lonely rays of light into this place, and yet I'm never more motivated than when I'm here. Here, even Facebook can't find me.

Everyone knows and talks about the stacks, and yet somehow it happens that no one is ever here. If I had a quarter for every time I heard a student say, "Dude, I've got so much to do tonight. I'm gonna have to go look myself in the stacks," I'd be able to do a lot more laundry (but let's not beat a dead horse with that one). This makes me wonder, where the heck is everyone? If this is used as one of the most common "nose to the grindstone" places at Bowdoin, why is it virtually always empty? Seriously, I just did a lap around the second floor. No one.

It's gotten to the point where, if someone else is on the same floor as me, I need to go elsewhere. I'll hear movement across the floor by someone other than myself, catch my breath in fear, see feet shuffle toward the door to walk about a quarter of a mile to the bathroom, and have to leave. And I can only assume others have been doing this as well, because whenever someone else is on a floor, they're the only one there. That means that only five people can comfortably study in the stacks at a time.

This scarcity, though, has its benefits. Frustrated workers can pace, sing,

The stacks have taken on a small hint of naughtiness ever since...our tour guides told us that the reason that the floors are fogged is so that no one could see up girls' skirts when the College went co-ed. Ooooooh.

burp, fart, type, talk, and even make out as loudly as they want and they'll be no angry sighs to hinder them. In fact, I'm currently violently humming to the "OC Soundtrack" and pounding on the keyboard with full force (this authoritative typing is saved only for my most special of columns, by the way). Everything else in that list I'm not doing, but if I decided to, you would never know, now, would you?

Which is a not-really-very appropriate segue into the next stacks intrigue: How many times has game of "10 Fingers" led to "never have I ever hooked up in the stacks"? Over the years, it seems like a lot of sexual activity has taken place on these fogged up floors. I look above me, to see if there's any sign of activity, but apparently this is not a popular Wednesday dinnertime occurrence. My guess is that the stacks have taken on a small hint of naughtiness ever since we all heard our parents giggle when our tour guides told us that the reason that the floors are fogged is so that no one could see up girls' skirts when the College went co-ed. Ooooooh.

(As an update, my theory was just proved: Someone came on to the second floor, looked around, saw me angrily typing and singing "Orange Sky," and left. Wuss.)

My question, however, to the kids who choose to mack in the stacks (hehe), is this: to my right are sitting 35 volumes of dusty, grimy "Deutsches Wörterbuch von Grimm." I don't know what it means, but it doesn't sound friendly, and it smells even worse. To my left, "God Was Born in Exile." I can only guess with that one. Is this a par-

ticularly romantic atmosphere? Unless you've got some really strange thing going for German encyclopedias, my guess is no. And even aside from the sort of shady content of the stacks' volumes, it really isn't much to look at. Unless you're okay with a radiator, a stone-cold windowsill, a hardwood chair, a glass floor, or against some Cicero that looks like it hasn't been noticed since someone sneezed on it in 1978, your location options for putting down that extra finger in "Never Have I Ever" are pretty slim.

But sex-in-stacks aside, the appeal of this library is kind of a non-sequitur. It's not very cozy, although blasting hot air from the radiator sometimes, nor are the walls of cement and thunderous sounds of moving chairs very inspiring. Dungeon-esque as it seems, that very isolation really is the true draw of this place. There really are few other places where distraction is almost a non-option. There really is nowhere to go in the stacks, unless you want to go to the fourth floor and check out the biographies. The union seems about as distant as Bosnia. Even the bathroom's too far away to get up and move away from your work. You're pretty much stuck here until you have some really pressing need to leave.

I guess that really does explain why it is that no one ever comes here. If you drink a lot of water, you'll have to do a lot of walking. If you want atmosphere with your organic chemistry, this is not your place. But, if you go to the second floor, you'll probably be able to have a personal performance of "California."

Syntax and superiority: How to be pretentious

BY JACOB DALY

Where do we find ourselves, fellow Bowdoinians? The answer: in a world of rhetoric of which we do not know the limit, and believe that it has none. Looking around, we see the countless arguments won and lost behind us, and ahead of us, the endless number that await. Unfortunately, it seems that our preparations for entering this world of political polemizing and polemic politicizations, while giving us the tools to handle ourselves, have passed them off too hurriedly, and we cannot fully grasp our ability to navigate this world elegantly.

Fear not, refugees from the hazards of Academia, you too can embrace the techniques some of your classmates clearly wield with gusto. You, too, can master the art of pretentiousness.

The most important aspect of the pretentious voice is its painfully strict adherence to grammatical rules. You have to pull out every minor detail from every grammar lesson through which you have ever sat, and use each fully. For instance, never use contractions, and never, ever, end a sentence with a preposition. In academic combat, this is the equivalent of tying together your shoelaces. I once witnessed two men experienced in the pretentious arts battle back and forth, to and fro, for hours over a truly mundane proposition. One misstep, a "Where did that come from?" after a scintillating series of adjectival jabs, brought down utter destruction on the surprised party's head. The correct counter, obviously, would have been "From where did that come," or better yet, "Whence did that come?" The passive voice is equally damning, and dangling participles are certified death wishes.

Proper syntactic constructions and pointed diction carry most through their treacherous encounters in Academia. The key part of speech in pretentious syntax is the adjective: Generously employing qualifiers, even when absolutely unnecessary, can deliver the most painful blows, and end many confrontations. Even the simplest statement—"Joe goes to class"—benefits enormously from the addition of qualifying words and phrases. "Joe, that bright, young, starry-eyed Bowdoin student runs off to his morning lecture about the fascinating obsession of the peoples of New Guinea with yams." While adding description, however, you must choose your words with the utmost consideration of their effects. Your diction will always determine the impact of your syntax, and vice versa. Forcing your listener's attention from Joe to the stars, Bowdoin, New Guinea, and yams is a veritable checkmate in any discussion: He will have to withdraw out of disorientation. The masters of pretentiousness inevitably move to more advanced techniques—hyperbole, anaphora, metonymy, synecdoche, chiasmus, plosche, and the extremely difficult

triply inverted alliterative negative.

The best voice in the world cannot help you, though, without the proper self-image behind it. Luckily, there are several things you can do to inform your opponents that you are, in fact, smarter and better equipped to argue them into submission. Unfortunately, it would be a breach of etiquette to admit our right, "I am smarter than you are." The most popular way to circumvent this technicality is to prove the outstanding reach of your intellect. Where syntax and diction end, allusions and quotation can complete the task. Let us take our example from earlier, only now Joe returns with Trobriand yams on the brain. Clearly, the lecture liquefied his mind, erased his capacity for advanced thought, and imbued him with an utter hatred of yam, and an eternal image of the yam as a cruel slave driver. A simple allusion, added to the previously described method, increases the pretentiousness, and therefore overall effect, of the statement exponentially. "As once did Odysseus, so Joe returns from the horrific tortures of war, his mind rendered useless by silted yams, his feet the unaffected sailors trudging difficultly on toward his destination."

Another ingenious method of asserting your superiority is the mention of other intellectuals by name, whether for comparison or outright insult. Rather than compliment yourself, extend an outrageous commendation to another practitioner of pretentiousness who was, at some time, in a similar position. The position to which you refer can also accomplish much of the self-aggrandizement for you. For instance, if I wanted to assert that I am a great writer, I would compliment my predecessors, perhaps saying they were geniuses, or legends even. The alternate option is criticism of my forbears, portraying myself as having far greater ability and intellect. I would prove that a professed expert in my field is in reality a charlatan. Harold Bloom, for instance, is a widely revered master of pretentiousness. To use Bloom for my purpose, I would criticize some minute aspect of his work, like his praise of authors on book jackets. "Bloom illogically asserts," I might say, "that this author has anything of value to say. He misunderstands the toothless intent of the author's drive!"

What I have given you here, of course, is only an introduction to the delicate art of pretentiousness. Carry these tools with you, and feel their power behind you in whatever argument you undertake. With them, my fellow students, you will be unstoppable rhetorical machines. Go now and wage war on any and all who disagree with you. The very existence of Academia relies on the points you sharpen, the words you fling, and the spirits you crush.

Daly is a member of the Class of 2009.

Learning to embrace the examined life

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A wise man once philosophized about diversion. He stated that the only true path to happiness is immortality. This obviously posed a formidable challenge to humans. He then went on and described our tendency to dive into distractions, to avoid thinking about our ephemerality. This wise man was Blaise Pascal, who died in 1662. If I were to surmise about life in the 17th century, I probably would have assumed it was rather distraction-free. Pascal's example of diversion was a hunt. One would search for a rabbit all day in order to shoot it as a prize, while he would not have accepted the same bloody carcass as a gift if someone had wanted to save him the trouble. Pascal states, "We are not looking for this soft peaceful existence which allows us to think about our unfortunate condition...but the bustle which distracts and amuses us—The reason we prefer the hunt to the kill."

In the 21st century, distraction is ubiquitous. We watch "BCNews" in the Union while walking to class. We listen to iPods during a run in the Commons. While riding an exercise bike in Watson, one is bombarded with a television and radio potpourri while reading *US Weekly*. Despite our relatively serene environment, the only time I meet silence at Bowdoin is in the Tower elevator. However, the exceedingly awkward nature of elevators generally trumps any lack of distraction I might find there. Almost

every waking moment is filled with some sort of diversion.

Professional athletes and Hollywood stars, who have little practical value in society, tend to be the wealthiest. Have you ever asked yourself why? We enjoy saturating our minds in their performances during our free nights and weekends, living vicariously through their often dismal life choices. A week after the fact, three major network news stations were still airing "news" about Anna Nicole's body. Three. Rare is the individual who removes himself during vacations. Rather, most congregate in overcrowded theme parks and tacky beaches, filling their free time with amusement. Pascal's 17th century observation regarding our quest for diversion seems to be alive and accelerated in 21st-century life.

When was the last time you thought? And I do not mean thought about a test, a job offering, a member of the opposite sex, or grades. I mean really thought. The kind of thinking that earns the label "pense" or "meditation." Pondered life's purpose. Contemplated existence. Why are we here? Generally the only time we think of such things is when a friend or loved one dies, and we take a step back to face the limits of our humanness. We too often take our lives for granted.

The first time I ever thought about any of this was as a result of my friend falling asleep at the wheel and flipping his truck three times on the highway. He miraculously survived. Was it a miracle? How did he not die? Why

did he not die? Is there a why? The greatest thinkers are often those who have brushed with death, or to again borrow from Pascal, faced the "horrific punishment" of imprisonment. It happened to Pascal. Dostoevsky stood in front of a firing squad that shot blanks. I do not find it mere coincidence that those who have the most to say to us are those who had their diversion stripped away from them. They were forced to confront the meaning of life at its very core.

Let's try it. Let's try thinking. Turn off the "Saved by the Bell" rerun. Put the Playstation on pause. Tune out life's distractions and think about that which is constantly being distracted. Historically, the results have been wild. Descartes locked himself in a room and came up with a proof for God. Buddhist monasteries located in remote Tibetan mountains remove everyday diversions in order for monks to attain Nirvana. Some of our greatest literature came from those confined to prison: Boethius, Paul, Solzhenitsyn, Frankl, and Mandela. Our packed schedules and distraction-filled lifestyles prevent such thought, and we lose life itself in all the noise. We often think of how we might succeed. We might even go so far as to ask how we can succeed and do good. Rarely ever do we ask why we should. If "the unexamined life is not worth living," let's turn off the iPod sometime; it is probably worth thinking about.

Lockhart is a member of the Class of 2008.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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FRIDAY

DINNER

Plates for Change

Sponsored by Campus Kitchen, this charity dinner will benefit the MidCoast Hunger Prevention Program in an effort to end hunger in Brunswick. \$10 per person. Ladd House. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

FILM

"Manhattan"

Woody Allen's 1979 film documents love's impact on unhappy New York couples. Sponsored by the Bowdoin Film Society. Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

FUNDRAISER

ASB Coffeehouse

In support of the Alternative Spring Break trip to Puerto Rico, bring a few dollars to this coffeehouse featuring live music by students. Refreshments will be served. Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center. 7:30 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

The Regurgitator

Stevie Starr will perform his famous act in which he swallows and regurgitates a variety of things. He is well-known for his goldfish act. Preview, page 11. Morrell Lounge, Smith Union. 8 p.m.

THEATER

"An Enemy of the People"

This tragedy is a story of conflict within a community. No tickets needed. Preview, page 10. Wish Theater, Memorial Hall. 7 p.m.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

TOUCH OF SPRING: A bird of paradise blooms in the atrium of Druckenmiller Hall.

SATURDAY

CLASSES

Ballroom Blitz Workshop

The Polar Bear Swing club will sponsor lessons in tango, swing, and foxtrot. The night will end with a few hours of free dance time. No experience is required. Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall. 1 to 8 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

"Sukukis: Native American Drum Circle"

This drum concert will be performed by members of the Penobscot nation. Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union. 2:30 to 4 p.m.

FUNDRAISER

Poker Palooza

Organized by Howell House, this poker tournament will benefit "In Our Hands," a reading assistance project. Tickets are \$10 at the Smith Union info desk and \$15 at the door. Morrell Lounge, Smith Union. 4 p.m.

FILM

"Manhattan"

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

"An Enemy of the People"

Wish Theater, Memorial Hall. 7 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Panel Discussion on Abortion

Sponsored by Residential Life, the panel will include members of the Bowdoin and Brunswick communities. Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center. 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

FILM

"Billy the Kid"

This full-length documentary by New York film director Jennifer Vendetti chronicles the life of a student at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham, Maine. Open to the public. Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 6 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Sunday Mass

Moulton Union. 9 p.m.

MONDAY

LECTURE

"Havana's Past: Looking Toward the Present and Future"

The director of the Honors Program at the University of Massachusetts-Boston will speak to the community. Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 6 p.m.

LECTURE

"Lessons from the Northern Ireland Peace Process"

Andrew Sens, a member of the Commission of Decommissioning, will lecture to the Bowdoin community. Quinby House. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

FILM

International Women's Day

In correlation with Women's History Month, the Women's Resource Center and the Department of Gender and Women's Studies will sponsor the screening of "The Shape of Water," with a dinner to follow. Women's Resource Center. 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MEETING

BSG Meeting

The student body is welcome to attend the Bowdoin Student Government meeting. This will be the last meeting before classes resume after Spring Break. Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall. 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

CONCERT

Ursus Verses and BOKA

This a capella concert will be the first time that these two groups collaborate. Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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Facebook note opens discussion on race

BY MARY HELEN MILLER
ORIENT STAFF

When a group of students attended a party at an off-campus house several weeks ago, they heard comments that made them feel unwelcome because of their race. Hurt and frustrated by the incident, Tida Lam '07, one of the offended students, wrote a note on Facebook about what had happened at the party.

The note, titled "Did you know that you have to be white to feel welcome?" elicited more than 90 posted comments from Facebook users, the vast majority of whom were Bowdoin students. Some comments attacked the person who allegedly made the offensive comments at the party, while other comments offered thoughts on the larger topic of race at Bowdoin.

Not only has Lam's note sparked a conversation on Facebook and on campus about race issues at Bowdoin, but it has also raised questions about the merits of using the Internet, particularly Facebook notes, to discuss specific incidents and broader issues.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Multicultural Student Programs Wil Smith said communicating through a Facebook note is almost the same as a student of the past standing on the Quad with a bull horn or handing out flyers.

However, he said, "Facebook reaches larger communities than the flyers or the bull horn could have ever imagined."

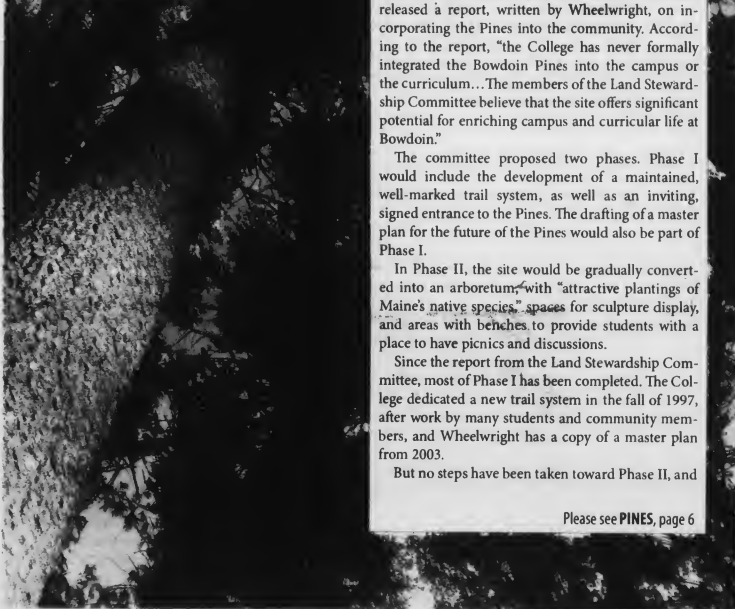
Although such a tool expands the

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Lonely pines

You've heard of them, but have you visited them? Some professors say that the Bowdoin Pines have greater potential.

BY NAT HURZ
PHOTO BY MIKE ARDOLINO



On a walk through the Bowdoin Pines, a visitor may encounter various flora and fauna, from sarsaparilla to song sparrows. One species, however, is harder to find: the Bowdoin student.

The Bowdoin Pines, located behind Cram Alumni House on Federal Street, have long been an icon of the College. According to the College's Web site, an alumni newsletter and literary society have been named for the Pines, and pine boughs adorn college paraphernalia.

But one professor, Nat Wheelwright of the biology department, thinks that the College could make better use of the land. Wheelwright says that the Pines should be more integrated into Bowdoin's curriculum, as well as into the fabric of the community.

"Everyone on campus should be using it," he said.

In 1996, Bowdoin's land stewardship committee released a report, written by Wheelwright, on incorporating the Pines into the community. According to the report, "the College has never formally integrated the Bowdoin Pines into the campus or the curriculum...The members of the Land Stewardship Committee believe that the site offers significant potential for enriching campus and curricular life at Bowdoin."

The committee proposed two phases. Phase I would include the development of a maintained, well-marked trail system, as well as an inviting, signed entrance to the Pines. The drafting of a master plan for the future of the Pines would also be part of Phase I.

In Phase II, the site would be gradually converted into an arboretum, with "attractive plantings of Maine's native species, spaces for sculpture display, and areas with benches to provide students with a place to have picnics and discussions."

Since the report from the Land Stewardship Committee, most of Phase I has been completed. The College dedicated a new trail system in the fall of 1997, after work by many students and community members, and Wheelwright has a copy of a master plan from 2003.

But no steps have been taken toward Phase II, and

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No birth control solution in sight

College will continue to offer emergency contraception at no cost to students

BY ANNE RILEY
ORIENT STAFF

After the College abruptly lost its contract with contraceptive manufacturer Organon in early February, college officials scrambled to find a solution that would allow them to continue distributing birth control to women on campus at low costs. However, both routes pursued by the College—buying in bulk with peer schools and purchasing generic versions of the previously available contraceptives—have been largely abandoned by the health center.

"The coalition is not happening," said Student Health Program Administrator Caitlin Guthrie, referring to the first possibility. "That fell apart."

The initial plan to create a consortium with other Maine colleges to purchase birth control at reduced prices was abandoned when other schools turned to alternate suppliers instead, according to Staff Nurse and Clinical Care Coordinator Wendy Sansone.

"They have the staff and the means to manage a cash operation," Sansone said.

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College finalizes changes for April housing lottery

BY GEMMA LEGHORN
ORIENT STAFF

Housing plans for next year were finalized this week when Residential Life released the 2007 Housing Lottery Information online. Changes for next year include upperclass students in East and West halls, a new quiet dorm for first years, and new chem-free residences.

Next year all six of the historic bricks, as well as East and West halls, will be first-year dorms. Students who live in the bricks will live in three-room quads, while students who live in East and West will live in two-room doubles, as opposed to the

current mix of doubles and triples.

"The East and West buildings were built intending for them to be doubles in the long term," said Kim Pacelli, director of residential life. Though some students have suggested keeping them as triples, Residential Life decided against the idea.

"The buildings weren't really built to withstand that kind of capacity in the long term," said Pacelli, citing the limited availability of showers and sinks as an example.

Though East and West will be first-year dorms, the top floors of both buildings will house upperclassmen.

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BSG says candidates need experience

Another amendment fails that would have allowed juniors going abroad to serve half-terms

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) voted against two constitutional amendments this week: one that would have made all students eligible to run for BSG president, and another that would have allowed juniors studying abroad to serve half-year terms as class representatives.

The first amendment would have allowed students who haven't previously served on BSG to run for BSG president if they attended a certain number of meetings. Vice President

of BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 said the idea of broadening student eligibility came up in the beginning of the year.

Following weeks of debate and revision, the amendment failed in a 14-to-11 vote, with one member abstaining.

The discussion centered on the need for experience and institutional memory of BSG's workings. At-Large Representative Sophia Seifert '09 thought that a new president, foreign to BSG's procedures, might not know the most efficient way to lead the body.

"Whenever someone enters a new role, it takes time, energy and a bit of trial and error to figure out how to make it work," she said. "I can only imagine how much time it would

take were the entire other team, particularly the president, new to the organization."

Class of 2009 Representative Ben Freedman countered that "the body as a whole should have an understanding of past debates and concerns," but the entirety of such knowledge need not reside with the president.

"BSG is a student government and, as such, any student should be able to run for any office," he said.

Vice President of Student Organizations Stephanie Witkin '07 said she was torn on the issue, but that she believes anyone theoretically should be able to run.

She said experience is important, but that while this year has been

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The second alternative that the College considered was buying and distributing generic birth control to students at cost. Nonetheless, such a plan has been all but discarded, as it would require the health center to operate like a pharmacy, a role that the current staff is not prepared to tackle, according to Guthell.

"The main issue with buying generic and stocking it here and supplying it to students at cost is front desk time," Guthell said, noting that the health center would need to bill insurance companies and deal with increased financial transactions, were it to take on this function.

"We're not staffed in a way that we have that kind of manpower or woman power," Guthell said.

The College lost its contract with contraceptive supplier Organon last month due to rising prescription costs triggered by a change in the Medicaid rebate law. In the past, drug companies received an incentive to provide discounts to colleges, but the amended law eliminated any such perks.

Before the College lost its contract, Organon had been providing oral contraceptives Desogen and Cyclessa to the health center for about \$1.80 a pack and the NuvaRing for about \$3 a pack, prices so manageable that the health center was able to distribute the contraceptives to students free of charge.

The same prescriptions now cost more than \$20 a pack for oral contraceptives and \$30 a pack for the NuvaRing, marking an increase in price that the health center was not prepared to cover.

Dudley Coe Health Center currently has a surplus of Cyclessa, which it will continue to distribute to students until the supply expires.

According to Sansone, some students on campus have opted to switch to Cyclessa, rather than have their prescriptions for Desogen or the NuvaRing filled elsewhere.

Sansone warns that switching birth control brands is not for everyone.

"Some people can tolerate some pills and not others. It's really trial and error," she said.

For those women not on Cyclessa, the health center has been writ-



ing prescriptions that students can get filled at any local pharmacy with an insurance co-pay.

Students wishing to maintain their confidentiality and not use their parents' insurance can opt to fill their prescription at Planned Parenthood, where customers pay on a sliding scale.

Despite initial concern that students would find it difficult to adapt to the new system according to which they must obtain a written prescription from the health center and fill it at the pharmacy of their choice, staff members have seen very few problems with the transition.

"Students, from my understanding, have been great about learning the new system and working with it," Guthell said.

"There hasn't been a sense that as a result of this change, women have stopped using birth control," she said.

Sansone agreed.

"These are very responsible young women," she said. "Sure, everyone feels bad that it's not free, but I haven't heard from anyone that it's a difficult thing."

The price of Plan B emergency contraception has also increased in recent months, jumping from \$7.95 a pack to \$17.95 a pack. Nonetheless, the College has decided that it will continue to provide Plan B to students free of charge.

At RiteAid, each pack of Plan B costs \$41.99, a markup of approximately \$24.

"We're buying it directly to distribute," Sansone said. "Not only are we giving it away for free, but we have no intention of making a profit. Bowdoin women are in a good place with that."

According to Sansone, the price of Plan B went up due to distribution licenses and re-packaging costs associated with its new over-the-counter status.

Safe Space member Laura Belden

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CAITLIN GUTHELL
STUDENT HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

'08 regrets the College's loss of its contract with Organon but praises the health center for continuing to fund Plan B.

"It may be more inconvenient to have to get a prescription and can certainly pose a financial burden for some, but I think the fact that our health center is still supplying Plan B at no cost is extremely commendable and perhaps even more essential," Belden said.

According to Belden, having Plan B available on campus is especially crucial for survivors of sexual assault.

"Knowing that Plan B is easily obtainable on the Bowdoin campus can provide some relief, and as slight as it may be compared to the emotional trauma survivors face, every little bit of support helps," she said.

Sansone said that the women to whom she's given packs of Plan B understand that it is not intended to be used as a primary form of birth control.

"The side effects [of using Plan B frequently] would be that your cycle would be so confused," she said. "It wouldn't hurt you, but it would drive you crazy."

The health center and members of Bowdoin Women's Association (BWA) distributed packs of Plan B in the Union on Wednesday at its third "EC Does it Day" this year.

"In past years, we used to give out packs of two. Now we're giving out one because of rising costs," said BWA Co-Chair Elizabeth Sweet '07. "We thought it was important to bring to people's attention that it's still free," she said.

According to Sansone and Guthell, the College has not entirely ruled out the possibility of distributing contraceptives again in the future.

"I wouldn't say it's a complete impossibility," Guthell said. "It's something that we still talk about."

"I can't speak for down the road, but as of now, there are no plans to stop stocking Plan B," she added.

ADMISSIONS

Incoming class sets record for lowest acceptance rate

BY NICK DAY
ORIENT STAFF

With an acceptance rate near 18.5 percent, the Class of 2011 is the most selective class in the history of Bowdoin College, according to figures released Thursday by the Admissions Office.

Drawn from a record pool of 5,899 applicants, the class is roughly three percentage points more competitive than the Class of 2010, which accepted 21.6 percent of applicants.

The number of admitted students also decreased—only 1,105 students were admitted to this fall's class, while 1,170 were selected to represent the Class of 2010.

Out of the accepted students, 573 are men, while 532 are women. According to Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Bill Shain, the dis-

parity is intentional, since the College has lately experienced a higher yield from women than men. The figures are intended to create a class with roughly equal numbers of both sexes.

Shain also observed several trends among the pool of accepted students, including increases in the number of students from public schools and those hailing from the Mid-Atlantic states.

"57 percent of accepted students this year are from public schools, compared with 55 percent last year," he said.

The number of accepted minorities also increased slightly. Shain cited the success of events like the Bowdoin Invitational, a weekend catered to prospective minority students every October, as helping to bring about a more diverse class.

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"very successful," there are other effective ways to run the body.

Similarly, BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 expressed concerns about the possibility of becoming too "insular" in the long run, suggesting that there are a number of student leaders on campus who could do the job well.

Community Service Council Representative Emily Keuthen '08 agreed and said, "I don't want us to fall into the trap that stability is necessarily a good thing."

"We want to be open to change and I think we want to make it open to as many people as possible," she said.

Class of 2007 Representative Torri Parker said that any student is eligible to serve as president; he or she only needs to commit to serving on BSG one year in advance.

"I don't feel it cuts off the option to anyone. With that said, I do believe that the person who serves as president should have a year of experience," she said.

Class of 2007 Vice President Tony Thrower, who is not a BSG member, said that "motivation and desire can outweigh" any lack of experience in a candidate.

"I think it should be up to the community to decide who has the best vision for the school," Thrower said.

"For BSG not to pass this amendment shows their sheer distrust in our ability to choose what is best for our campus," he added.

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster said that the issue "deserves the attention of the full student body."

"I can understand the appeal of students who have experience with BSG, but confining the pool of candidates to these students alone significantly reduces the pool of eligible talented leaders," he said in an e-mail.

Freedman added, "Tonight, BSG let down the student body. BSG voted against the students and voted to exclude leaders from the ultimate leadership position on campus."

In other business, another amendment planned to split the junior class representative positions into one full-year seat and two half-year seats, to accommodate juniors

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CLASS OF 2009 VICE PRESIDENT

studying abroad for a semester.

BSG members had a lengthy debate concerning details of how elections would be held, how to run for the half- or full-year seats, and special cases and circumstances, but ultimately did not reach consensus on logistics.

The amendment did not pass, short by one vote, with 20 votes in favor; Clark Gascoigne '08, Nate Tavel '08, Keuthen, Alex Lamb '07, and Kata Solow '10 opposed, and Jacqueline Abrams abstaining.

McKesson said that during the meetings, he felt there was "an overwhelming consensus" to create such a position for juniors.

"I think us not passing the amendment was, at best, irresponsible. For us to talk so much about how this position is so important and how the junior class is so special, for us to do what we did tonight, was irresponsible," he said.

Witkin said, "it would have been more important to put aside the details of the amendment to include more individuals and juniors studying abroad."

Brooks said the much-debated amendment was "lost in the details."

"I'm extremely disappointed that the opportunity for students going abroad to serve will not be in place. I really think that the sentiments of the vast majority of the people in the room support the general idea and that's what's so frustrating about it failing," said Brooks.

Overall, however, final votes were made on a number of amendments, and McKesson said "the majority of the meeting was extremely productive."

Among other amendments, one passed to move the senior class elections to the fall of senior year and another passed to hold spring elections for the class officers at a later date than BSG officers.

LOTTERY

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Having upperclass students and first years housed together is not new; in the past, the fourth floor of Coleman Hall has been available to older students as well.

"We knew all along that we'd have extra space," said Pacelli. "We went with East and West because the double configuration there makes it a more likely space for sophomores."

Because East and West are bigger than the other bricks, having one less floor of first years will be convenient for the College House System, as this will result in each college house having approximately the same number of affiliates.

The Class of 2011 will be the first to have the opportunity to live in a "quiet" dorm, provided there is enough interest from students.

Pacelli expects that a quiet dorm will draw some students away from chem-free housing. This pilot program will take place in Moore Hall, which will be affiliated with Reed House, one of the new college houses. Though Moore will have guidelines about noise, Reed may not.

"Students are interested in developing what that would look like," said Pacelli, indicating that residents of both Moore and Reed would work together next year to decide, possibly by taking a vote. Some Reed applicants, however, were under the impression that the house was guaranteed to be quiet.

"Some people found that really misleading," said Kata Solow '10.

A quiet dorm for upperclass students other than Reed was also considered. There was not, however, an obvious choice for a building that would be designated as quiet.

Next year, however, Residential Life is considering the possibility of implementing a quiet plan for Chamberlain Hall.

"Though students who choose the quads will sometimes host parties, for the most part that building is pretty quiet," said Pacelli. However, Chamberlain is not formally designated as quiet housing for the upcoming year.

Students have also been concerned with the availability and location of chem-free housing. In particular, some students who plan to live in chem-free housing next year felt

that the selected residences, such as Stowe Inn, give the impression that the College is trying to push them off campus.

Pacelli assures, however, that this is not the case.

"It's really hard because there aren't a plethora of residence halls in the campus for upperclass students," she said. "Residence halls for upperclass students in general are on the periphery."

In an effort to equalize location from campus, however, three of the Brunswick Apartments near the back of the complex will be chem-free next year.

"Some of the chem-free people felt like they were being pushed off campus, but I personally don't think that's the case," said Jacqueline Abrams '08. Citing the Brunswick Apartments as an example, she said that "you can be chem-free in a place that's not chem-free."

Concerns about the availability of chem-free housing were also raised, but Pacelli attested that there are enough beds to meet the demand.

Pacelli said she didn't anticipate that many more than 160 students would enter the chem-free lottery and select chem-free housing.

LIFE AFTER COLLEGE

Women's business club will hold convention

Convention to focus on two often-neglected areas of business: communications and non-profits

BY SAM WAXMAN
ORIENT STAFF

When the Bowdoin Women in Business Club (BWIB) put together its upcoming convention, it certainly meant business.

The convention will take place on Saturday, March 31 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Main Lounge, Moulton Union, with informational interviews and résumé critiques from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Career Planning Center.

With this convention, BWIB seeks to help female students prepare for careers by providing an opportunity for "networking, career preparation, and [learning about] challenges real people face," said BWIB Co-President Haley Bridger '07.

The convention will welcome approximately 20 guests, many of whom are Bowdoin alumnae. They will interact with students in a small and intimate atmosphere and explain how their college education influenced their later careers.

Notable guests include Crystal Canney, who is the communications director for Maine Governor John Baldacci; Dr. Michele G. Cyr '76, associate dean for women in medicine at Brown Medical School; and Mary Herman, a member of the Board of Directors

for Safe Passage and former first lady of Maine.

The Convention attempts to address students' concerns about how their Bowdoin education will mesh with their post-Bowdoin careers.

"Students are necessarily focused on academics, and taking time out to read about career options doesn't seem practical," said Director of the Career Planning Center Anne Shields. "Often, the best way to learn is to talk with other people who have pursued the interests that you share with them."

This year's convention will focus on two often-neglected areas of business: communications and non-profits.

"We wanted to give students the opportunity to get information about other fields, and also to allow those students not interested in banking to pursue their interests," said BWIB Vice President Charlotte Hitch '09.

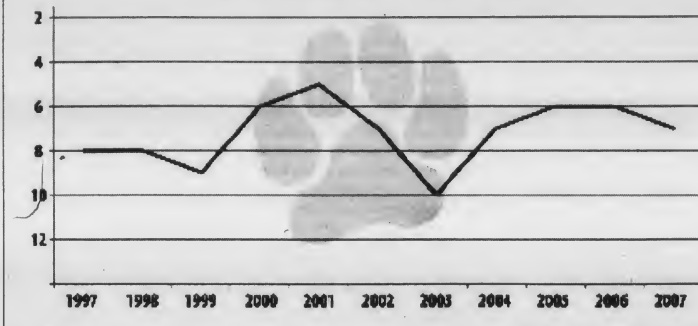
BWIB has received a great deal of support for its convention from all sides, including an overwhelming alumnae response, as well as on-campus encouragement from organizations including the Career Planning Center, the Women's Resource Center, and also from Karen Mills, President Barry Mills's wife, who chairs Governor Baldacci's Council on Jobs, Innovation, and the Economy.

"So many alumnae expressed the wish to come this year. It's been very positive," said Bridger.

BWIB intends to lay the groundwork for the convention to be enlarged in the future, and hopes that it will become an annual event, as originally proposed by Cindy Kim '06.

"One key to this program growing and becoming a real tradition will be the continued involvement of a wide range of students by interest and class year," said Shields.

BOWDOIN'S RANK ON U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S "BEST LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES SURVEY"



GRAPHIC BY PARAG KHANDELWAL, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

UP AND DOWN: Bowdoin's U.S. News and World Report ranking has fluctuated over the last 10 years. Officials at some other colleges have asked their counterparts to consider stopping their participation in the survey.

Rankings a 'reality' for Bowdoin

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin may not be quite ready to break ranks with the rankings.

In a TIME Magazine article titled "The College Rankings Revolt" published March 21, college administrators around the country commented on the value of college rankings, most notably those compiled by U.S. News and World Report.

Overwhelmingly, the administrators were quoted in the article as speaking unfavorably about college rankings, and even called for colleges to stop complying with organizations that compile these rankings.

The TIME article stated that a small number of private colleges are currently drafting a letter to send out to their counterparts across the country inquiring whether they would stop participating in the U.S. News survey.

Bowdoin Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood said that, as of yet, Bowdoin has not received the letter. It seems unlikely, however, that Bowdoin would be willing to participate

in the "rankings revolt."

"Rankings are a reality," said Hood.

"We are a society that likes top-10 lists," he said, and the truth is that "college is expensive and an important decision. It's not unreasonable for students and their families to want helpful quantitative information."

Another reality is that U.S. News and World Report will continue to rank and publish information about colleges even if a college does decide to boycott the survey.

"They will obtain their information through second or third parties," said Hood. "If they can't get the information, they will give you the lowest possible score and you will still be ranked, but you will have dropped from maybe seventh to 50th."

"You may feel good about boycotting, but the students sitting at home trying to make decisions won't know you boycotted and will wonder what happened," he said.

Revoluting colleges "won't accomplish much of anything unless everyone participates," said Hood. "Until a better version of the U.S.

News rankings is available for students and their families, anxious about questions and hard decisions to be made about college, this is the best we've got."

Bill Shain, dean of admissions and financial aid, said that while he believes that the most critical aspects of education aren't quantifiable, rankings "are here to stay."

"There is a public need for them, and the fact that that public need can't be met in a more valid way doesn't make them go away," he added.

Shain said that the rankings may only have the most impact on prospective students when they are making their initial college lists.

Hood agreed, saying that "most frequently [rankings] are a starting point for students. They give them a place to start and get a sense of the prestige of the college."

But, said Hood, "people don't make decisions simply on how colleges are ranked in U.S. News. They make decisions based on a lot of other factors like environment and how it feels to them. Students ask when they walk out onto the quad, 'do I see myself here?'"

CORRECTIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT

MARCH 5 TO MARCH 27

Monday, March 5

•A student who became dizzy and fell on the stairs inside the south entrance to Adams Hall was taken to Parkview Hospital for observation.

Tuesday, March 6

•A student reported losing a brown leather tri-fold wallet in Smith Union.

•An ill student was taken from Dudley Coe Health Center to Parkview Hospital.

•A student reported the theft of a pink striped Burberry scarf from Druckenmiller 123.

Wednesday, March 7

•A vehicle struck the driver's side door of a security vehicle causing minor damage.

•A person who was auditing a class in the Beam classroom at the Visual Arts Center passed out and was treated by Brunswick Rescue personnel.

•An ill student was taken from Dudley Coe Health Center to Parkview Hospital.

•A student reported her large dark pink shawl with tassels was missing from the sixth floor of

Stowe Hall.

Thursday, March 8

•A student reported the theft of over \$20 from a vehicle parked near Dayton Arena.

•Two underage students consuming beer at Magee's Pub were cited for alcohol policy violations and asked to leave the pub.

Saturday, March 10

•A large box of unclaimed property left in the cubby holes at Moulton Union was turned over to the security office and stored in the property room.

Sunday, March 11

•A security officer fell on ice and injured an arm while checking Harpswell Apartments.

•A leather pouch containing cash was found and returned to a professor.

•A fire alarm on the 16th floor of Coles Tower was activated by smoke from burnt food.

Monday, March 12

•A burst water pipe activated an alarm at Beta House, 14 McKean St.

Thursday, March 15

•Two local juveniles who dam-

aged property at Smith Union were referred to the Brunswick Police and issued trespass warnings for all college property.

•A fire alarm at Moore Hall was activated by dust from construction work.

•An alarm at Special Collections was falsely activated.

•A bag of lost-and-found items from Thorne Dining Hall was placed in temporary storage.

Friday, March 16

•A 10-foot tow chain found in the Farley Field House parking lot was placed in storage.

Saturday, March 17

•Some smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in Stowe Inn were disabled by disconnecting wires or covering with plastic bags. These safety violations were referred to the Office of Residential Life and the Environmental Health and Safety Manager for corrective action.

•An exterior window in an athletic office at Morrill Gymnasium was smashed by a thrown basketball.

Wednesday, March 21

•A security officer discovered

that a student's vehicle that was parked in the Farley Field House lot had been burglarized. Brunswick Police were notified.

•A staff member reported that his vehicle was struck and damaged while it was parked on Park Row.

•A purse containing a small amount of marijuana was found in Smith Union.

•A box of assorted lost and found items from Smith Union was turned over to the security office.

Thursday, March 22

•A local woman who had been making harassing phone calls to college employees was served with a harassment notice and a criminal trespass warning prohibiting contact with college employees.

Saturday, March 24

•The fire alarm at the vacant Lancaster House was activated by flooding in the basement.

Sunday, March 25

•A false fire alarm was received from Gibson Hall.

•A student reported that a Bowdoin Sailing Team sweatshirt and a Swiss Army watch were stolen

from the Farley Field House track.

•An alarm was received from Coleman Hall after a student pressed the test button on a carbon monoxide detector.

Monday, March 26

•A subcontractor working in the new recital hall reported being stuck in an elevator.

•A student with a broken thumb was taken from Farley Field House to Parkview Hospital.

Tuesday, March 27

•An ill student was transported from West Hall to Mid Coast Hospital.

•Two construction workers taking a lunch break were seen smoking marijuana on college property. The workers were reported to their supervisor and asked to leave the campus work site.

•A student returning from break reported vandalism to his Harpswell Apartments door.

•A fire alarm at Hawthorne-Longfellow Library was caused by a faulty fire panel.

—The Department of Safety and Security

DISCUSSION

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discussion, it "does not bring people face to face," Smith said. He also added that in some cases, it makes students less accountable.

Lam added that she recognizes Facebook's capacity to reach wide audiences.

"The reality is, [Facebook] is used by almost everyone, it's used every day, it's the best form of communication," she said.

Lam clarified that she would have preferred to submit something to the Orient, but that it was not being published the week of the incident.

According to Lam, Facebook notes are valuable because they provide a forum where anyone can respond and "formulate their thoughts through written words." Furthermore, she said that many of the people who posted comments would not have been comfortable enough to approach Lam or the other students involved in the incident, with their opinions on the matter.

"We really wanted to use it as a catalyst to broaden the discussion about race and language," Lam said.

Doris Ramirez '07, who overheard the comments at the party, said that Facebook is valuable because it allows students "to say what [they] feel and what [they] think without a face-to-face confrontation."

In a statement to the Orient, the student who allegedly made the of fensive comments at the party said, "I am sincerely sorry for the way in which Doris and Thuong felt as a result of my words a few weeks

ago; it was in no way my intention to offend. Subsequently those events prompted an important discussion."

The student's name was not included in the Facebook note. The Orient has chosen not to name the student, per his request.

"Words are powerful and that which we do not know often does as much to shape the reality in which we live as that which we assume we do know," he wrote. "In this case, there was much I did not know about Doris and Thuong and much that they also did not know about me."

"Going forward, there is much to be learned on how to deal with situations where many perspectives are involved, particularly when there is the opportunity for miscommunication," he wrote.

The lack of a "face-to-face confrontation" is what upset many critics of Lam's use of the Facebook note.

Nick Tomaino '08, who commented on Lam's Facebook note, described Facebook as "very impersonal" and said that using it in this way can "perpetuate the problem."

"Rather than having a discussion about it, people make assumptions and nothing is resolved," Tomaino said. "Ideally, talking to somebody on a personal level would be the most productive."

While Tomaino said that this sort of conversation could be "difficult, and at times it can be awkward and intimidating," he also said that the closeness of the Bowdoin community makes this approach more realistic than it might be in other environments.

"There is much to be learned on how to deal with situations where many perspectives are involved, particularly when there is the opportunity for miscommunication."

UNNAMED STUDENT

Tyler Boyer '07 saw, different problems with the Facebook note and comments.

According to Boyer, the aggressive tone of some of the comments may have discouraged a healthy dialogue from taking place.

"The conversation and Facebook note may have ostracized people from engaging in the discussion in the present or in the future," Boyer said.

Boyer added that the majority of comments were made by students of color, which he believes is "unfortunate."

"If the goal is to get people to talk about it...my guess is that in the future even more white students will stay out of it, which is a major problem going forward," he said.

Other students are concerned about the level of dialogue regarding race at Bowdoin.

Since the incident, the two parties have participated in a mediated discussion and have agreed to move forward in a productive manner.

President of the African-American Society Dudney Sylla '08 agreed that there is a need for more dialogue about race at Bowdoin. According to Sylla, some students simply do not want to talk about it.

"They are here to get their degree, not to deal with social issues," Sylla said.

Sylla said that most conversations about race at Bowdoin take place in private and academic settings. While he does not devalue these, he would like to see more public venues for such discussions.

Shawn Stewart '08, who also commented on the Facebook note, is concerned that discussions about race usually "come up at the wrong time."

"It's usually only discussed when things like [the party incident] happen," he said.

Stewart said that when people hear racially offensive comments, they might "brush it off after a while."

"We push these issues to the side," he said.

However, Stewart maintained that there is a way to create a more comfortable environment for students.

"There should be an ongoing discussion," he said.

Roy Partridge, visiting assistant professor of sociology and anthropology and instructor of the course Overcoming Racism, said he tries to create a safe environment for students to have these discussions in his classroom.

Partridge agreed that communication is important; however, he stressed the importance of acquiring a "working knowledge" of another person's experience and situation before entering into a dialogue with that person. Without some understanding of the other person's situation, he believes conversations can be difficult.

"For many students, there hasn't

been a lot of contact prior to coming to Bowdoin with other racial groups," Partridge said.

Partridge explained that sometimes people just do not know what to say, and they say something that is offensive to somebody else.

"A lot of the problems that arise arise out of ignorance, not out of malice or forethought," Partridge said. "If we can see those times that people correct us as a gift rather than an attack of some sort, I think that would push us much more quickly to resolving these issues."

Smith, the assistant dean of student affairs, also commented on the potential for education in situations where one party is offended.

"If everyone agreed and experienced everything the same way, there would be very little opportunity for growth," Smith said.

This incident has prompted Smith to spearhead a program in the coming weeks that will focus on the power of language and highlight how certain words carry a range of meanings for people coming from different backgrounds.

He envisions the program beginning with a theatrical reenactment of actual scenarios that have happened at Bowdoin in which one party inadvertently said or did something offensive to another party. The skits will be followed by a panel discussion with some of the people involved in the actual events and an open discussion among those who attend.

"This is a good time to raise the consciousness about the power of words and how different people experience them," Smith said.

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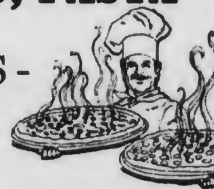
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LENDING A HAND: STUDENTS SPRING INTO SERVICE

Students have taken courses, found internships, and the Bowdoin College has provided support and resources for students who want to make a difference in the world.

—JENNIFER L. HARRIS

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW MEXICO

For many students, the idea of a summer break is a time to relax and recharge. But for some, it's a time to make a difference. In New Mexico, students are finding new opportunities to serve and learn. The state's diverse culture and landscapes offer a wealth of experiences for those who are willing to step out of their comfort zones. From volunteering in rural communities to participating in environmental conservation projects, students are discovering the many ways in which they can contribute to the world.



MISSION: MISSISSIPPI

For many students, the idea of a summer break is a time to relax and recharge. But for some, it's a time to make a difference. In Mississippi, students are finding new opportunities to serve and learn. The state's rich history and diverse culture offer a wealth of experiences for those who are willing to step out of their comfort zones. From volunteering in rural communities to participating in environmental conservation projects, students are discovering the many ways in which they can contribute to the world.



TAKE ME HOME, WEST VIRGINIA

SEEDS OF CHANGE

For many students, the idea of a summer break is a time to relax and recharge. But for some, it's a time to make a difference. In West Virginia, students are finding new opportunities to serve and learn. The state's rugged landscapes and rich history offer a wealth of experiences for those who are willing to step out of their comfort zones. From volunteering in rural communities to participating in environmental conservation projects, students are discovering the many ways in which they can contribute to the world.



PINES

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according to Wheelwright, after a flurry of activity in the years following the dedication of the trail system, the campus's relationship with the Pines has reverted.

"I think this was a place we were making use of, and now we're regressing," he said. "I would love to see the College follow through one day and turn it into an arboretum."

Pam Breyer, director of laboratories for biology, takes her lab classes to do field work in the Pines.

"It's a wonderful resource, especially one we can get to just by walking," she said. Her students, however, "have no idea that it's there. They're usually pleasantly surprised that there's a nice little walking trail."

Currently, a few classes in the natural sciences, and fewer in the social sciences, use the Pines. Some students use the Pines for recreation, but one professor said that before a recent field trip, he doubted that half of the students knew the Pines were there.

In an informal survey of approximately 30 students, the Orient found that while about a quarter had visited the Pines for classes, only three said that they used the Pines for recreation.

"The thought's never crossed my mind," said Ethan Wolston '09.

No reason for change

In an interview with the Orient, President Barry Mills said that he saw no reason to make any changes to the Pines.

"The way the Bowdoin Pines are today are the way they've been for years," Mills said. "I have no plans to do anything with the Pines other than what people advise."

Mills said that he is the person with the authority to make any changes to the Pines, like converting them into an arboretum, but that nobody has ever contacted him about any such plan.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MIKE ARDOLINO

PINING FOR VISITORS: A student takes a stroll in the Bowdoin Pines, which are accessed from the corner of Federal Street and Bath Road. Some professors suggest that the Pines could be more integrated into campus life, though currently there are no plans for further development.

He added that he would be "very interested" in hearing if people had different visions for the future of the Pines.

The Land Stewardship Committee made its recommendation in 1996, before Mills began his presidency.

Finding a middle path

Professor of Economics David Vail, who played a role in the improvement of the Pines in the late 90s, said that though more could be done with the Pines, there is currently nobody work-

ing toward change.

"Phase II never happened," Vail said. "There's more potential, but there's not the group of people or leaders to make things happen."

However, Vail said, the Pines don't necessarily need to be turned into an arboretum for them to see greater use. Small additions, like "relatively simple signage," could help attract more visitors.

At one point, according to Wheelwright, first years were given maps of the Pines in their Orientation materials, but that practice seems to have ceased.

Vail did caution that too many visitors could end up ruining the simple appeal of the Pines.

"You can love it to death," he said.

"It's nice to be in a place that's quiet a few minutes walk from campus."

Wheelwright acknowledged that any future development of the Pines would require a motivated individual or group to lead the process, and that neither students nor any other part of the Bowdoin community are currently taking on this issue.

"I'm not aware of any student leadership on taking care of the Pines," he said. He added that progress could start being made "if the administration became persuaded that students like colleges with lovely natural facilities close to campus," pointing out that Cornell University and Connecticut College have arboreta.

The master plan, from 2003, suggested the formation of a Bowdoin Pines Club, made up of college community members (mainly students), but it does not appear that this club was ever formed.

Wheelwright added that academic departments could be another possible avenue for change.

"The environmental studies and biology departments would be natural leaders in persuading the administration to continue integrating the Pines into the curriculum," he said.

Plans for the future

For now, though, at the Bowdoin Pines, it's still business as usual. In an e-mail, Grounds Maintenance Manager Tim Carr said that "for most of the Pines we let it evolve naturally. We maintain the trail that is in it and remove hazards that we see."

A walk to the Pines on a sunny weekday afternoon found one of the entrances to the Pines blocked by a large snow bank, presumably from plowing of the Cram Alumni Barn's parking lot.

Visitors to the Pines had stomped a path through one side of the bank, and a trail of packed, muddy snow wound through the tall white pines. Though there were foot and paw prints in the path, no one was in sight.

Wheelwright said that there are many more opportunities for the College to use the Pines.

"I think it would be an inspiration for many classes in the arts," he said, envisioning students in creative writing classes coming to sit under "a lovely white pine."

"It's an underdeveloped jewel that could help distinguish us from many other colleges," Wheelwright said. "It has to be built into the culture of the place."

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TALKING ABOUT IT

BY LAUREN MCGRATH
COLUMNIST

One of the things they forget to mention on your pre-college tour of Bowdoin is that once you've accepted your admission, you can say goodbye to the "private" part of your life.

Don't start writing your letter to the editor just yet. Before I divulge, I want to clarify that I am not out to defame Bowdoin or its ability to allow students a private life. But after talking with Bowdoin students at length about this situation, I was amazed at how much people have to say about it.

To quote the rapper Ludacris, here at Bowdoin, we are "all up in each other's biznass." When describing Bowdoin, students often say, "everyone knows everyone." While this can be a good thing, creating a community where people feel comfortable and at home, the excessive togetherness can have its downside. In fact, it can be really difficult to maintain romantic relationships, as well as friendships, in an atmosphere like this.

Like it or not, Bowdoin is a very cliquey, gossipy school. And oftentimes, it can actually be harder to be in a relationship, or even sexually active, at Bowdoin than it is in the real world, where you aren't surrounded by your peers 24/7. Of course, people will always love a good piece of gossip, but for some, living and hooking up at Bowdoin can start to feel like living under a microscope.

Unlike at big universities and schools in large cities, there is no separation between our social and academic lives at Bowdoin. The people we see in class are the same people we see in the dining hall, at the gym, at parties on the weekend and in the library. And we learn a lot about people who aren't our close friends just by observing them in their day-to-day lives.

Diana Heald '07 commented, "At Bowdoin, you are exposed all the time, which can become somewhat of an unhealthy atmosphere. Except for maybe when you are in your room, everywhere you are on this campus, you are under public scrutiny. And when you're getting to know a lot about people who you don't really care about, or don't have a direct relationship with, you're probably more likely to gossip about them."

My freshman year, I remember people in the dorms making "Hook Up Charts" diagramming who had hooked up with whom in the dorm, or on each floor. While I think by senior year, we've graduated from making "Hook Up Charts," people still care who's sleeping with whom. But don't we have more interesting stuff to find out about each other before we depart?

Evan Fagundes '10, commented, "I wish people talked about more meaningful things outside of class, rather than engaging in petty conversations. People should commit more to getting to know each other on a less superficial level."

Jac Arbour '07, seemed agitated about the situation. He said, "It's unbelievable how everyone at Bowdoin thinks they know everything about everyone. A story gets back to you about something that you supposedly did or said, and it's so far from the truth, you have to wonder where it came from. There's a deeper question here. Why do people feel the need to gossip about other people they've never even spoken to?"

So, why is it that Bowdoin is so conducive to mindless gossip and publicizing private lives? I can't help but think it has a lot to do with the types of students Bowdoin attracts. There are so many students who are not only super smart, but also really great at sports and, to top it off, gifted at music. We live in a very artificial world where everyone around us is an extremely high-performing overachiever. When we leave Bowdoin, we will probably never again find ourselves surrounded by so

many talented people. Maybe the reason we gossip is not so obvious. Maybe it's not just that we go to a small school in a rural area; maybe we are all just secretly fascinated by each other. Or maybe we are all just really insecure. Look around you, there are some pretty amazing people here. Really, it seems only natural to feel a little inadequate from time to time.

Nate Hyde '07 told me: "I think there is more to say at a place like this. Put 10 people in a room and they could tell you at least something about 95 percent of the people here. Which is nice as far as a sense of community goes, but not as nice when it comes to gossip."

He continued, "There is a lot of gossip and shit-talking that goes on at Bowdoin—especially by girls, about other girls." Reputations at Bowdoin can be important, especially to women. Don't be fooled by the "Bowdoin Hello." Mean girls do exist at Bowdoin. Watch your back.

Rebekah Mueller '07 concurred, "It is not a normal college experience to be able to look at any person walking by and be able to state three very personal things you have heard about them. It makes it hard to grow up and get out of the high school mentality."

I don't think much can be done to separate our academic lives from our social lives at Bowdoin, and many of us like it this way. But there is one piece of advice we could all heed. Remember when your first grade teacher told you to "mind your own beeswax?" I think we would all do well to try this one out again. We could have a lot more of the intellectual, meaningful conversations, if we cut out all the pettiness and the gossip about who hooked up with whom, or who gained or lost weight. What if we talked about ourselves, and let other people get to know us for who we are, rather than talking about other people to find a common ground? If we want private lives of our own, we have to let each other have them.

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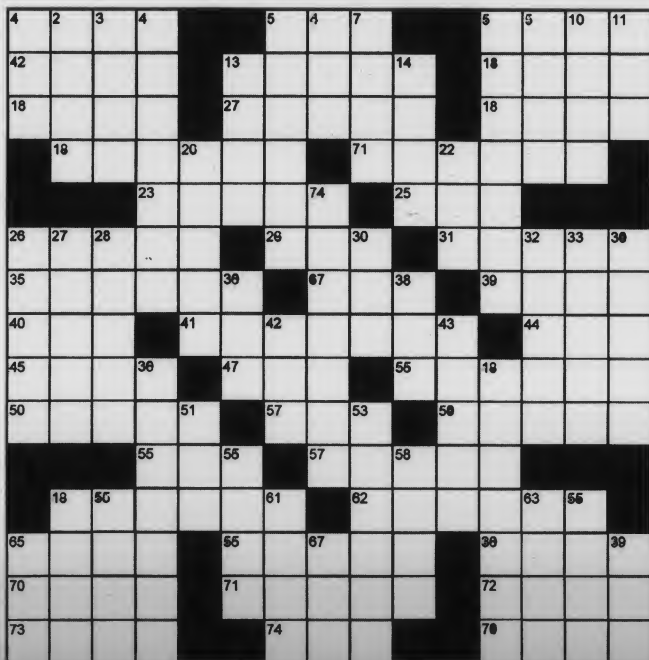
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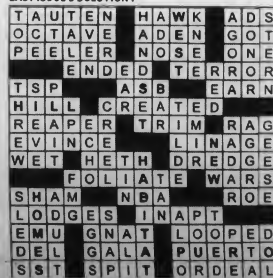
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SCULPTURE 1 SWIMS THROUGH THE ROCKY INTERTIDAL



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

ON THE ROCKS: Adjunct Lecturer in Art Wade Kavanaugh's Sculpture 1 class created an art installation, made entirely out of cardboard, representing the rocky intertidal zone. Students cut and shaped the cardboard to look like barnacles, rocks, seaweed, and ice sheets. The installation opened on March 7 on the fourth floor of Adams Hall.

Corpus bares all

BY MARTINA WELKE
STAFF WRITER

All over campus, people are shedding bulky sweaters and heavy coats as the weather warms. But this spring, some students are taking it all off—in front of a camera. Today marks the opening of the third Corpus Art Exhibit, which features nude photographs of Bowdoin students.

The show originated in 2004 as a small display in a Chamberlain Hall common room, featuring only female models. Britta Bene '07, a first-year at the time, was intrigued by the concept and decided to continue the project the following year.

Bene expanded upon the original idea by incorporating men into the show, along with other art mediums such as body casts and paintings.

"I really tried to make it into a big, cohesive show about body image and perception of body image," Bene said. "I wanted to juxtapose the reality of body image at Bowdoin with what you see in the popular media."

The show received a very positive response overall, with only a few people

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MUSIC REVIEW

Latest album falls short of Good Charlotte revival

BY BOZ KARANOVSKY
STAFF WRITER

Although I have never been a fan of Mid-Atlantic "pop punks," I'd have to say that I enjoyed Good Charlotte's breakout album, "The Young and the Hopeless," no matter how corny it was. It arrived two years after the band's self-titled debut and featured very catchy riffs and had tons of energy. Its 2004 follow-up, "Chronicles of Life and Death," was more mature, more diverse in musical ideas, but far from a masterpiece.

Which brings us to the band's fourth and current album, "Good Morning Revival," which proves that if you have nothing to say (or sing), better to keep your mouth shut.

Released on March 18, the record was postponed at least four times. Good Charlotte fell into the trap of the "Life-style of the Rich and the Famous" for at least two years, and now the band members are more part of gossip magazines than of the music scene (I dare not to say "rock" or "punk").

As if wanting to refresh our memory that the band members were once famous for their hits and not for their dynamic sex life, they released "Revival" to, well, revive themselves. However, this revival is more like a last breath before being pronounced dead.

One word that best fits this album is trite. You will hear nothing you have never heard before; in fact, you'll be able to cite every song Joel Madden and company listened to before writing the album. Their plagiarism is that obvious and it's not fun, either. It's not like a good

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Tarantino movie where all references to past movies are obvious and done tongue-in-cheek. Instead, the boys have taken themselves seriously as the epitome of the pop punk.

The album is a revival, but not of Good Charlotte. It is revival of Blur's "Song 2," The Killers, the piano parts by Coldplay, the high-pitch style vocals of Fall Out Boy, Gorillaz, and others. The revival only lasts during the first 20 minutes, until the fifth song ends. Then, you could just as well switch to the radio and listen to ads. The rest of the songs are just bad, even by this album's standards.

Good Charlotte's lyrics are not the stuff dreams are made of either. The funniest part is when in one of the songs, pop punks start complaining about how the world of rock is superficial and their existence is hollow. Oh, really? When you are dating Nicole Richie. I guess you need some inspiration to write stuff like that.

In brief, stay far away from this album, except if you really want to rant about the state of the music industry for a long time afterward (like me). It's sometimes fun to read about Madden in gossip columns, but definitely not to listen to his poor re-creation of songs that are neither so old nor so unpopular.

Go to Eleven for vibrant pop rock

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

Sophomore Sammie Francis's acoustic guitar performance may have earned her a recording session on Martha's Vineyard, in the same studio where Carly Simon and James Taylor recorded, but she believes her voice is her first prize.

"Singing is my first instrument," Francis said. "Guitar and piano are in addition to what I can do with my voice."

Francis, who sings with a cappella group Ursus Verses and the Bowdoin Chamber Choir, has played piano since she was five and taught herself how to play guitar her first year in high school.

She showcased these talents last night in the annual Battle of the Bands as the lead singer of Eleven, a reference to the cult favorite rock mockumentary "This Is Spinal Tap."

Proving she is no stranger to performance, Francis landed her first recording contract during her junior year of high school as the winner of the Maine Rock-Off, a musical competition for high school students. She was the first female and solo artist to win the competition.

"There were a bunch of punk bands and I came in with my acoustic guitar," Francis said.

She wasn't satisfied with the recording contract that the competition offered, so Francis sent a demo to James Parr, a recording technician and sound engineer on Martha's Vineyard who worked



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

FRANCIS UNPLUGGED: Sammie Francis '09 performs during a coffeehouse in Hubbard Hall. Francis and her band, Eleven, played at the annual Battle of the Bands last night.

"PEANUT BUTTER M&M'S"
One of Sammie Francis's solo songs, "Peanut Butter M&M's," is available on the Orient's Web site. Go to orient.bowdoin.edu to listen.

Since coming to Bowdoin, Francis has performed in many acoustic coffeehouses around

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Spiced Wheat brings the heat



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

SPRING HEAT SPICED WHEAT \$8.35 for a six-pack at Hannaford

The T-shirts, flip-flops, and (best of all) skirts are coming out. Despite the drastic increase of frostbitten toe cases at the health center, I fully endorse this conscious forcing of Mother Nature's hand—as ridiculous as it may seem in the early stages of post-Spring Break in Brunswick, Maine. My logic, however, requires a little explanation. Normally, life doesn't reward conscious preparedness. Throw some change in your pocket in the morning to make life a little easier, and everything you buy will undoubtedly come out to perfect dollar increments.

Then there's schoolwork. We all budget two hours for reading that should have taken two days and inevitably struggle through the least important material and pay for it in class. Why, just the other day, I was staring down the barrel of a two hundred page English reading assignment and the night was not getting any younger. What did I do? I stayed up all night reading the selections from the various books and decided to skip the five-page section that needed printing (my printer has been broken since freshman year). Like clockwork, I arrived in class the next day to find that the day's discussion would be based on the one minuscule task I thought could be put off. Life, it would seem, cannot be so easily outsmarted.

Even if the weather is the same way—after all, that wind that's making the Bowdoin Pines sway like tiger lilies isn't exactly tropical—I think it's important for the post-Spring Break psyche to pretend like it's getting warmer outside even when your hot chocolate still freezes before getting to your next class. Just as the clothes you wear will help usher in the new spring season, so will the beer you drink. As long as the sun is up when you are, I say throw on your madras flip-flops, NASCAR cut-offs, and miniskirts, and party like it's the Fourth of July with the help of a delectable limited edition seasonal brew from the good people over at Anheuser-Busch-Spring Heat Spiced Wheat.

I chose this beer for four reasons. First of all, the name rhymes and Beer Fever with Weaver appreciates that. Secondly, I have never tried it, let alone heard of it, and any beer dubbed "Spring Heat," which could also double either as a new "Miami Vice" miniseries or the current mating condition of your golden retriever, is one that I am willing to try. Thirdly, Spring Heat lends itself perfectly to the spring motif that I came up with while listening to a lovely Wagner opera about a seductive spellbound witch and a foolish young hero destined for unbounded greatness.

Finally, like Pumpkinhead or Christ-mas Ale, the label of Spring Heat is one that cannot be overlooked. Whether the guy's head is an orange wearing a crown or a sun with a mohawk made of straw, what really matters is that his sunglasses

speak of sunnier times and he has a foamy brew in his upraised hand. So just as this little cheery orange man seemed to be offering me a glass in the supermarket, I now offer one to you. May the sun shine down on you for drinking it.

Spring Heat is an American wheat ale brewed with orange, lemon and lime peels, and a hint of oleaner. It pours a hazy golden hue and boasts a thick creamy head and moderate carbonation. Its aroma is one of overwhelming citrus, which foreshadows the ale's tangy taste. On the palate, Spring Heat feels like a fruit basket exploding in your mouth. While the wheat could be a little more prominent, I would say that the best characteristic of this beer is its smoothness. Its alcohol by volume (ABV) is fairly standard at 5.2%, but since it goes down the shoot more like Tropicana than Anheuser-Busch, its drinkability is favorable to say the least. If you like Allagash White or Blue Moon, then this beer will undoubtedly sit well with you. While not as likely to be on tap, a six-pack is a solid individual investment that will leave you feeling festive and fruity (and if Ted is any indication, this is a combination that everyone should be looking for on a Saturday night).

So I applaud all you females who are wearing skirts with winter coats and the fellas dressing like they're constantly coming back from the gym despite the arctic wind coming straight off the frozen North Atlantic. But just remember, while your closet gets upgraded for spring, so too can your beer. As the weather grows warmer, don't forget that it's OK to leave your old go-to beer back in the Dark Ages. Don't forget: Sun's out? Guns out. Spring Heat? Spiced Wheat!

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objecting to the explicit content. Most of the models chose to pose anonymously and Bene was careful to maintain confidentiality.

Last spring there was no show because Bene was abroad, but this year the show has grown even larger and will feature 40 models in more than 100 prints. More models this year decided to show their faces, but the bodies remain the focus of the show.

"What always strikes me is that every body looks alike; there are just minor differences," Bene said. "You cannot judge people's bodies based on what you see in the hallways."

Sylvia Piquet '08 saw the show two years ago and decided to model this year because of the positive message she feels it offers.

"It's about people taking ownership of their bodies. They all vary, but it's basic to everyone and people can find common ground there. At the same time I have a lot of friends who are not comfortable with their bodies, but they were still doing the show," Piquet said. "I wanted to add on to the idea that the body can be something beautiful and basic."

One model commented that there is pressure to maintain a certain type of physique at Bowdoin because of the athletic and competitive atmosphere the school fosters. She wanted to pose in order to expose her flaws and help others to feel more secure about their own.

Almost all of the feedback Bene has received from people who modeled has been affirmative and enthusiastic. Sarah Horn '07, who posed in both 2005 and this year, was relieved by how comfortable and natural her photographer was able to make the experience and is excited to see a new perspective of her body.

When Burgess LePage '07 nervously told her parents she had posed, she was

pleasantly surprised by their immediately supportive reaction.

"They felt I was very brave to do the show," LePage said. "Even my grandma wants to come see it!"

Sarah Lewis '08 appreciated how her decision to model sparked conversation among her friends and made it comfortable to talk about insecurities, and ultimately she found posing liberating and fun.

"I definitely laughed a lot," Lewis said. "That was probably my favorite part about it."

Bene hopes that the show will continue after her graduation and plans to meet with interested students later

CORPUS OPENING EVENT

When: today, 8 p.m.

Where: Lamarque Gallery, Smith Union.

Admission: Free. Refreshments will be provided.

this semester to discuss the future of Corpus. This year, the show's sponsors include WARRIORS, an eating disorder awareness group on campus, the Women's Resource Center (WRC), and the Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC). There will be an opening event at Lamarque Gallery tonight, which will include refreshments, and the photos will remain on display for the entire month of April.



COURTESY OF BRITTA BENE

POLAR BARE ESSENTIALS: A student models for Corpus, the annual art show that exhibits nude photographs of more than 40 Bowdoin students. The opening for the show is today at 8 p.m.

Spring breezes carry cinematic variety



BY MIKE NUGENT
COLUMNIST

throughout the world.

Four categories of films will participate—documentary, narrative fiction, animation, and experimental. The majority are all short films and the evening will climax with the feature length documentary "The Breast Cancer Diaries," which follows a mother and journalist's personal battle with cancer.

For more information, check out www.aacompanyofgirls.org/mwgf.htm.

Maine's best independent cinema, Movies on Exchange, at 10 Exchange St. in Portland, is screening the fantastic Oscar-winning German film "The Lives of Others." This is a film that surprisingly beat out "Pan's Labyrinth" for the award, and after seeing it I understand why. This is sophisticated European filmmaking at its finest and surely would place near the top of any year's best list.

The film is set in 1984 in the German Democratic Republic (GDR), at a time when the state spied on people for merely the slightest suspicion. Gerd is sent by the Stasi to spy on playwright Georg and his actress and partner Christa-Maria, neither of whom had done anything illegal.

While at first coldly objective, Gerd begins to feel his opinions changing after seeing more of the underbelly of East Germany's power elite, and the rich life of Georg and Christa-Maria. As he becomes intoxicated with the complex and fulfilling lives of others, he begins to test the boundaries of his pseudo-socialist state. This film is not to be missed.

"The Lives of Others" is now playing at 2, 4:45, and 7:30 p.m. Check out www.moviesonexchange.com for more information.

This is the final call for submissions for the Bowdoin student film festival! Please submit all films to S.U. Box 548, or bring them to 13D in Coles Tower. Films made for classes can also participate. We're looking forward to seeing what you come up with! E-mail me (mnugent@bowdoin.edu) with any questions or concerns.

We're back from break and already there are numerous worthy cinematic options playing in our area. The spring is usually known as downtime for film, but it's actually a great opportunity to go down a less trodden path and find more satisfying independent and foreign-produced fare.

On Saturday, the locally set and produced documentary, "There Ought to Be a Law" is playing at the Eveningstar Cinema.

The documentary chronicles the story of Cathy Crowley, a Maine mother, in her quest for greater gun control after her teenage son committed suicide with a gun bought at Wal-Mart. Maine has one of the highest youth suicide rates in the United States, so this issue is especially pertinent here. Though she had no activist experience, Crowley's story exemplifies why possessing the inner drive to stick with the cause matters most in the long run, especially when combating the well-funded gun lobby.

A panel after the film will include Crowley, the filmmakers, and a representative from the National Association on Mental Illness. This is another outstanding interactive film event from the Eveningstar Cinema, reminding me why it is a true gem of Midcoast Maine, one which deserves your support.

"There Ought to Be a Law" is playing March 31 at 11 a.m. For more details, check out www.eveningstarcinema.com.

The SPACE Gallery, at 538 Congress St. in Portland will host the Maine Women and Girls Film Festival on April 7.

The films presented are all made by women and girls, who remain a minority in the male-dominated filmmaking world. These films serve to celebrate the voice and visions of female filmmakers both in Maine and

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campus. She also played shows in Boston over Winter Break and performed with local musician Pete Kilpatrick in Portland.

Now, performing with Eleven, Francis said that the music becomes "more alive and exciting when you have a full band with you."

The band is composed of Nick Lechich '10 on hand drums, Alexi Thomakos '10 on lead guitar and additional vocals, and Max Taylor '10 on bass. When Francis heard Taylor practicing his bass guitar in his room earlier this semester, it ended her search for a band, since Taylor had been playing with Lechich and Thomakos throughout the year.

"I kind of assaulted him and said, 'I need a bass player!'" Francis said. "I met the other guys at Super Snack that night. I think that's the only time I've been all year."

Going into Battle of the Bands, Francis hoped that Eleven would offer a different sound than what

"I've been performing for a long time, and it's really exciting to be onstage and showcase something you've created, especially if there's a positive reaction."

SAMMIE FRANCIS '09

is usually present on campus. She describes Eleven's music as "chilled out, but vibrant" pop rock and counts Joni Mitchell, John Mayer, and Dave Matthews as her biggest influences. At Battle of the Bands, Eleven played songs by Matthews, U2, K.T. Tunstall, and an original song by Francis herself.

"I've been performing for a long time, and it's really exciting to be onstage and showcase something original you've created, especially if there's a positive reaction," Francis said. "It's an original and fresh sound that I very much enjoy listening to, since you can hear people singing."

"The music I relate to is simple in terms of chords, but the lyrics are profound in an everyday manner," she continued. "I don't know, it just touches you."

SPORTS

Endicott holds back men's lacrosse in Brunswick

BY JEREMY BERNFELD
STAFF WRITER

The men's lacrosse team has had a hectic start to its season. Six games into the 2007 campaign, the team has already edged out two gutsy overtime wins, suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss, and battled with two of the top teams in the nation. And there are still eight regular season games remaining.

This year's Polar Bear squad is largely inexperienced and will look to its six seniors to provide leadership. The team "is a young team trying to fill the shoes of a great class that graduated last year," said senior quad captain Charlie Legg. "While this has led to some inconsistency early on, I think that everyone will step up and come into their own as players."

"Our youth means that a lot of starting spots are up in the air, and competing for those spots will make us better as a team," he added.

Bowdoin (3-3, 1-1 NESCAC) has a lot of work to do to prove that it is one of the elite teams in the NESCAC.

On Wednesday, Bowdoin dropped a non-conference decision to 20th-ranked Endicott, 10-6. Senior quad captain Matt Chadwick had two assists in the Polar Bear loss.

Returning to Brunswick after Spring Break, Bowdoin lost 15-5 against league powerhouse Middlebury on Saturday. Adam Tracy '10 netted two goals for the Polar Bears, but it was not enough to overcome the vicious Middlebury attack.

In their first Spring Break action, the Polar Bears lost a gritty game against 19th-ranked Kenyon, 8-7. However, just two days later, sophomore Rob Halliday scored an overtime game winner to lead Bowdoin



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

ROCK THE CRADLE: Junior Max Key cradles the ball away from an Endicott defender on Wednesday night. The Bears lost to Endicott 10-6, leaving Bowdoin with a 3-3 overall record.

to victory over Clarkson, 6-5. Senior goalie Charlie Legg also stopped 12 shots in the win.

In their next game, the Polar Bears rallied from a 6-3 halftime deficit to win another overtime victory. Halliday again notched the OT game-

winner, this time over St. Lawrence, to ensure a 12-11 Bowdoin win.

"I definitely think the Florida trip and the start of the season were a success," said senior quad-captain Dave Donahue. "We started with a good league win versus Connecticut

College and had three tough games down in Florida. The loss against Kenyon was a disappointing one-goal loss, but the overtime wins against Clarkson and St. Lawrence were huge victories."

The team believes that its early

wins say a lot about the young team's maturity level.

"Our overtime victories showed that we have a lot of character as a team," said Legg. "It takes a lot of guts and heart to keep fighting when things aren't going your way."

Softball leads off with a home run

The softball team collects 14-3 record; one Bear takes pitcher of the week honors

BY MIKE BARTHA
CONTRIBUTOR

Over break, the women's softball team traveled south and pulled out the big guns, forcing its opponents to surrender. Yes, the Polar Bears conquered the Fort—Fort Myers, Florida, that is, the location of this year's spring training. The team completed the best start in Bowdoin Women's Softball history, tallying a remarkable 14-3 record.

The team started strong with a 8-2 victory over Blackburn, which kicked off a nine-game winning streak, in six of which the offense exploded for seven or more runs. This winning streak was followed by a 2-0 loss at the hands of Plymouth State, to which the Bears responded by winning five of their last seven games.

The Polar Bears took care of business from both sides of the ball, as opposing players only hit .190 against Bowdoin pitching, while the Polar Bear offense churned out a solid .301 batting average.

"One of our biggest strengths is

that we can bat through the lineup," said catcher, Alison Coleman '09. "I feel like we have a strong hitting lineup from leadoff to the ninth spot. We also have two very good pitchers in Karen Reni '09 and Julia Jacobs '10. I think that we're a solid team all around."

In fact, the outstanding pitching of Reni, who posted an astonishing 1.16 ERA and a 8-1 record, did not go unnoticed as she was honored by the NESCAC as Softball Pitcher of the Week.

Reni attributes her team's solid defense as playing a big hand in her amazing spring performance.

"Anything that shows how hard our team has worked in the off season is great," Reni said. "Our defense has been solid, so it's reassuring on the mound knowing they will pick you up if you make a mistake. But it's only for a week, so I'll be old news soon."

Also adding to the Polar Bears' successful start was the contributions made by the exceptional play of first-year players. In eight games, pitcher Jacobs picked up a 2.42 ERA and a 6-2 record. At the plate, Lexa Crowley-Gottlieb (.393), Shavonne Lord (.381), and Clare Ronan (.340) held three of the top-five batting averages on the team.

"They have made us a much more versatile team, and whether it be fielding or hitting, they have contributed a lot," Coleman said of the first years.

But the team did not walk into this successful start; rather, the players spent the offseason working on their skills and conditioning.

"Going into this season I think one of our biggest strengths is the fact that this team does not shy away from hard work," team co-captain Jayme Woogerd '07 said. "A lot of people really pushed hard in the offseason to get better, and we've already reaped some of the benefits. We definitely came back a stronger, more focused team."

With such a strong preseason, the team hopes that its success will give it momentum and continue into the regular season.

"We have a really tough schedule in front of us and I think spring break put us in a good position to go into it confident," said Reni. "Our team has a lot of talent, but we are going to be tested by solid teams from here on in."

The Polar Bears open their regular season in Hartford with a two-game series against the Trinity College Bantams. Their first contest is today at 4 p.m. and the second game will be held on Saturday at noon.

Women's rugby scrums with Virginian teams

BY ELISE SELINGER
CONTRIBUTOR

The women's rugby team traveled to Washington, D.C. and Virginia over Spring Break to prepare for Division II Nationals in Sanford, Florida. The team used the trip south to tune up for the upcoming tournament.

"It felt great to be playing on green grass again, especially when you are being tackled at the base of the National Monument," said Catherine Jager '09.

The team began its four-day trip in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with a game against the University of Mary Washington. Mary Washington matched up well with the Polar Bears, but the Bears prevailed, 12-7.

Despite several juniors studying abroad, players successfully settle into new positions. Wing Alivia Moore '09 tallied both tries for Bowdoin off strong runs, one of which was assisted by Sara Utzschneider '07. Margaret Munford '07 added a conversion kick to cap the scoring. Mary Washington had a late rally, but it was stifled by a strong goal line stand by the forwards.

The team traveled north to Washington D.C. for two days of practices and sightseeing. One practice was held at the base of the National Monument with guest coach Amy Shopkorn '00, who currently coaches at American University. Dinners in the Georgetown and downtown areas were arranged with alumni living in the D.C. area.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Richmond, Virginia, to play Virginia Commonwealth University. The heat and humidity throughout the day gave the Bears a taste of what they can expect in Florida. The Polar Bears dominated play, maintaining possession for most of the game in the opponent's zone. At the half the score was 26-0 with tries by Moore, Nicole Borunda '08, Emily Randall '10, and Erica Camarena '10. Munford added three conversion kicks. Ready to finish the trip on a strong note, Jessie Walker '09 added a try after several great runs, and Moore added one more try to finish the game at 36-0.

The team has a 10-2 record and will play its next match at Providence College on Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

MLB Preview 2007



COLUMN LIKE
I SEE 'EM

BY CHRIS ADAMS-WALL
COLUMNIST

Twenty-six. The same number of times that Al Pacino unleashes a particular expletive in "Scarface" plus 156; the same number of hours Jack Bauer has to save the United States from terrorists minus two; and the same number of times ex-pop star Britney Spears has checked into rehab this past week minus one. Yup, 26 is one ugly number. But more depressingly, it's also the same number of picks that I chose incorrectly in my Men's March Madness bracket this year; a record low. I made better picks when I was nine.

Luckily however, I was able to complete the bracket discretely, and then filed it away on some obscure Web site called "Facebook." Oops. Soon enough, I was being bombarded with more posts than Harry Potter in book one, and all of them were hurtful, hateful, and grammatically atrocious: "AWALL I have Duke in the final 4 as well, however: Stanford in the elite 8? Texas Tech over BC? Texas over UNC?" "Damn son, or not doing well so far. gw and Stanford got blown out of the water today...not even close. u shoulda picked the hoya to the finals" And my favorite: "yo awall, i don't want add insult to injury, as i see those before me already have, but how in god's name am i kicking your @\$\$ in this pool? i thought you were a sports god?"

Fortunately, today is redemption day, and in an effort to inch my way back to neutral—lest I become notorious for having the reliability of a weatherman—I will now make my new bold predictions—which will this time be unscathed by passion or prejudice—for the 2007 Major League Baseball that is set to kickoff Sunday evening. Oh, and for the record, I actually had Ohio State winning it all from the start.

26. The Cardinals won't repeat
It's still difficult for me to comprehend how a team that finished 83-78 last season (yes, they didn't even play 162 games!) and nearly missed the playoffs managed to win the Fall Classic. But, like "Gigli," it happened, so let's just forget about it and move on. They'll be in the wild card hunt thanks to MVP hopeful Albert Pujols and an electric pitching staff, but it won't be enough down the stretch. So long, St. Louis.

25. Alex Gordon will put Kansas City on the map

Ha—yeah right. The Royals' exuberant third base prospect will make some noise and maybe a name for himself by taking home some Rookie of the Year hardware, but what's above in bold will be a near impossible task.

24. The Brewers, Reds, and Pirates will share the cellar of the NL Central

Never have I seen a division so perfectly divided. The three teams in the top half (Cubs, Cardinals, Astros) each significantly outweigh the three in bold above. Matchup to keep your eye on though? Reds pitching prospect Homer Bailey against last year's NL batting champion, Pittsburgh's Freddy Sanchez.

23. No managers will be fired
Heck, even the Nationals' Manny Acta is safe. Wait, who?

22. Roger Clemens will sign with the Yankees

Donning the same number on

pinstripes as the prediction for the first time since 2003; this time in late June after Carl Pavano and Kei Igawa struggle mercilessly through April and May. Nothing \$18 million won't fix.

21. The Rockies are least likely to win the World Series
And until they move that stadium, they will continue to be so.

20. Frank Thomas will get injured

It's as inevitable as his Blue Jays finishing third this season.

19. Sammy Sosa will hit his 600th home run...on the final day of the season

Mr. Pepsi is currently at 588 and will put up similar numbers this year in Texas to his last full season with Orioles in 2005 (.221, 14, 45). He will retire a second time after his team finishes in last place in the AL West.

18. Chris Young will win NL Rookie of the Year

The D-backs' new, sound outfielder will play a major role in helping Arizona compete for a wild card spot—Brandon Webb and Randy Johnson, too.

17. Scott Kazmir will throw a no-hitter in May...

And Tampa Bay will miss it because of the Lightning's playoff run.

16. The Marlins will be a sleeper

This youthful squad nearly made the postseason last year, and with virtually everyone returning including slugger Miguel Cabrera and 2006 Rookie of the Year, Hanley Ramirez to complement an impressive pitching staff, the Fish could be thinking wild card. Did I mention they signed Aaron Boone, too?

15. Joe Mauer will reclaim the batting title

A year after hitting a record .347, things will only get easier for the guy who struck out once in high school. Just don't count on it being enough to get the Twins to the playoffs.

14. The Dodgers will win the NL West

Schmidt, Penny, Lowe, Wolf, Tomko, and that's just the pitching rotation.

13. A's/Angels will become the next big rivalry

Piazza vs. Guerrero, Street vs. K-rod, the Rally Monkey vs. Billy Beane. The opportunities are endless.

12. The Phillies will acquire Miguel Tejada

When the deadline approaches, and Baltimore is well out of the picture, it'll send its marquee shortstop to Philly along with outfielder Jay Payton and the incompetent Jarret Wright in exchange for Cole Hamels, Ryan Madson, Pat Burrell, and Jimmy Rollins. Tejada, Chase Utley, and last year's MVP Ryan Howard will be deemed unstoppable and clinch the

SOFTBALL

SCOREBOARD

Th 3/15 v. Biscayne (at Cape Coral, Florida)	W 8-2
Tu 3/15 v. Winter (at Cape Coral)	W 9-0
F 3/16 v. Transylvania (at Lee County, Florida)	W 5-4
F 3/16 v. Nichols (at Lee)	W 6-5
Sa 3/17 v. Bethel (at Lee)	W 10-2
Sa 3/17 v. Franklin Pierce (at Lee)	W 11-2
Sa 3/18 v. St. Lawrence (at Cape Coral)	W 9-3
Sa 3/18 v. Western (at Cape Coral)	W 4-0
Tu 3/20 v. SUNY-New Paltz (at Lee)	W 7-1
Tu 3/20 v. Plymouth State (at Lee)	L 2-0
W 3/21 v. Franklin Pierce (at Cape Coral)	W 3-1
W 3/21 v. Lawrence (at Cape Coral)	W 5-4
W 3/21 v. Ball State (at Lee County)	W 2-0
Th 3/22 v. Chicago (at Lee)	L 1-1
Th 3/22 v. Wisconsin-Superior (at Lee)	W 7-3
F 3/23 v. Albright (at Cape Coral)	W 4-3
F 3/23 v. Western N.E. (at Cape Coral)	W 3-0

SCHEDULE

F 3/30 v. Trinity (at Brander)	3:00 P.M.
Sa 3/31 v. Trinity (at Brander)	1:00 P.M.
Tu 4/3 at Southern Maine	3:30 P.M.
W 4/4 v. Maine-Farmington	3:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

SCOREBOARD

Sa 3/10 v. MIT	W 7-2
Sa 3/10 v. Smith	W 9-0
F 3/16 at Cal Lutheran	W 9-0
M 3/19 v. Wellesley (at Cal Lutheran)	W 8-1
W 3/21 at Redlands	W 9-0
Th 3/22 at Pomona	W 6-2

SCHEDULE

Sa 3/31 v. Trinity	10:00 A.M.
Su 4/1 v. Wesleyan	10:00 A.M.
Th 4/5 at Bates	4:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD

W 3/21 v. Mary Washington	W 12-7
Sa 3/24 v. Virginia Commonwealth	W 36-0

SCHEDULE

Sa 3/31 at Providence	12:15 P.M.
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MEN'S LACROSSE

SCOREBOARD

	W	L	W	L
MIDDLEBURY	2	0	4	1
TUFTS	2	0	5	0
WILLIAMS	2	0	3	1
AMHERST	1	0	2	3
TRINITY	1	0	3	1
BOWDOIN	1	1	3	3
BATES	0	1	3	1
WESLEYAN	0	1	6	1
COLBY	0	2	1	4
CONN. COLLEGE	0	4	0	5

SCOREBOARD

Sa 3/10 v. Conn. College	W 9-6
W 3/14 v. Kenyon (at Sylvan, Florida)	L 8-7
Sa 3/17 v. Clarkson (at FL)	W 6-5
Tu 3/20 v. St. Lawrence (at FL)	W 12-11
Sa 3/24 at Middlebury	L 15-5
W 3/28 v. Endicott	L 10-6

SCHEDULE

Sa 3/31 v. Wesleyan	1:00 P.M.
W 4/4 v. Springfield (at No. Andover, Mass.)	7:00 P.M.

BASEBALL

SCOREBOARD

(all games at Port Charlotte, Florida)	
Tu 3/13 v. Fitchburg State	L 5-4
W 3/14 v. MCLA	W 10-4
Th 3/15 v. Cortland State	L 26-10
F 3/16 v. St. Joseph's - NY	W 2-0
Sa 3/17 v. Westfield State	W 12-5
M 3/19 at Eckerd	L 4-1
Tu 3/20 v. Hamilton	L 5-3
Tu 3/20 v. Hamilton	W 9-8
W 3/21 v. WNEC	L 7-2
Th 3/22 v. Wisconsin - Stevens Pt.	W 15-13

SCHEDULE

F 3/30 v. Trinity (at Brander)	3:00 P.M.
Sa 3/31 v. Trinity (at Brander)	1:00 P.M.
Tu 4/3 at Southern Maine	3:30 P.M.
W 4/4 v. Maine-Farmington	3:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

SCOREBOARD

	W	L	W	L
AMHERST	2	0	4	1
WILLIAMS	2	0	2	1
MIDDLEBURY	1	0	2	1
TRINITY	1	0	4	0
BOWDOIN	1	1	4	2
WESLEYAN	1	1	3	2
TUFTS	1	2	3	2
BATES	0	1	5	2
COLBY	0	2	3	2
CONN. COLLEGE	0	2	1	3

SCOREBOARD

Sa 3/10 at Conn. College	W 18-8
W 3/14 v. Gettysburg (at Wellington, Florida)	L 8-6
Sa 3/17 v. Hamilton (at FL)	W 8-7
Tu 3/20 v. Springfield (at FL)	W 16-3
Sa 3/24 v. Middlebury	L 15-5
W 3/28 v. Wheaton	W 18-7

SCHEDULE

Sa 3/31 at Wesleyan	12:00 P.M.
Su 4/1 v. Plymouth State	1:00 P.M.

MEN'S TENNIS

SCOREBOARD

W 3/14 at Cal Lutheran	W 8-1
F 3/16 v. Wash U. (at CM-5, Stag-Hen Invitational)	L 7-2
Sa 3/17 v. Carnegie Mellon (at CM-5, Stag-Hen)	W 8-1
Sa 3/17 at Pomona (Stag-Hen)	W 8-1
Tu 3/20 v. Whitman (at CM-5)	W 7-2
W 3/21 at Redlands	W 7-2
Th 3/22 v. Amherst (at CM-5)	W 6-3

SCHEDULE

Sa 3/31 v. Trinity (at Brander)	2:00 P.M.
Su 4/1 v. Trinity (at Brander)	1:00 P.M.
Th 4/5 at Bates	4:00 P.M.

Compiled by Adam Kommel
Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESAC

wild card.

11. Tom Glavine will win his 300th game

The culminating moment of a Hall-of-Fame career will happen in July en route to the Mets capturing their second-straight division title.

10. Dice-K won't live up to the hype

But he won't come remotely close to flopping. People are expecting Matsuzaka and his mysterious gyroball to be Nolan Ryan times five, but a 14-8 record with a 3.79 ERA will suffice, though it won't be enough for the Sox who will fail to reach the postseason for the second straight year. And yes, J.D. Drew will eventually get hurt.

9. Andruw Jones will belt 60 home runs

He has hit 92 bombs over the last two seasons, including a career-high 51 in 2005. Can he raise that total by nine? You bet.

8. The Tigers will outlast the Red Sox, White Sox, and Angels and seal the wild card

Newcomer Gary Sheffield will be an MVP candidate and could potentially have as many as 150 RBIs by season's end.

7. Jake Peavy/Johan Santana will earn Cy Youngs

The former will bounce back, and the latter will be as dominant as ever.

6. Carlos Delgado will win his first MVP award

One of the most humble characters

in the game today, the Mets slugger will make his second season in New York a memorable one thanks to 40-plus homers, and the best lineup protection a guy could ask for.

5. A-Rod will fail in the playoffs...again

We know it; the Yankees know it; and worst of all, Alex knows it. Extend that championship-less drought to seven years.

4. Adrian Beltre will win the AL MVP and his Mariners the AL West

Could be the most dangerous lineup in baseball if everyone stays healthy, and the rejuvenated third baseman will be its commander-in-chief.

3. Barry Bonds will surpass Hank Aaron for first all-time on the career home runs list

Sad, but true. At least there's no controversy surrounding it.

2. The Cubs will finish with baseball's best record

Soriano, Lee, Ramirez, Zambrano, Piniella—All World Series bound.

1. The Cleveland Indians will win the World Series

It will be Tribe fans' greatest celebration since the release of Major League II. Thank you, Pronk.

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Women's lacrosse welcomes Wheaton with whipping

BY EMILEIGH MERCER
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Lacrosse Team came out firing on its home turf to beat Wheaton College (0-5) Tuesday night under the lights in an 18-7 win.

The Bears were able to score five goals before Wheaton got on the board. They were led by junior Bridget Keating's four goals in the first half. Senior tri-captains Kate Donoghue and Taylor White scored two goals each before the half. Senior tri-captain Jill Steigerwald and junior Bobbi Dennison notched one apiece as the Polar Bears went ahead 11-3.

Responding to Bowdoin's stellar start, fan Katie Cummings '07 exclaimed between halves, "We're absolutely overwhelming them!"

In the second half the Polar Bears stayed strong and took advantage of offensive production by sophomores Abby Barton, Emily Straus, and Christina Denitzio, as well as first-year Kauri Ballard. Against Wheaton, Bowdoin's high-scoring offense was the key to the game.

"Our offense was on because we regrouped quickly and found our momentum on the attacking end of the field," said Straus. "We played as a unit, and our transition game helped our attackers find the back of the net."

Bowdoin outshot Wheaton 43-23, but sophomore Stephanie Collins-Finn and junior Kat Popoff split time making saves in the net for the win.

The midweek game was an opportunity for the Polar Bears to bounce

back from the weekend, when they fell to Middlebury in Brunswick, 11-5. The Polar Bears could not stop the Panthers from a second-half offensive flurry.

"Although the loss to Middlebury this past Saturday was disappointing, we have always valued learning something from each game we play, improving on it, and using it to defeat our next opponent," Donoghue said. "The most unique and important quality this team possesses is unity. We do not compete as individuals, but rather we work as hard as we possibly can everyday to push the collective group to a higher level of play as we take on our opponents game by game."

The teams stayed close before the half as Dennison scored two of Bowdoin's four first period goals, but they could not find the back of the net in the second half. Middlebury's defense held Bowdoin scoreless until White was able to score with just more than two minutes left in the game. The Panther offense was able to score six second-half goals. Bowdoin's Collins-Finn made 15 saves in the game.

Over the break, the team traveled to Florida for spring training and came away with two wins. The Bears' only loss came against a nationally ranked Gettysburg team as they fell 8-6 in a battle to the end.

"The game was an excellent display of athleticism and skill by both teams as there was a one- or two-goal difference and hard play up and down the field throughout the entire 60 minutes," said Donoghue. "We played extremely well, fought hard,



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CHARGE: Senior Jill Steigerwald runs through a Wheaton defender in the Bears' 18-7 victory on Tuesday. Steigerwald scored one goal on one shot.

and look forward to meeting the Bullets again the future."

The Polar Bears were superb against Hamilton and Springfield College in Wellington, Florida. They posted an 8-7 come-from-behind win against Hamilton before soundly beating Springfield 16-3. An 18-8 win against Connecticut College was a great season-opener before leaving

for their trip, as eight Bowdoin players scored in the win.

Now 4-2 and ranked seventh in the latest national poll, the Polar Bears will look to win on the road against Wesleyan on Saturday. They will then return to Bowdoin for a Sunday match against Plymouth State.

"This year the theme our coach gave us for the season is 'onward and

upward' and I think tonight's game proved we are capable of moving forward and continuing to improve and synthesize aspects of our game all over the field," White said. "We really began to work as a cohesive unit—in addition to playing well individually—and we are really looking forward to continuing our progress this coming Saturday."

Ice hockey and women's basketball fall short

BY ADAM KOMMEL
ORIENT STAFF

Three teams finished their seasons since the Orient last published, on March 2: the women's basketball team and both hockey teams.

The women's basketball team fell in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III tournament on March 10 to Mary Washington. The game, held in Scranton, Pennsylvania, seemed all locked up for the Polar Bears at points in the second half, but Mary Washington came back to win 64-59.

Mary Washington would go on to lose to DePauw in the Final Four, and DePauw would take home the championship in a final round victory over Washington University.

Last year, Bowdoin was also stopped in the Elite Eight of the tournament.

The men's hockey team lost the NE-SCAC final to Middlebury on March 4. The 4-2 loss in Dayton Arena saw 1,922 attendees, but the home crowd wasn't enough to lift the Bears past the Panthers.

Middlebury went on to use its automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament (10 teams were invited) to go all the way to the finals, finally losing to champion Oswego, 4-3 in overtime.

Many students were looking forward to an ultimate Bowdoin-Colby matchup, but the Panthers upset the Mules 4-3 at Dayton to foil those plans.

The women's hockey team lost to eventual NESCAC champion Amherst in the tournament semifinals on March 3, 3-2 in overtime. The Jeffs defeated Middlebury in a climactic triple-overtime final.



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FIRST-ROUND CHALLENGE: Senior Julia Loonin dribbles past a Mount Holyoke defender in the Bears' 74-57 victory in Morrell Gymnasium.



A NOTE OF THANKS FOR OUR STUDENTS

There is hope after tragedy, but only with your help. Hurricane Katrina devastated historically black colleges along the Gulf Coast. Students were displaced, schools were damaged, and dreams were washed away. Former Presidents Bush and Clinton have partnered with the United Negro College Fund to rebuild campuses and rebuild scholarship.

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Bowdoin doesn't actually exist within a bubble, and for that reason, it is sometimes necessary to market our "brand" to the outside world. Yet evidence exists that Bowdoin and other Maine schools, like colleges throughout the country, have increased their efforts to sell college as a market commodity. For instance, last year, Bowdoin created a new position in the Office of Communications for a director of news and media relations. According to the job description, the employee is partly tasked with spreading Bowdoin's name in the popular media. On Thursday, the College chose to make prominent on its home page references to the media's apparent newfound love for Bowdoin: "NBC Nightly News" to feature Wil Smith, "The New York Times" features Bowdoin College Museum of Art, and "Southern Maine towns receive accolades in the press."

Exposure initiatives are not inherently bad, but as Time magazine recently reported, some institutions can take them too far. U.S. News and World Report is both famous and infamous for its annual review of colleges. According to the Time article, some colleges calculate how to inflate their ranking and then make decisions based on that calculation. For instance, higher spending creates a higher score in one of the evaluation categories, thus many schools choose to increase spending—a move that did nothing to ameliorate skyrocketing tuition costs.

We were pleased to see that in the 1990s, Bowdoin chose to restrain spending and not follow the crowd. At a time when its peers were increasing spending, the College chose to balance its budget. As a result, according to Time, the College dropped from fourth to eighth in the U.S. News rankings. The publisher apparently likes something Bowdoin has done in the interim, as we've since moved to seventh place among liberal arts colleges.

The Time article said that some colleges are considering working together to stop providing data to U.S. News, stop advertising their ranks, or develop an alternative system of ranking. Bowdoin officials told an Orient reporter that they haven't yet received details about the proposal, but their statements indicate that they aren't in a rush to initiate a revolution anytime soon. We can understand why: Bowdoin does well in the rankings, and as former Dean of Admissions Jim Miller told the Orient a few years ago, prospective students do use widely available guidebook data to help simplify the overwhelming admissions process.

While it is fun to see Bowdoin's name in print and to learn that we end up on highly publicized lists, the College needs to continue to be careful that institutional policy is not used to increase our rankings by guidebook publishers. After all, such references are in many ways superficial, dependent upon outside perception or quantitative data that lacks context. However, given that rankings will continue to exist in the future, the College should take seriously the prospect of working with other institutions to respond collectively to a system that, at least in the 1990s, may have penalized Bowdoin for making responsible choices.

The editorial represents the majority view of The Bowdoin Orient's editorial board, which comprises Bobby Guerette, Beth Kowitz, Anna Karass, Steve Kolowich, and Anne Riley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teachers with liberal arts background can be skilled, effective

To the Editors:

I read with interest the article "Teach for America divides educators" (March 2). I retired from the Pittsburgh public schools, an urban district with many students from low income families, as an elementary school principal. I held various positions in both special education and mainstream education, purposely staying at the building level to work closely with students and staff.

The argument over newly employed teachers from teacher certified programs versus those hires (often times liberal arts graduates) without teacher certification has been around for a long time. I expect that this issue will continue well into the future for a number of reasons.

Concerning this issue, my 30-plus years in public education have taught me that there are certified teachers who cannot teach or who lack the empathy, sensitivity, appreciation of the student and the inherent dignity in each student, as well as respect and empathy for the student's parent(s). There are also certified teachers who are skilled and appreciate their students and the parents. College graduates who lack educational training may or may not become skilled teachers who appreciate their students and parents.

What is important is that the school principal and staff welcome the new teacher. The staff should support the new teacher as he or she adjusts to the school and develops the necessary skills. Teachers and all school staff must feel that they are a part of one team.

I came from a liberal arts background. Frankly, liberal arts graduates often seem to be multidimensional in character. Consequently, they bring to their students and to public education a much needed and refreshing perspective. Educators should welcome these young people

and assist in their personal and professional growth.

Sincerely,
Ronald C. Conant
Boothbay, Maine

Professors should share knowledge, edit Wikipedia

To the Editors:

I was unsatisfied with the recent article "Professors question merit of Wikipedia citations" (March 2). While I agree with the main thrust of the article—that students should not be citing Wikipedia in research papers—I believe this singling out of Wikipedia misses the point. Wikipedia is an online encyclopedia, and no college students should be relying on encyclopedias of any sort—no more Wikipedia than Encyclopaedia Britannica or Encarta. Furthermore, Wikipedia is a great resource for those unable to attend a college like Bowdoin, or who simply don't have the time to pore over primary source information.

Many have criticized the accuracy and neutrality of Wikipedia; however, the results of an independent study suggest that Wikipedia is roughly as accurate as other encyclopedias.

But the point I'd like to make is that in those cases when Wikipedia is inaccurate or missing information, you are invited to correct those mistakes. Let's put aside this discussion of whether or not to ban Wikipedia citations and work to make it better.

To this end, I propose that Bowdoin set aside one percent of professors' time to share their expertise with the world, beyond the walls of the academy. Wikipedia—on a shoe-string budget of donations—has managed to create a powerful tool that is dramatically reducing barriers to knowledge. My hope is that the next time a professor or student stumbles across something ambiguous or inaccurate on Wikipedia, they take steps to improve the site.

Sincerely,
Ted Power '07

Break the silence about sexual assault at annual Speak Out

To the Editors:

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. Over the course the month, Safe Space hopes to raise awareness about how sexual violence affects the Bowdoin community. National statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes. Being supportive of survivors of sexual violence can often be complicated and difficult. We hope to create a caring and secure environment for survivors to share their stories. To reach this goal, we ask the Bowdoin community to keep in mind the following:

-Sexual assault is about power and control—not sex.

-The most important aspect of supporting a survivor is empowering them and giving back control that often feels lost after a rape.

-Listen and trust the survivor's story. Only two percent of all sexual assault accusations reported to law enforcement turn out to be false. This is the same rate as other types of violent crimes.

-Many Bowdoin students have been affected by sexual assault both at Bowdoin and outside the campus. Choose language wisely when discussing sexual assault; statistics suggest you could be in the company of a survivor.

On Sunday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in Main Lounge, Moulton Union, Safe Space is holding the third annual Speak Out. This is an opportunity to come forward and talk about experiences of sexual violence in a safe environment. Speaking in front of an audience is often an extremely healing and strengthening experience. We invite you to come speak or support your classmates in breaking the silence about sexual assault. Trained Safe Space members will be available during and after the event for support.

Sincerely,
Nicole Willey '08
Emily Coffin '08
Co-Leaders, Safe Space

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SMOKIN' ACES: Artwork displayed at the seventh annual Delta Sigma/Delta Upsilon Art Contest in Lamarche Gallery. The exhibit closed on Thursday, and the gallery will now feature the Corpus Art Show, which is focused on raising awareness of negative body image.

Spring heartbreak: Readjusting to Bowdoin's brisk pace, climate



THESE
REVELATIONS
WILL NOT BE
TELEVIEWED
BY STEVE KOLOWICH
ORIENT STAFF

Spring Break is a lot of things: It's a time to exhale, forget about functions, formulas, Foucault, and failing grades, and coax your blood pressure down to a rate that doesn't make your forehead resemble a topographical map of Utah. It's an opportunity to catch up on reading, sleep, and episodes of "The Office." It's an excuse to head south and reintroduce your pasty, translucent skin to the long-forgotten phenomena of "sun," "warmth," and "body shots."

But despite its virtues, Spring Break is one thing above all: a tease. It is Old Man Winter's philandering daughter: She flirts with you, gives you flowers, and makes you feel warm all over. Then she leaves and doesn't call you for two months.

Allow me to share my own tale of seduction and heartbreak.

I spent my first week of the holiday working on a house in Mississippi, where temperatures averaged 70 degrees Fahrenheit. I, and a handful of Bowdoin compatriots, worked under the sun and slept under the stars. Some of us even dared to wear shorts...shorts! As in short

pants! Back in Maine, this would have amounted to blasphemy.

This shot of summer weather put me in a state of euphoria. "Drink up!" I exclaimed as a mosquito alighted on my arm. I'd been hording my blood like a miser since October—time to spread around the wealth! And what were these green, leafy things attached to the trees? There are familiar, yet foreign. Whatever they're called, they are absolutely delightful! Good show, nature!

And what's this—natural light past five o'clock? Breeze that doesn't make my skin feel like it was ratted by a facecloth soaked in lye? It seemed like only weeks ago that I had hitched a ride from Moulton Union to Coles Tower, fearing frostbite. And now here I was, wearing a T-shirt, applying lotion to my sun-burned forearms.

Emboldened by the temperate climate and verdant landscape, and drunk on the notion of an incipient solstice, my travel companions and I boarded a plane headed north, prepared to hack through our remaining academic obligations with the vim of doldrum-dwellers who have tasted the sweet nectar of summer.

But optimism was soon reined in by cold, merciless, meteorological reality. Near the end of the flight, I blinked away to the tiny "ding" of the cabin's PA intercom.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we have

begun our initial descent into the Boston area, where the local weather is approximately 38 degrees and overcast," crackled the inexplicably chipper voice of a flight attendant.

I blinked again. Come again? I thought, wiping drool from the side of my mouth. My ears hadn't popped yet, and I was sure that I'd misheard. Overcast I could handle, but surely she meant 38 degrees centigrade.

Deep down, I knew she hadn't. I turned toward the window, imagining that I looked a lot like Wile E. Coyote craning his head upward with a knowing expression of despair as the shadow of a descending boulder grew wide around him. Sure enough, beneath a low ceiling of oatmeal clouds, the earth was heartbreakingly, inexorably, white.

"Yeah, we got hit pretty hard this weekend," explained my mom as we sped away from Logan on the salt-stained asphalt of the Mass Pike. The front walk hadn't been shoveled yet, she told me. I shivered and turned up the heat in the car. I hadn't brought a jacket.

Adjusting to New England's lousy interpretation of "spring" was not my hardest hurdle. As difficult as it was to go from the balmy weather of Mississippi to the stubborn, chilly weather of Maine, it was even more difficult to refocus my intellectual faculties. In Mississippi, my duties involved pounding nails into wood;

back at school, I was required to pound information into my brain. This process used different muscles, but was no less violent.

Transitioning to my daily schedule here was another challenge. In Mississippi, our work day began at 8 a.m., so I became accustomed to waking up early. I did not, however, become accustomed to waking up early and thinking. Example: One morning, a high-ranking member of BSG and I were charged with snapping guides for shingles. This resulted in a roof covered with lines that, while colorful, were diagonal, and therefore useless. Our site manager patiently re-snapped the guides, but I was not assigned any more "thinking" projects after that.

The point is that my brain, perhaps sensing a change in environs, also decided to take couple weeks off. It left a light on inside my head, but only to fool burglars—trust me, it was gone. In any case, it locked all

the doors, so it was difficult for me to get information in there. I had to break window to shove in some emergency knowledge for my history midterm, but I'm still having trouble with the doors. I should probably call somebody.

Our annual March hiatus is great fun, but it's also a huge set-up for the two-month April Fools joke that is the second half of the semester. I mean, I split my break between hammering and lying on the couch; I can't imagine how difficult the first week back has been for students who split theirs between getting hammered and lying on the beach.

Regardless, we all had our two-week fling with Spring Break. And though it was great while it lasted, I imagine many of you are feeling the same heartache that I am. Just keep yourself busy, and don't try to call her. When she's ready, she'll return to you as the elegant mistress that is summer. She always does.

Teach for America works to narrow achievement gap

BY EVAN S. KOHN

A wide variety of leaders in education, politics, and business agree that Teach For America (TFA) is a successful program in its efforts to help close the nation's achievement gap because of both its inventive model and, most importantly, its results. But last issue's Features article, "Teach For America divides educators," unfortunately created more of a controversy surrounding the AmeriCorps program than what actually exists by basing its reporting on a select few opinions and anecdotes.

Department of Education Chair Mary Lu Gallaudee's assertion regarding what is best for these "very needy students" is narrow minded in thinking that only career teachers can create widespread change. It is easy to say the world would be better off if everyone had 10 more years of training in their field. As a first-year corps member in New Haven, Connecticut, I do not have 10 years experience teaching, but according to the Developmental Reading Assessment, my students had advanced almost a year's worth on average from September to January.

Corps members across New Haven and TFA's other 25 sites are producing significant academic gains, and such cases of achievement are not isolated. An independent study by Mathematica Policy Research Inc. found that students of corps members make more progress in reading and math than would typically be expected in a year.

Similarly, a study by Kane Parsons and Associates showed that three out of four principals say TFA corps members' training is better than that of other beginning teachers and 74 percent of principals considered corps members more effective than other beginning teachers with whom they've worked. That is largely because both TFA summer institute and the program's ongoing professional development train corps members to use new, innovative strategies to engage students in low-income environment classrooms—despite Assistant Professor Doris Santoro Gomez's false claim that corps members teach simply from their

own previous knowledge.

The article also failed to highlight TFA's force of alumni leaders, 60 percent of whom continue to work from within education to close the achievement gap and thousands more who are working from other professional sectors to take the pressure off of schools by improving the quality of health and social services for disadvantaged children.

Just look at the successful public charter schools that are making leaps and bounds in education reform and it will become clear that closing the achievement gap will take more than teachers trained in traditional schools of education. A great example of this is the Achievement First public charter school in which I was placed, where the principal and a great number of faculty members are TFA alumni. The school has one seat for every seven applicants to its blind lottery, enrolls a student body of which more than three-quarters qualify for free or reduced lunch, and is testing at levels comparable to schools in Connecticut's most affluent suburbs—all while leading the way in character education.

Other Achievement First and KIPP public charter schools are proving that students in low-income communities can achieve at suburban levels and beyond on a wide-spread scale; such successes would not be possible without the pool of talented and energized corps members and alumni TFA has propelled forward.

So, let's stick to the facts. TFA has worked to positively impact the lives of more than 2.5 million children. Instead of focusing on a select few professors' traditional perspectives on the program model, look at what it has accomplished in an effort to unite America by promoting equality of opportunity.

With just 15 percent of disadvantaged eighth graders in America proficient in reading, the nation's achievement gap is too critical of an issue to examine without looking at statistics, alternatives, and observing what is working and why.

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Alternative views create discourse, debate



THE FLIP
SIDE

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
COLUMNIST

Every year the issue of censorship seems to arise. Last year, students boycotted an anti-V-day event. It was quite effective and attendance at the event was sparse. As of late, a call for censorship seems to have surfaced within the Orient's articles, and I feel it is worth discussing again. An attitude of boycott or censorship is arguably one of the biggest potential weaknesses of current liberal arts institutions.

Anytime something is boycotted, knowledge decreases. It is a utilitarian principle. Generally, if we do not hear the opposing side of an argument, we do not analyze it. If we never truly consider something, we are unable to figure out for ourselves what is true, best, or right. Then we end up with the same ideas as the majority, those in power, or our parents. History demonstrates that the majority, as well as those in power, often err. In addition, when alternative viewpoints are not discussed, we end up lacking the ability to fully articulate and comprehend our own viewpoints because we assume them correct in their unchallenged state. How can one really understand something unless one possesses the ability to defend his or her position?

At this point I imagine that one might argue, "But some arguments are sooo stupid that they are not even worth bringing up." Point taken. However, consider the following psychology study: Students listened to a panel of experts who all agreed on a fairly clear cut topic and were later given a test on the material. Another group of students listened to a panel of experts which included one dissenting opinion. The students who were forced to listen to an op-

I do not want to go through my college career only being spoon-fed that which the majority believes, regardless of how absurd the opposing viewpoint may seem. Gottfried Leibniz, a 17th-century philosopher, thought that the atoms of our universe are worlds of themselves, and our world is an atom of another. A ridiculous thought? Sure. Interesting to think about? Sure.

posing stance did much better on the test than the students who did not have to listen to the lone dissenter. When we hear both sides of a debate, we process the information on a deeper level. Consequently, we are able to better retain it.

Before spring break, Alex Locke '10 responded to senior Zach Linhart's article regarding the cause of global warming. She concluded, "This would never be printed in a major newspaper, and I hope for the sake of the credibility of the opinion section that the staff looks more closely at these articles in the future." I am not 100-percent certain what Locke is suggesting. However, I assume, as did other readers with whom I spoke, that she meant look more closely, and then don't print it. If I am wrong about this presumption, I apologize. However, these remarks support a selection process that would adversely affect the amount of information available to Orient readers.

Regarding the article under criticism, I read it, was intrigued, and learned something. The next week, I opened up the Orient opinion section, and learned a lot more about the issue from Professor Battle. I would not have known any of the information if Linhart's article were never printed, and the subsequent discourse ensued. I was forced to evaluate both sides of the debate and think for myself who had the best argument. Even if an article is not fit for a major newspaper (let's face it, how many college pieces are?), I implore the editors to print it. I want to know, and I want to know both sides.

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college career only being spoon-fed that which the majority believes, regardless of how absurd the opposing viewpoint may seem. Gottfried Leibniz, a 17th-century philosopher, thought that the atoms of our universe are worlds of themselves, and our world is an atom of another. A ridiculous thought? Sure. Interesting to think about? Sure. We read about it in class because we are fully capable of testing out of the box theories. Then again, every once in a while one of those "absurd" thoughts, such as Copernicus's idea that the earth revolves around the sun, turns out to be true.

In a few years, I will probably no longer read the Bowdoin Orient on a weekly basis. I will probably substitute it with a major publication, most likely a biased one. It will presumably lack the color of the Orient's opinion section. Psychological studies suggest that I will be learning less from them as I only absorb one side. At that point, I will probably be too lazy, not have the time or energy, or be too set in my ways to consider anything else. Not printing an article for the sake of the "credibility" of the newspaper opens Pandora's box to censorship of minority viewpoints. Everyone knows the death penalty is wrong; therefore it is not even worth discussion. Stem cell research would benefit mankind so much it would be pointless to talk about the moral dilemmas involved. That is not the attitude of a student. We are here to learn as much as possible, and the opinion section of the Orient should be dedicated to a presentation of a spectrum of ideas, challenging us to rethink our pet preconceptions.

Terminally stranded: The unhappy journeys of one marooned traveler



A SOJOURN IN
CIVILIZED LIFE

BY ANNIE MONJAR
COLUMNIST

I had the good fortune this past Saturday to miss the Concord Trailways bus from Logan Airport by five minutes.

As my plane pulled in at 11:18 in the morning, I held my breath, muttering resentfully about the 15-minute delay the flight had earlier that day. But I would still make it; I was prepared to shove and pummel whatever families, flight attendants, and elderly people were necessary. I would sprint through the terminals and climb into that mysterious tunnel with the ominous red light the baggage comes out of and demand that they hand over my red rolling suitcase.

But having tried to hoist my leg over the couple cuddling next to me,

only to find myself with my crotch hovering mere inches above the gentleman's wristwatch and my ankle turning the volume on the woman's headphones up to a level I'm surprised didn't turn her hair blond, I crouched back into my seat. There was no rush; looking dolefully at the neighboring wristwatch (the use of which I now felt entitled to), it was clear that there would be no heroic bus-catch.

So here comes the nauseatingly grim question that all travelers have had to grapple with at one point or another: What does one do for five hours in an airport?

Granted, I'm sure that many people, and many Bowdoin students, have had far worse and longer times in airports than this. And after five hours of Dunkin' Donuts, "In-Style," toddlers with tantrums, more Dunkin' Donuts, and rolling around a behemoth of a suitcase back and forth, the fact that these people still

continue to leave their homes is outrageous to me.

The most obvious answer to any straggler would be to take out your homework. But when you've just ingested a large coffee, a grande mocha, and a chocolate muffin, the thought of settling into a reading of "Moby Dick" is kind of like trying to write a letter to your grandmother on speed.

So, with less than three hours of sleep but enough caffeine in my veins to light up the Eiffel Tower for a week, I decided this was the most opportune time imaginable to make some friends.

"Oh look how little she is!!!"

When someone says this to my child someday in the future, I'm going to reply with a can of Mace. This woman didn't (which is fortunate, because God knows how that would've mixed with the caffeine seizure), but she gave me a strained look of friendliness that implied, "Yes, they usually

come out that way." I stood unphased, though: "How old is she?"

"Oh, just a couple of months, now," was the uncomfortably high-pitched response, and then *ohmygodthere-ishernipple*.

Breast-feeding has got to be the most ingenious way to get rid of someone you don't want around. Just a few buttons slyly done away with, and voila! Your child-gaping creep (in this case, myself) is suddenly speechless and quietly gets up and rolls away. It's not that I don't hold a certain amount of sensitivity to the intimacy of feeding your child *au naturel*, but the unexpected sight of a total stranger's matronly bosom is enough to take the edge off anyone's caffeine buzz.

With a lesson learned and an image engrained, I wandered over to the magazine station, where I thoughtfully debated between "The New Yorker" and "The Economist." Leaving the

stand with my copy of "Vogue," I sat down next to two airport employees, who were avidly watching women walk in and out of the terminals, making remarks like, "Look! Look! Look! Dang, man! Look!"

I settled into people-watching with these two, involving myself in their conversation in my head: "Yeah, but I'll bet she's got no sense of humor." It's amazing what eavesdropping can do to make the hours fly by. Because, looking at the clock, I realized that it was time to go outside and wait for the bus.

While my story is a rather anti-epic one, I learned many lessons. For one, coffee is to be taken in quantities less than that of your own body weight. Also, flashing is an effective tool in repelling pests. And finally, don't let a temporary moment of discomfort stand in the way of catching a bus. Because there's absolutely nothing to be done in an airport for five hours.

'We speak for the mountains': Fight ecological injustice in Appalachia

BY COLIN BECKMAN

"We speak for the mountains. Love them or leave them, but don't destroy them. If you dare to be one too, call (404) 542-1134, 522-0246."

Do not be surprised if this quote reminds you of Dr. Seuss's Lorax (who speaks for the trees, because the trees have no tongues). If you ever thought that Dr. Seuss's tale of the Once-ler, the Truffula trees and the Humming-Fish with their gummed gills was a bit on the hyperbolic side, look no further than the 21st-century coalfields of Appalachia. If you go there, you will see that the story of the Lorax is no fictional tale. There, not just the trees, but whole mountains are falling.

I went to the capital of West Virginia to visit my older brother. I was casually interested in something called the Mountain Justice Spring Break that I knew would be happening while I was

there, but I was intending to spend most of the week with my brother. This would change after I stood on a mountain (what was left of it) and saw mountain top removal mining with my own eyes for the first time.

On March 16, the week culminated with an occupation of Gov. Joe Manchin's office lobby, the purpose of which was to ask the governor to build a new, safe elementary school for the children in the Marsh Fork community. Their current school is 400 yards from a 1,849-acre mountain top removal site, and several students have fallen ill from coal dust and chemical contamination. Two hours after the protest began, the governor responded that the decision would have to be put to a vote for the school district to decide. Protesters were arrested and taken to jail. Among those arrested was Larry Gibson.

Larry Gibson's stout stature, white

moustache and rough, whispery voice give him an air reminiscent of the whiskered conscience embodied in the character of the Lorax. But unlike the Lorax, Larry is not going anywhere (he wore a shirt that had the quote above printed on it). Larry lives steadfastly on one of the last remaining peaks of Kayford Mountain in southern West Virginia. The rest of that mountain has literally been blasted and bulldozed away by the coal companies in a process called mountain top removal mining. From the edge of a plummeting cliff face, carved out by explosives that had shaken the pictures from the walls of Larry's cabin, and thrown car-sized boulders onto his property, I watched as coal trucks laden with coal drove across wide, muddy roads of coal-stained soil.

This rapacious form of mining buries headwater streams under tons

of rock in a process referred to with the harmless-sounding euphemism, "valley fill." Over time, mountaintop removal surface mining increases sedimentation and heavy metals in streams, which damages aquatic ecosystems. It also puts miners out of work because surface mining requires far fewer workers than underground deep mining to remove the same amount of coal. The practice persists because the process is more profitable for the coal companies than conventional deep mining.

I am writing this op-ed because I believe that the injustice being inflicted upon the people and environment of Appalachia means something for all Americans. We as a nation are implicated. Our consumption of cheap energy demonstrates that we too possess the short-sightedness of the Once-ler and the coal companies that he represents. Coal will be an economically

viable energy source for several more decades, but it has no long-term future in Appalachia, for our nation or for the world. The extreme ecological and social injustice currently being perpetrated in Appalachia must come to an end. It can begin with an immediate switch back to deep mining and a speedy transition to other forms of sustainable, employment-generating jobs in the coalfields of Appalachia.

We may be many miles distant from the coalfields of Appalachia, and we may not speak with our vowels stretched out, inflected with remnants of Elizabethan English—but we are Americans, and as such, we have the power to help our fellow citizens. Those are our mountains and our people. We have a duty to stand by them. May we find the time, the courage, and a way to do so.

Beckman is a member of the Class of 2007.

STUDENT SPEAK

What's the best thing about being back at Bowdoin?



Michel Bamani '08
"Reading the Orient on Fridays."



Aurora Kurland '09
"Ritterama!"



Charlie Ticotsky '07
"Three-and-a-half hour-long BSG meetings."



Elizabeth Shaw '08
"The weather."



Owen McKenna '07
"The chicken burgers!"



Dennis Lim '07
"All the great people."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

FRIDAY

LECTURE

Common Hour with Carol Bellamy

The CEO of World Learning, a company that promotes intercultural understanding, and former executive director of UNICEF will lead a discussion titled "Leading with Purpose."

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

ART SHOW

"Photographs From New Orleans"

Professor of Visual Arts Michael Kolster will display work from post-Hurricane Katrina visits to Louisiana.

Coleman Burke Gallery, Fort Andross. 5 to 7 p.m.

ART SHOW

Corpus Art Show

This show exhibits artwork from various mediums of and by more than 40 students and is designed to promote positive body image. Preview, page 8.

Lamarche Gallery, Smith Union. 8 p.m.

CONCERT

The Sterns

Sponsored by WBOR, this indie-pop group from Boston will be joined by Kyle Fischer and the Paper Bells.

Jack Magee's Pub. 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

CONVENTION

Bowdoin Women's Convention

The first gathering held by the Bowdoin Women in Business Club will include 20 alumnae who will speak on personal experiences in their professional fields, including government, medicine, and the arts.

Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 12:30 p.m.

ART SHOW

"Photographs From New Orleans"

Coleman Burke Gallery, Fort Andross. 2 to 4 p.m.

CONCERT

Bowdoin Chamber Choir

This annual spring concert will be performed under the direction of Robert K. Greenlee.

Bowdoin Chapel. 3 p.m.

FUNDRAISER

Safe Passage Coffee House

Money raised at this event will benefit Safe Passage, a program that assists in providing education, food, and medical attention to children in Guatemala City.

Jack Magee's Pub. 4 to 7 p.m.

CONCERT

"Down With Love"

Bowdoin's oldest a capella group, the Meddiebempsters, will perform with the newest on campus, Bellamafia.

Atrium, Druckenmiller Hall. 7 p.m.

FILM

"A Dress From Warsaw"

A screening of this German film will be followed by a talk with screenplay writer Esther Dischereit.

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

SAAMELAFEST

This festival, which promotes understanding of other cultures, will include various performances and tables of ethnic foods.

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

BREAK!

From the inner city streets, this hip-hop improvised combination of rhythm and style is being presented by the Campus Activities Board.

Morrell Lounge, Smith Union. 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

CONCERT

Bowdoin Chamber Choir

Bowdoin Chapel. 3 p.m.

FORUM

Speak Out

Sponsored by Safe Space, this annual gathering offers a chance for people to step up and discuss their experiences with sexual violence in the company of a supportive group. All are welcome to share and support.

Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 7 p.m.

MONDAY

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Passover Seder

Moulton Union. 6 p.m.

LECTURE

"What Congress Can and Should Do About Climate Change"

Kevin Curtis, the vice president of the National Environmental Trust, will give an informative lecture on environmental problems and how they affect our lives.

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

OFFICE HOURS

President Mills's Office Hours

Students are encouraged to stop by with any questions or comments.

Smith Union. 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

LECTURE

Bowdoin Book Lecture Series

Ann Kibbie, associate professor of English, will lecture on Jane Austen's "Northanger Abbey" and discuss literary heroines.

Room 151, Cleveland Hall. 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

LECTURE

Community Lecture Series

Peter Coviello, associate professor of English, will give a talk titled "Walt Whitman at War" and hold a question and answer session at the conclusion of the lecture.

Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

LECTURE

Dr. Mike Retelle Geology Lecture

The professor of geology at Bates College will give lecture titled "Reconstructing Past Climate From Sediments in High Arctic Lakes of Svalbard and Nunavut, Canada."

Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center. 7 to 8 p.m.

LECTURE

"Divided We Stand: Morality, Authority, and Polarization in America"

Former Bowdoin Assistant Professor of Government Marc Hetherington will return to campus to deliver a lecture on current political issues in the United States.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 8 p.m.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

CONCERT COMPETITION: Shamrock Schember and the Other Members perform at Battle of the Bands in Jack Magee's Pub on Thursday night.

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'Academic time moves slowly' Progress elusive for creation of Middle East, Arabic programs

Some students and faculty
say the time is now
for understanding the Middle East

BY ANNA KARASS
ORIENT STAFF

While the influence of the Middle East in world affairs is undisputed, the urgency of adapting Bowdoin's curriculum to this reality is less certain.

However, for some students and faculty members, the lack of courses about Islam and the Middle East represents a critical gap in the institution's curriculum.

According to Associate Professor of Religion Jo-runn Buckley, the need for an Islamic specialist in the religion department dates to 1985, when the department requested the addition of a faculty member with a specialization in Islam and a secondary concentration in Judaism. The department has resubmitted proposals since then.

Although the religion department does offer courses

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Surprise snowfall conquers classes

Early morning power outage
cuts power to south campus,
power restored at 10 a.m.

BY NICK DAY
ORIENT STAFF

The wintry mix that blanketed the College on Thursday left half the campus in the dark, but it bestowed students and staff their first official snow day in, according to some professors, more than 30 years.

The Treasurer's Office announced early Thursday morning that the inclement weather and power outage affecting the campus south of Moulton Union warranted a "weather emergency."

Shortly after, an announcement informing students that classes were canceled was distributed via e-mail and voicemail.

Once students discovered their good fortune, most chose to sleep in, enjoy the weather, or catch up on their work.

"The students were very happy that they didn't have classes for the day. There was a certain joy on campus today that was fun to watch," Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols said.

Seniors Armand Gottlieb, James Knuckles, Alden Karr, Mike Igoo, and Sam Chapple-Sokol took advantage of the heavy snowfall to make a snow fort in the middle of the Quad.

"We sat around in our pajamas and played board games all morning," said Igoo. "Then we went outside, had a snowball fight, then decided to build this big fort."

"We did no homework," Gottlieb added.

Sam Lazarus '09, a San Francisco native, experienced his first snow day on Thursday.

"It was great to have the day off," he said, adding that he "slept in until 1:30, then went to the gym."

For others, the snow day meant a couple of hours off before athletic practices or musical rehearsals.

Mark Dallaire '09, after finding out about the snow day, "went to [baseball] practice, then relaxed and played video games."

Assistant Professor of Asian Studies Vijayanthi Selinger made a snowman with her daughter.

"It was her first snowman," Selinger added.

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CULTURAL/RELIGIOUS CENTER

College finalizes plan for 30 College St.

Renovations include a
kosher/halal kitchen, as well as
a meeting space in the garage

BY EMILY GUERIN
ORIENT STAFF

The renovation plans for 30 College St. were finalized last week after members of student groups chose a design from three proposed blueprints.

With the renovations, Bowdoin may be able to attract a new type of student one who keeps kosher or halal. A kosher/halal kitchen is part of the proposed plan for the transformation of 30 College St. into a center for cultural and religious groups on campus.

Currently, Dining Service cannot

provide for students who adhere to strict kosher or halal diets, but with the construction of a new kosher/halal kitchen in 30 College St., following the dietary restrictions will be possible.

Jordan Krechmer '07, treasurer for Bowdoin Hillel, said that currently no one comes to Bowdoin with the intent of eating kosher, but the new kitchen could change that. He said that the new kitchen would help Hillel meet its goal of serving kosher food at many of its events, as suggested by the national Hillel organization.

Also included in the renovation plan is a large gathering area in what is currently the garage. Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett said

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STUDY AWAY

Abroad provider SIT sued by Ithaca student

Bowdoin has seven students
currently enrolled in School for
International Training programs

BY BETH KOWITT
ORIENT STAFF

Safety concerns have led the School for International Training (SIT), an organization providing study abroad programs attended by Bowdoin students, to have its use suspended by Ithaca College.

The announcement of the suspension on March 15 came as an Ithaca student, who studied at SIT's Jamaica site, plans to file a lawsuit against SIT for maltreatment by its academic director, according to stu-

dent newspaper The Ithacan. The student said the program's academic director was dismissive of threats to her safety and her requests to leave the program early. The Ithacan reported.

An Ithaca College representative did not respond to the Orient's requests for comment.

According to Director of Off-Campus Study Stephen Hall, Bowdoin does not have any students studying in Jamaica, through SIT or otherwise, and no Bowdoin students plan to study there next year either.

According to its Web site, SIT offers study abroad programs in

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BSG passes junior representative amendment

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) has passed a constitutional amendment to allow juniors studying abroad for a semester to serve half-year terms as class representatives. The half-year representative amendment will now be brought to a school referendum for ratification on Wednesday and Thursday.

After discussing and voting on a few variations of an amendment that did not pass at the March 28 BSG meeting, Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 said "the half-year representative bill, while not my favorite, will provide a good solution."

vide a good solution."

The amendment creates two junior class representative elections: one for the fall semester seat and another for the spring semester. Candidates planning to study abroad can run in either the fall or spring semesters, while candidates staying on campus for the full academic year can run in both elections.

The two candidates with the most votes in each of the spring and fall elections will then be selected. With this system, it would be possible to elect either two candidates for full year terms, one full-year and two half-year representatives, or four

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NATHAN, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

MAKING POINTS: Class of 2009 Representative Sam Dinning discusses the junior representative amendment during the BSG meeting Wednesday as At-Large Representative Kata Solow '10 looks on.

MORE NEWS

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THIS WEEKEND: STUDENT COMPOSITIONS

What do "The Praying Neobaramantis: AWV-273.15" and "Short Stories" have in common? Both are honors compositions being performed this weekend. **Preview, Page 10.**
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SOFTBALL: TEAM DROPS THREE

Polar Bears lose three close games to Trinity, will face University of Maine-Farmington on Wednesday. **Recap, Page 14.**
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ARABIC

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es on Islam, the size of its faculty limits the frequency with which the department can offer courses on Islam. Buckley is currently teaching the course Gender in Islam.

"We are overstressed in this department," she said. "We can't adequately cover what we need to cover in present conditions."

While the faculty position in the religion department is one of eight that has been allocated by the Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee (CEP) for funding from the capital campaign, the department has not received authorization to search for a candidate.

Earlier this semester, with the recommendation of the CEP, the Office of the Dean for Academic Affairs authorized the search for two allocated positions—one in the anthropology department and the other in the government department. It is not yet known when the religion department will be given authorization to search for funding.

However, Cristle Collins Judd, the dean for academic affairs, said it could happen within the next year.

According to Judd, allocating new faculty positions is a balancing act, especially given Bowdoin's small size.

"Our size, which makes us special, makes this hard," Judd said. "There are many departments that have long-standing requests for faculty positions. We have to make hard decisions."

While Judd wrote in a follow-up e-mail that that "enrollment pressures are only one of many criteria that my office and the CEP considers in thinking about our curricular offerings," she noted that "government and anthropology face real enrollment pressures."

David Gordon, an assistant professor of history, voiced concern that Bowdoin's curriculum is not adapting to the growing importance of the Middle East.

According to Gordon, while "there are important reasons for the study of Arabic and the Islamic world that are intellectual," current events make teaching about the Middle East more urgent.

"Clearly many students are interested in [the Middle East] by what is happening today in the world. I think Bowdoin should adjust its curriculum to what is happening in the world today," he said.

"Current affairs should point us toward Arabic language instruction at the very least," he said.

Assistant Professor of Government Shelley Deane, who teaches the course Middle East Politics, cited job search engines such as jobsearch.com and usajobs.gov as evidence that competence in the Arabic language and knowledge about the Middle East are

	Arabic	Middle East
Amherst*		♥♥♥♥♥
Bates		♥♥
Bowdoin		♥♥
Colby		♥♥♥
Middlebury	♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥	♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥
Williams	♥♥	♥

GRAPHIC BY PARAG KHANDEWAL, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

*AMHERST OFFERS ARABIC LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FROM CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS

COMPARISON: An Orient analysis shows the number of courses each college offers for the Spring 2007 semester in Arabic language and Middle East culture, politics, and religion. Data from college Web sites.

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increasingly important for jobs in international relations.

Students have also expressed frustrations about the College's current range of course offerings about the Middle East and the lack of Arabic language instruction.

Senior Matt Martin has actively advocated for the creation of a position for an Islamic specialist in the religion department. He has also discussed the addition of Arabic language offerings to the college curriculum with college officials.

According to Martin, the Middle East represents "an obvious gap in our curriculum."

"It's clearly really important for our generation to understand the Islamic world and communicate with the people in the Middle East," Martin said.

For students interested in studying away in the Middle East, the lack of Arabic instruction presents more immediate challenges.

Sophomore Emily Baird, who intends to study in Amman, Jordan, in the fall, has taken matters into her own hands.

"I don't really see it happening in my time," said Baird of the College offering Arabic. "So I am seeking it out on my own."

Baird is working with an Arabic speaker at Bates College to master some of the basics before immersing herself in the language next fall.

However, upon returning to Bowdoin after studying away, Baird will again need to make alternative arrangements to continue studying the language.

"There is not a continuation of Arabic instruction at school. So it is balance," Baird said. "Should I invest in learning the language?"

According to Judd, the College is exploring ways to offer Arabic and

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DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

other languages.

"I am an advocate for determining how Bowdoin offers Arabic, Hebrew, and a number of other languages that we don't teach," she said.

"I am in an ongoing conversation with the deans at Colby and Bates, and we continue to explore possibilities. All three of the colleges have very different terms, especially in the spring semesters, and this does pose difficulties for us, as does the physical distance of our campuses," she wrote.

Judd cautioned against temporary fixes that would provide basic instruction without opportunities for more advanced language study.

"We need to ask, 'What are the expectations that we are creating?' she said.

Judd also said that the problem of continuing language study at Bowdoin after studying away is not limited to students who study languages not offered at the College.

"Students may come back with more advanced language skills than offered in a four-year language trajectory," she said.

Judd pointed to external opportunities available to students to maintain and improve language skills acquired abroad.

"There are mechanisms for doing things virtually and through summer immersion," Judd said.

However, these opportunities may not always be feasible for students.

"I have definitely looked at summer programs like in Egypt. But they are really expensive," Baird said.

While it may only be a matter of time before Bowdoin adds an Islamic specialist to the faculty, broader changes to the curriculum are not in sight.

"Academic time moves slowly," Judd said.

BSG

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half-year representatives.

In contrast to previous discussions regarding election logistics, debate about the amendments focused on the possibility of electing different representatives in the fall and spring semesters, and whether this presents a problem for BSG operations.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 said that BSG is a strong system now, but he is concerned about the lack of continuity if the junior class representatives were to change each semester. He said an issue could arise if BSG makes a commitment in the fall semester with which the spring semester representatives do not agree, adding that the potential turnover could be "dangerous" for the body.

"I understand that people feel strongly for the amendment, but I worry that members didn't think it through," McKesson said. "It works, and I think it can be functional. I don't think people weighed the costs, but just assumed the benefits."

Class of 2007 Representative Torri Parker said she did not vote for the amendment because she felt it was a "rushed vote," without enough discussion considering alternatives or scenarios.

While Vice President of Student Af-

fairs Carolyn Chu '07 said that she preferred a variation proposed by the BSG Affairs Committee that would have created one full-year position and two half-year seats, she is pleased with the outcome.

"I'm really glad we passed something, but I definitely was more in favor of the BSG affairs bill for various reasons I have about the process of democracy and process of voting," she said. "I think we have an overall positive result—we will see how this system goes and then see in the future if we have to amend it."

Other members were more enthusiastic about the amendment, saying that continuity is not an issue if representatives are committed to BSG and the junior class. Others were pleased with the voting process that the new amendment creates.

Class of 2008 Representative Nate Tavel said that more discussion about the amendment was valuable.

"I'm happy that the 'no' vote last week was able to keep the conversation going until we had a majority vote to get an amendment passed," he said.

Class of 2008 Representative Clark Gascoigne said, "I think it was a good thing that we waited a week and were able to get to something that ensures that the candidate the student body wants the most is the candidate that will be elected, instead of voting for an amendment that was riddled with compromises."



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

A GATHERING PLACE: The garage at 30 College St. will be converted to a meeting space in the renovations finalized last week. The renovations will also include a kosher/halal kitchen and two bedrooms.

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that the room could be used as a dinner space at night and for yoga or other activities during the day.

The renovation will also feature offices for the student cultural and religious groups, as well as two bedrooms for selected members of the groups. Hazlett said that she anticipated that 30 College St. would be run similarly to the Russwurm African American Center, with residents acting as house managers.

Carolyn Chu '07, Bowdoin Student Government vice president of student affairs, attended the Friday meeting and said that she was pleased that students made the final decision.

Krechmer also said that he was "happy with the way things turned out," and that the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs had done a good job of listening to students since the move from Boody-Johnson House to 30 College St. was proposed.

Despite the attention the move from Boody-Johnson to 30 College St. has generated, only five students attended the Friday meeting. Chu said that the

fact that few of the involved student groups were represented at the meeting was "a little troubling."

"I wish there had been more students there," she said.

Hazlett said she would schedule meetings with the absent student representatives to get their opinions on the design before going ahead with the renovation.

Chu expressed concerns about the loss of 30 College St. as a student residence.

"It's really great we're getting the cultural center, but there's no substitute for the space that's being lost," she said. "I think we're losing the small housing option on campus."

Yoni Shemesh '09 said that the addition of a multicultural center outweighed the loss of a small house.

"There are a lot of residences but only one multicultural center," he said. "What the house is becoming will benefit more students than the nine that live there now."

Hazlett said that the College has no plans to replace 30 College St. with another small house, and that with the new dorm renovations there would be enough beds to absorb the loss of the house as a residence.

EXTREME SLEDDING



COURTESY OF BEN LAKE

FLYING HIGH: Ben Lake '07 launches off a jump that he built with his friends on Thursday in Topsham. Other students took advantage of the weather by building forts and snowmen on the Quad, while more made the drive to downhill skiing. See story, page 1.

BOWDOIN BRIEFS

'Taste for Change' will hold monthly dinner next Friday

The Campus Kitchen Task Force will play host to its monthly "Taste for Change" dinner at Ladd House next Friday, April 13. Working with Dining Service, the group will serve cooked-to-order beef, chicken, Maine shrimp, and soyrito fajitas. It will also be serving its signature desserts: Tahitian vanilla crème brûlée and molten chocolate cake.

Proceeds from the event will benefit an organization working for community change that guests will choose at the end of the semester.

"One part of our vision is community change, not community service," said Ian Yaffe '09, executive chef. "It's not just about meeting needs, it's about challenging the reasons why those needs exist."

The dinner begins at 6 p.m. at Ladd House and a \$5 to \$10 donation is suggested. Required reservations should be made with Yaffe at tiyaffe@bowdoin.edu and should include an ID number for board transfer.

At 7 p.m., Leigh A. Stearns will lead a discussion titled "On Thin

Ice—Arctic Climate Change & Its Global Impact." Stearns is a NASA Earth systems science graduate fellow at the University of Maine's Climate Change Institute. He will discuss his field research, glaciers and their implications for sea level rise, questions about their dynamics, as well as why changes in the arctic are relevant on a global scale.

Yaffe said Dining Service makes the dinner possible by paying for all ingredients so that donations can go directly to the benefiting organization.

Bowdoin alum wins history fellowship

The New England Regional Fellowship Consortium (NERFC), headquartered at the Massachusetts Historical Society, announced Wednesday that Kid Wongsrichanalai '03, doctoral candidate at the University of Virginia and a resident of Charlottesville, Virginia, is one of 10 winners of fellowships for 2007-2008.

The NERFC, a collaboration of 16 organizations, encourages an understanding of New England's history by underwriting scholars' research expenses. Fellows do research in the

collections of the consortium's members. Dozens of articles and books have resulted from the awards since the NERFC's establishment in 2000.

Each fellow will receive \$5,000 and the opportunity to work for a minimum of eight weeks in the collections of the consortium's members. Wongsrichanalai's work will focus on "New England's Elite: Young Northerners in the Civil War Era."

Orient takes national newspaper award

The Bowdoin Orient was awarded second place in its category in the best-of-show competition at the Associated Collegiate Press's national college media convention over Spring Break.

The Orient entered its March 2 edition into the non-daily tabloid-sized newspaper category. Judges selected the winners on the basis of content and style.

The convention was held in Portland, Oregon.

The Associated Collegiate Press is the largest and oldest college journalism organization in the United States.

—Compiled by Orient staff.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Speak Out confronts sexual violence

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
ORIENT STAFF

Safe Space's third annual Speak Out was held last week to provide a forum for sexual assault survivors and their supporters to relate their stories as part of the healing process.

"It's not often that you can take as long as you want to speak about your experience," said co-organizer Nicole Willey '08.

"It's empowering and it's an opportunity to give voice to what you have been going through," she added.

Sunday's Speak Out lasted about two and half hours, during which survivors were invited to stand up and speak whenever they felt so moved.

"What struck me most about it was how most of the women who got up—I'd say about 90 percent—said they didn't plan on getting up and didn't come with a story prepared to tell," said Director of the Women's Resource Center Meadow Davis.

"It says something about the safe space that was created that really moved all different women to get up and tell their own stories about sexual violence in their lives and relationships," she said.

"It's also eye opening for the audience to watch people stand up and talk about what happened to them as well," said co-organizer Emily Coffin '08.

Some 50 people attended the Speak Out, including a number of Bowdoin administrators.

"There was a great attendance from a wide variety of different women on campus," said Davis, as well as "from the deans office, athletics, and there were a number of men, which was wonderful to see."

Willey, who has attended the annual event from the first Speak Out when she was a first year, said that each year has a different atmosphere and that this year "it was more intimate...The ratio of people who spoke to the number of people in the audience was higher."

Willey and Coffin said that about

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half of the stories were about sexual assault experiences at Bowdoin.

"A lot of people came to Bowdoin already survivors, and it was interesting to hear the impact of those experiences on their Bowdoin experience," said Coffin.

"It's difficult to handle the ambiguity of a healthy sexual relationship with the drinking culture at Bowdoin," she said.

"The thing for people to be aware of is that sexual violence takes so many forms, but that most of the stories were about boyfriends or close friends or at least people they knew as acquaintances," said Davis. "There were not many stories about strangers."

Davis also said that "the Speak Out said something about the really wonderful culture of Bowdoin, that there were so many different women who said how lucky they felt to have a space to say these things out loud."

The Safe Space Speak Out was the kickoff to a series of events that observe April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

A number of events are planned throughout the month, including Red Shirt Day, a film screening, and a series of workshops conducted by speaker Brett Sokolow, a lawyer who has handled many sexual violence cases on campuses.

The campus-wide workshop, entitled "Drunk Sex or Date Rape?" will attempt to help students understand the difference between the two.

The names and numbers of Safe Space members can be obtained from the lists posted in bathrooms around campus, as well as by contacting deans, office of residential life members, and the Counseling Center.

SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT

MARCH 30 TO APRIL 5

Friday, March 30

•A student was transported from the Counseling Center to the Mid Coast Hospital Emergency Room.

•A college neighbor on Boody Street reported two suspicious men in the vicinity of Reed House. Officers checked the building and found no unusual activity.

Saturday, March 31

•An officer discovered damage to the interior of Quinby House that was believed to be associated with a Friday night registered event. The matter was referred to the Office of Residential Life.

•A student with an injured foot was taken to Parkview Hospital.

•An officer dispersed an unregistered event on the fourth floor of Appleton Hall. The room resident was cited for an alcohol policy violation.

•An officer dispersed an unregistered event on the third floor of Chamberlain Hall. Three room residents were cited for alcohol

policy violations.

Sunday, April 1

•An intoxicated West Hall student was taken to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•An intoxicated Helmreich House student was treated and released at Parkview Hospital.

•The front door of 10 Cleveland St. apartments was vandalized late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Monday, April 2

•A student suffering back pain was taken to Parkview Hospital.

•An officer observed and seized a paintball gun from an apartment at 10 Cleveland St.

•Two students reported three instances of cash taken from their Coles Tower rooms during the last three weeks. In each case the room doors were left propped open.

Tuesday, April 3

•A student reported a textbook missing from the coat storage area at Thorne Dining Hall be-

tween 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. The book is blue with a red band and is titled "Environmental Law and Policy."

•A smoke alarm was inadvertently activated in East Hall by a student leaning on the wall-mounted device.

Thursday, April 5

•Heavy snow caused a power outage affecting the south side of campus at 3:45 a.m. A weather emergency was declared and all classes were canceled. Power was restored at 10 a.m.

•A student running across the Quad in the snow twisted her knee and dislocated a kneecap. The student was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•A second student who injured a knee while playing in snow on the Quad was taken to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

—The Department of Safety and Security.

ABROAD

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about 50 countries. Thirteen of its programs are listed on Bowdoin's Complete Program Options List, and seven students are studying with SIT programs this semester in Spain, Australia, Chile, Cameroon, and Tanzania.

"I'm sure that if we did have students going to Jamaica we would take an extremely close look at conditions on the island and at what SIT had to say about how they're handling the issue," Hall said in an e-mail to the Orient.

John Fox, director of public relations at SIT, said that the organization is investigating the circumstances and has temporarily suspended its Jamaica program. It has also been in touch with the institutions that use its services, including Bowdoin.

"Bowdoin continues to be an im-

portant partner institution with us, and we've been in close contact with them and will continue to be," Fox said in a phone interview with the Orient.

Hall said that while he was not aware of Bowdoin ever having suspended its use of an organization's study away program (or a single program), safety issues do come up regularly and are handled on a case-by-case basis.

"Where the State Department has issued a travel warning for a country, we ask a student studying abroad in that country, and his/her parent, to sign a waiver in addition to the standard one, confirming that they are aware of the State Department's warning and accept the possibility of greater risk in that location," Hall wrote.

Hall added that "so much has to do with conditions that are local and with the procedures followed by the program provider that it's hard to is-

sue definitive statements for particular countries."

He said that Bowdoin regularly reviews its list of programs and if a program does not meet the College's standards, "we are quite prepared to take it off the list, and have done so."

The Ithaca student, senior Lara Supan, told The Ithacan that the academic adviser in Jamaica "told us to figure out a lot of things on our own...that a lot of things were 'part of the experience,' but that 'led to physical violence and sexual assault.' Supan will file a joint lawsuit with six other students who were on her program. Supan declined to comment, citing legal concerns.

Bowdoin senior Chris Knight, who attended the SIT program in Kingston, Jamaica, in the fall of 2005 said that there were no serious safety issues while he was there. He did note, however, that Kingston is arguably the most dangerous place in Jamaica.

"It's not as much safety as it is comfort," he said. "You can be in uncomfortable situations, but that's different from being unsafe."

Knight said that during the first weeks he was in Jamaica, the program did discuss safety issues and practices with students.

Hall said that Jamaica "is one of several countries where rather complex conditions relating to safety exist," and "any Bowdoin student going there would be aware of those conditions, but none has expressed unusual concerns about safety."

A need to be familiar with local safety issues is not particular to just Jamaica, Hall said.

"For any program overseas we would want to be sure that students understood the local conditions and what kind of activity on their part would be risky, and we would expect the program provider to cover this in their pre-departure materials and orientation," he said.

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kNOw Poverty Week will center on problems in Maine

BY GEMMA LEIGHORN
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This year, kNOw Poverty Week, which begins Sunday, will focus specifically on public health and poverty in Maine.

Though last year the week centered on issues of international poverty, the events this year are geared toward a local level, preparing students to initiate change in Maine.

Americorps' VISTA for the Community Service Resource Center Nicole Hart '06, said that she is excited about many of the events, particularly the "Perspectives" photo exhibit. The exhibit features photos from Alternative Spring Break trips, which had more than 80 student participants.

Hart also anticipates that Tuesday's performance of "Hear Our Stories, Know Our Names," in Kresge Auditorium will be an intriguing event.

Sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches, "Hear Our Stories, Know Our Names" is a dramatic performance by activists as well as people who are or have been homeless.

Actors will share with the audience how they became homeless, what it was like, and how they were treated. There will also be a game show component of the performance that will teach about the "cycle of poverty."

"It's been performed around the state," said Hart, "and it's always really, really well received."

Another main event of the week

is the Habitat for Humanity Camp-Out. Each of the past two years, about 20 people have spent the night in boxes to simulate a night of homelessness. This year's event will take place on Thursday, April 12.

Participants will attend a dinner with a representative from Tedford Housing before spending the night on the Quad in their makeshift shelters. The students will paint statistics about homelessness on the boxes to draw more attention to the situation.

"They'll make it a visual representation, so people who aren't participating will notice it," said Hart.

In addition to kNOw Poverty Week, the College has sought to address issues of poverty by dis-

cussing the creation of a poverty studies center.

Despite the lack of a physical building, Professor of Studio Art Tom Cornell, who has been involved in discussions surrounding the center's creation, said that "a center is a nice way of talking about it."

"One of the main reasons for [the center] was to talk about something substantive we can do...about the notion of the common good," he said.

"Let's try to get something concrete that we can be committed to," he added.

Cornell said that the issue of poverty will only worsen with time, because global warming will hit those in poor communities the hardest.

He added that Bowdoin should continue to work on the issue of

poverty, acknowledging the incredible inequality that could arise from such environmental conditions.

"Environmental justice...is one of the fundamental moral responsibilities of the new global culture," said Cornell.

With support and enthusiasm from students and faculty, Cornell suggested that the fight against poverty could extend well beyond kNOw Poverty Week to become a fundamental part of Bowdoin's pledge to the common good.

"Part of the culture we would try and develop is a kind of ethos of equality, and ethos of fairness, an ethos of trying to make things less unequal," said Cornell. "Have some fun and speak out with a little courage."

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

kNOw Poverty

Exploring Issues of Public Health & Poverty in Maine

April 8 to April 14

Campus Events Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 9TH

"Perspectives"

Opening Reception for the Alternative Spring Break Photo Exhibit

7 pm—8:30 pm - LaMarche Lounge, Smith Union

Having addressed various issues of poverty through their service projects during spring break, students returning from six Alternative Break trips share their stories and reflections of living, learning and serving in communities new to them. Over 80 Bowdoin students worked with partner organizations in Mississippi, New Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Washington D.C., and West Virginia. Join them as they share their photographs, writing excerpts, and experiences and applaud their efforts with a toast of sparkling cider.

"kNOw More" Information Table

Featuring: *Poverty in Maine*

10 am—2 pm - Smith Union

What does poverty in Maine really look like? Stop by our table in the Union to learn more about issues of poverty in Maine, and local organizations addressing the problem.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH

"Hear Our Stories, Know our Names"

Performance about Poverty by the Maine Council of Churches

7:30 pm—9 pm - Kresge Auditorium, VAC
Hear our Stories, Know our Names, presented by the Maine Council of Churches in collaboration with Add Verb Productions, uses performance to highlight the lives of members of the local community facing extreme poverty and homelessness. Through stories, monologues, poetry, song, and a game show depicting the cycle of poverty, local actors will share their experiences being homeless in Maine. The performance will be followed by a question-and-answer session with the performers. This drama has been performed more than 40 times around the state and aims to help audiences to more fully know poverty in their local communities.

"kNOw More" Information Table

Featuring: *ArtVan Program of Volunteers of*

America

10 am—2 pm - Campus Drive Circle (Rain location: Smith Union)

Learn about a local organization connecting with local children in low-income neighborhoods through art. The ArtVan Outreach Program offers opportunities for self-expression through neighborhood-based art projects that unite residents of diverse and disadvantaged areas and the larger community. Stop by their van, parked in the Campus Drive circle, to create some art and learn more!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH

Stories from the Academy

Luncheon Faculty Chat

11:30 am—1 pm - Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union

Professors Susan Bell (Sociology), Nancy Riley (Sociology) and David Vail (Economics) share the paths they followed to the academy as well as their personal interests, research and participation in issues relating to public health and poverty in Maine. Through a combination of panel presentation and open discussion, these faculty members address the intersection of their experience and expertise—and another side of their work at Bowdoin. Soup and sandwiches provided. Contact Susie Dorn (sdorn@bowdoin.edu) to sign up. Drop-ins are also welcome.

"kNOw More" Information Table

Featuring: *Merrymeeting AIDS*

10 am—2 pm - Smith Union

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services works to decrease the prevalence of HIV in the region through education, direct support services for those with AIDS and by advocating for social change. A representative of the organization will share information about the local impact of the disease and how students can help those who are impoverished as a result.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH

Camp-Out

Habitat for Humanity, Bowdoin Affiliate

4:30 pm—8 am Friday - The Quad

The Bowdoin Habitat for Humanity Affiliate sponsors its third annual "Camp-Out" on the

quad to raise awareness about homelessness and housing issues, and raise money for the local chapter. Participating students will congregate on the quad at 4:30 pm to set up their "boxes," and meet again at 5:30 pm for dinner. The "Camp-Out" will begin at 9 pm. Contact Mary Kate Wheeler (mwheeler@bowdoin.edu) for more information.

Stories from the Street

Local Voices—Public Health Care in Maine

7 pm—8:30 pm - Environmental Studies

Common Room, 1st Floor Adams Hall

Learn from community leaders in local non-profit and government organizations who address issues of public health in Maine through direct service, philanthropy and public policy. Featuring Leslie Goode (Maine Health Access Foundation - Augusta), Denise Mkerina (Oasis Health Care, Inc. - Brunswick), and Karen O'Rourke (Maine Center for Public Health - Augusta), panelists will address several topics including how each individual came to work in the public health care field.

"kNOw More" Information Table

Featuring: *Women and Public Health*

10 am—2 pm - Smith Union

Learn about issues of poverty and public health specific to women.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH

What Are You Going to Do About it? The Problem of the Uninsured

Common Hour with Dr. Peter McGuire

12:30 pm—1:30 pm - Kresge Auditorium, VAC

Dr. Peter McGuire, Class of '62, is the founder and Medical Director of Oasis Healthcare Inc., Brunswick's free medical clinic for low-income residents without health insurance. He has served in the healthcare profession in Maine for over 30 years as a doctor, professor, and administrator. Listen and learn as he shares his lifetime experience working on issues of public health and affordable healthcare in Maine.

Taste of Change

Nonprofit Restaurants

6 pm—7:30 pm - Ladd House

Join the Campus Kitchens Task Force for a delicious home-made meal and a discussion about how climate change will affect those experiencing poverty. All donations will directly benefit a local organization addressing issues of hunger and homelessness. Contact Ian Yaffe (iyaffe@bowdoin.edu) for more information and to sign up.

"kNOw More" Information Table

Featuring: *How to Get Involved*

10 am—2 pm - Smith Union

What can you do to help alleviate poverty in Maine? Students from campus volunteer groups will share their work and the many various ways to take action.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

Act! Speak! Build!

Habitat Build Day

8 am—4 pm - Bremen, Maine

The Bowdoin affiliate of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity organizes "builds" on a regular basis, providing volunteers to build houses for low-income families alongside the new homeowners. The student organization has coordinated this particular build for any interested students to coincide with kNOw Poverty Week. Come out and build with Habitat for Humanity in Bremen! Contact Mary Kate Wheeler (mwheeler@bowdoin.edu) to sign up.

Step it Up!

Rally for Climate Change

1 pm - Meet at the Polar Bear

Tens of thousands of Americans will gather across the country to call for action on climate change as part of the Step it Up initiative. Many of those to be affected first and most profoundly by climate change will be people living in poverty. Join fellow students telling Congress to "Step it Up!" and pass legislation to cut carbon emissions by posing for a photo that will be sent to DC. After the group photo there will be a march, as well as opportunities to send letters to legislators and to make personal pledges of action. Contact Colin Beckman (beckman@bowdoin.edu) for more information.

Look for more information about poverty and opportunities to get involved by checking out the "kNOw More" Information Tables, every day in Smith Union, highlighting various issues and local organizations addressing poverty. Also:

- Check out book displays in the Bookstore and H&L Library
- Look for statistics posted in Dudley Coe Health Center, Thorne and Moulton Dining Halls, and other locations around campus
- View the BCNews special on kNOw Poverty Week
- See our Web site, which will be updated regularly, for additional activities: www.bowdoin.edu/communityservice

Further opportunities for education and action in the community are available through various student organizations and the Community Service Resource Center, 3rd Floor Adams Hall.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

'A certain joy on campus'



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SNOWFALL

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Nichols and other college administrators kept students informed throughout the day through e-mail. Nichols sent out several e-mails regarding tree limbs heavy with snow that "represented a danger to anybody on campus," and urged caution on the walkways and under trees.

Two students experienced knee injuries while playing on the Quad.

The power outage that had crippled the campus south of Moulton Union was resolved in a relatively short period of time. According to Nichols, "there was nothing alarming [about the outage]. The whole event hap-

pened in a fairly condensed period of time...and the situation was resolved quicker than expected."

The power outage lasted from approximately 3:45 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Parking lots, walkways, and sidewalks, were quickly and efficiently plowed and shoveled.

"I was up at 2:30 this morning to plow [the campus]," said Raymond Dall, lead mechanic at facilities management.

According to Dall, 18 to 20 staff members worked clearing parking lots, paths, and sidewalks throughout Thursday.

"We had five plow trucks, two tractors, and one snow blower working to clear the snow. The rest of the guys were shoveling," he said.



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FEATURES

Unleashing the inner

BEAR

BY KELSEY ABBRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

Taylor Arnold '07 and John Hall '08 have fond memories of attending hockey games as children with their fathers. What they remember most, though, is not the athletes. They remember the mascots.

Now, Arnold and Hall dress as the Bowdoin polar bear for sports games and other events on campus. Arnold was the polar bear at all sporting events during his first year and now fills the role sporadically. Hall dons the bear wear for the annual Bowdoin-Colby hockey game. At women's basketball games, the polar bear is Andrew Hippert '08, and Nicole Borunda '08 filled in at many events during her first year.

Before Arnold arrived at Bowdoin, no one had been the polar bear for a few years because of a lack of volunteers. Because Arnold remembered his experiences with the polar bear from hockey games with his father, Dale Arnold '79, he decided to bring the bear back.

"I did it full time and kept the costume in the basement of Appleton," Arnold says. "Sometimes I would throw on the costume and walk around the academic buildings."

Before Arnold became the polar bear, Manager of Athletic Services Bernie LaCroix kept the costume in an unlabeled black bin in the cage, according to Taylor, "probably so people wouldn't steal it."

Hall came across the polar bear position when an intern at the athletic department took over the mascot scheduling during Hall's first year. A New Hampshire native, Hall remembered seeing the University of New Hampshire wildcat at the university's hockey games, and he became the wildcat mascot at his middle school.

"I always enjoyed watching the mascot," Hall says. "I didn't pay attention to the game."

Two of Hall's friends from high school, both of whom played hockey, are also mascots at their respective colleges. One is the Boston University terrier and the other is the University of Massachusetts minuteman.

The prides and perils of being the polar bear tend to involve children. While fans at sporting events love the mascot, they also love to tease the polar bear. Arnold has had several encounters with 10-year-olds pulling his tail.

But most experiences as the Bowdoin mascot have been positive. Hippert says, "The best part about being the polar bear is the little kids who come up and want to slap your hand and get your attention. The look in their eyes is priceless."

"To be honest," he continues, "I didn't really even pay attention to the women's basketball games at all."

Hippert also recalled a game when he took the costume off with a few minutes left in the second half, and a group of kids came up and asked him if he had seen the polar bear.

"I told them he was getting too hot and went back to the North Pole," Hippert says. "I felt bad, but there was no way I was putting that thing back on again."

"The best part about being the bear is that everyone is always so excited to see you," Borunda says. "It can be a little scary at first when you're still getting used to the suit. I was always afraid of stepping on little kids or getting knocked over."

During her first time as the mascot, on Parents Weekend in 2004, Borunda's fears were realized when a little kid knocked her over.

"Someone's mom was pressuring them to get a picture taken with me," Borunda says. "The young man wasn't too happy about Mom's idea and in protest decided to push the unsuspecting bear over. Funny? Absolutely."

While people may think that opposing fans would pose this same danger, Hall said that he hasn't encountered problems, even with Colby fans.

"They're actually really nice," Hall says. "They fool around but I never feel threatened. They understand there's a person inside."

Arnold did have a problem with opposing fans, though it had nothing to do with physical threats. When the other team had a large group that cheered loudly, Arnold had difficulty telling who scored because of the lack of peripheral vision in the bear costume.

"I'd do a happy dance and then realize that the other team scored," Arnold says.

People inside the mascot actually have their head inside the bear's neck, which leads Hall to conclude that the ideal height for the polar bear wearer would be about 5'6". There is a helmet attached to the polar bear head and even a fan, but neither Arnold nor Hall has discovered how it works.

"After a game, I'm 100 percent soaked," Hall says. "I could wring out my shirt and fill up a Poland Spring bottle."

Still, Hall has big dreams for the polar bear, whether it is mastering skating between periods of the Colby game (something Arnold has already done, finding the costume very "top-heavy") or giving out prizes. One of his favorite Bowdoin memories was last year's Colby game, when he arrived in the second period and Bowdoin was losing 3-1 in front of a sold-out crowd of more than 2,500.

"I tried to boost the spirit and it worked," Hall says. "Bowdoin won 7-6 in overtime. I don't take credit for the win, but I definitely think the polar bear had something to do with it."



Writer-in-residence finds students 'fearless'

BY MARGOT MILLER
ORIENT STAFF

Growing up in the countryside of Perth, Scotland, Margot Livesey, writer-in-residence, spent much of her time outdoors and aspired to be a veterinarian. When her male science professors told her that no animal hospital would ever hire a woman for that position, she threw herself into her other passion—reading.

Eventually, she enrolled at the University of York in England as a philosophy and literature double-major. Although her higher education is the cornerstone of her career as a writer, Livesey was initially hesitant to enter the field. Because she had never studied any living authors, becoming a writer herself seemed unfeasible.

"We just came to a stop as soon as Virginia Woolf walked into the river," Livesey recalls.

Upon graduating from the University of York, Livesey traveled with a friend who was writing a philosophy book. After watching him work, she decided to write her first novel, which she admits was "unbelievably bad."

Following this self-evaluation, Livesey switched to writing short sto-

"I hope my students take in a lot, because I get a great deal from just walking into the room."

MARGOT LIVESY
WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

ries. She thought that "it would be good to make mistakes on a smaller scale," but soon she "became captivated by the form."

Her first collection of short stories, "Learning By Heart," was published in Canada in 1986. Since then, Livesey has published several award-winning novels, including "Eva Moves the Furniture" and "Banishing Verona."

While teaching at Emerson College in Boston, Livesey received an e-mail from her friend and then writer-in-residence at Bowdoin, Richard Ford. The Pulitzer Prize winner informed Livesey that he would be leaving his post, and he asked if she would be interested in replacing him. Since the spring 2006 semester, Livesey has held the position of writer-in-residence, while retaining her job at Emerson College.

After surviving her first full Maine winter—thanks to desperate visits to

L.L. Bean—Livesey is teaching two courses this spring: an Introductory Fiction Workshop and an Advanced Fiction Workshop.

"I was keen on having students who hadn't written fiction before, but wanted to. I wanted people like myself, aware of this thing, but never had a chance to try it," Livesey says. "But I also wanted a class that would bring more advanced writers together so they could go deeper into their work," she adds.

Livesey continues to write full-time in her Boston home, despite the fact that she spends her Mondays and Tuesdays on campus. After years of practice, she has become quite accustomed to balancing her writing career with teaching commitments.

"I have always written while teaching," she says.

Livesey says she values her interactions with her students and their opinions on both published literature and each other's work. She structures her classes in a way that such opinions will always be shared openly.

"I hope my students take in a lot, because I get a great deal from just walking into the room," Livesey says.

"My students at Bowdoin are fearless," she says in regard to the quality of work they produce. Livesey explains that she often finds herself being motivated by her students.

"I'll be reading a story, and I'll



MARGOT MILLER, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

THE WRITE STUFF: Writer-in-Residence Margot Livesey instructs two creative writing courses at Bowdoin, teaches at Emerson College, and still finds time to keep up with her own writing pursuits.

know that this person wrote 12 good pages in the last week. I tell myself that I can do that, too. It raises the bar," she says.

In addition to admiring their work ethics, Livesey is excited to learn about the differences between her background and those of her students.

"Through these inspiring glimpses into their lives, I am reminded of the different angles we look at the world at different ages," she says. "And they teach me to be funny!"

In regard to the greatest thing she has to offer her students, Livesey says, "I can give them my attention. In the best story I believe every word matters. I give my enthusiasm and let them know that books and stories can do so much, even though contemporary culture says otherwise."

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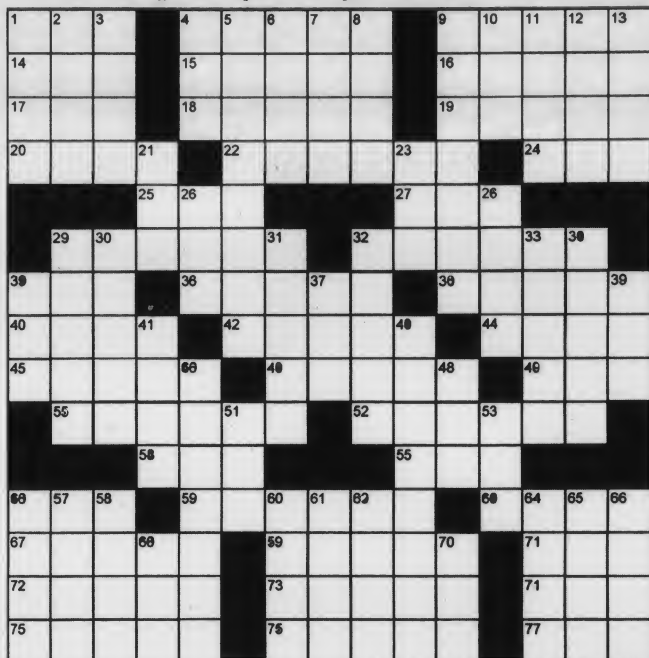
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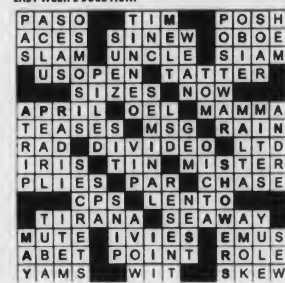
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Seniors to deliver 'face-melting' music compositions



BY MARTINA WELKE
STAFF WRITER

Two of Bowdoin's own nouveau composers are making their stage debut this weekend, as Nate Guttman '07 and Adam Cohen-Leadholm '07 will present their senior honors projects in composition. The show will be in Kresge Auditorium today at 7:30 p.m., complete with professional musicians.

The evening, which will feature Cohen-Leadholm's piece, "The Praying Neobaromantis: AWV-273.15," and Guttman's "Short Stories," will mark an important moment in both men's musical careers, which started years ago.

Guttman's introduction to music came at the age of four when he first picked up a violin. He learned to play using the Suzuki method, which emphasizes playing by ear and memorization rather than sight reading music. However, by 13, Guttman was tired of the violin. After his experimentation with the bass in high school failed to interest him, he thought his musical days were over.

"I had no intention of being a music major when I came to Bowdoin, but Robbie [Greenlee]'s Music Theory 1 class was so cool freshman year that I decided to take more classes and decided that it was what I liked," Guttman

THE NEW FACES OF COMPOSITION: Seniors Adam Cohen-Leadholm and Nate Guttman pose with a piano, the instrument that Guttman used to compose his senior honors project. Guttman and Cohen-Leadholm, who plays the guitar, will perform their senior honors projects in composition today at 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.

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Film examines account of immigrant's struggle

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

On April 10, Hari Kondabolu '04 will return to Bowdoin, but this night will not be about his comedy. Instead, Kondabolu and Cambodian immigrant Many Uch will be screening the documentary "Sentenced Home," which focuses on Uch's struggles with indefinite detention and his looming deportation without due process.

Uch, one of three subjects of the documentary, came to the United States in 1984 at the age of eight. He was jailed for committing robbery in 1994 and served his time, but because of new immigration laws that deported Cambodians who were not citizens when convicted of crimes, the government informed Uch he would be sent back to Cambodia even though he already served his sentence.

"It's double jeopardy," Kondabolu, who works for immigrant advocacy group Hate Free Zone in Seattle, said. "It goes against the fundamental process."

Uch said that he has "been in limbo" since he was released from state prison in 1997. He was stuck in indefinite detention because, with the 1996 immigration laws, "if they can't send you back to your country, they have the right to hold you forever."

"SENTENCED HOME"

When: Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Where: Druckenmiller 16.
Admission: Free.

Since being released from prison, Uch has made a new life for himself in Seattle. He now has a nine-month-old daughter and coaches a minority Little League team. Baseball gives the youths an alternative to street gangs—an alternative that Uch did not have as a child.

Kondabolu said that the 1996 laws kept immigration cases from being reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and a loophole in the law allows for mid-level court clerks to hear cases rather than judges, denying defendants due process. Also, crimes that were not considered felonies in criminal court became aggravated felonies in immigration court.

"Lawyers who don't understand immigration court tell their clients to plead and don't realize it affects their immigration status," Kondabolu said. "The issue is more about fairness and equality and not having two sets of lawyers so people have an opportunity to stay."

Uch does not know his current placement on the list of people to be deported back to Cambodia. He could be deported any day. Since

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Activist Knox speaks on sex ed

BY CAROLYN WILLIAMS
CONTRIBUTOR

In Lubbock, Texas, when students ask teachers about sex, the teachers must reply, "Abstinence is the only way to prevent STDs and teen pregnancy." The town has the highest percentage of teen pregnancies and acquired STDs per year in Texas and one of the highest in the country. "The Education of Shelby Knox," an award-winning documentary screened last Thursday, chronicles Knox and Lubbock Youth Commission members' efforts to integrate comprehensive sex education into their school's curriculum. The film came to Bowdoin two years ago, but this time Knox and co-director Rose Rosenblatt were here to answer viewers' questions.

The film follows Knox, who grew up attending a Southern Baptist church, throughout her high school career. As a teen, she attended a program called "Love, Sex, and Dating," run by church pastor Ed Ainsworth. Ainsworth currently gives a presentation to more than 200 Texas junior high schools called "True Love Waits," where students vow in front of their parents and God to abstain from sex until marriage. Knox took the pledge when she was 15.

Knox said in a question-and-answer session after Thursday's screening, "I do not think that [the programs] are a healthy mechanism to prevent teenagers from having sex, calling the pledges 'unsafe.'"

As a high school sophomore, Knox



KIMMY WILKINSON, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

JUST SAY KNOX: Shelby Knox speaks at a Bowdoin screening of "The Education of Shelby Knox," a documentary that follows her campaign for comprehensive sex education in her Texas hometown.

joined the Lubbock Youth Commission, an organization sponsored by the mayor to give a voice to Lubbock youth. Concerned with Ainsworth's version of sex education (the docu-

mentary includes a scene in which Ainsworth warns that an STD can be transmitted through a handshake),

Please see **KNOX**, page 12

Titus Abbott to jazz up Kresge with New York style

BY KATHERINE LANNON
CONTRIBUTOR

For people who ever envisioned themselves in a hip downtown New York club, being seduced by the lyrical melodies of the alternative jazz scene while sipping expensive drinks, Bowdoin will deliver with the Titus Abbott Collective.

Of course, the hip downtown New York club happens to be Kresge Auditorium, and the expensive drinks are likely to be free coffee from Moulton.

The seduction part is about right, though, as perhaps are the lyrical melodies. According to Titus Abbott, creator and saxophonist of his self-titled group, the sound is more "lush and beautiful mixed with in-your-face."

The New York-based jazz group, set to perform this Saturday, describes itself as part of the new jazz movement in Brooklyn. This movement, Abbott said, is "a group of very innovative musicians" with a "very New York" vibe.

Though the improvisational aspect of the group's work lends itself to be traditionally associated with jazz, Abbott is quick to note that the music has a combination of inspirations, among them Middle Eastern, Indian, and traditional Jewish music, as well as blends of 20th-century classical.

This classical influence is something Abbott has recently begun

TITUS ABBOTT COLLECTIVE

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Kresge Auditorium, VAC.
Admission: Free.

to draw on, having just graduated from the University of Montreal with studies in classical music and composition. A veteran jazz musician, he notes that the creation of the Titus Abbott Collective in early 2006 was an attempt to "get something out after graduating."

While his first group, the chamber jazz trio Delawareans, had a more "light and delicate" sound, the saxophonist admits he wanted something a "little more edgy" with his second group, the Titus Abbott Collective. Having found Cassidy Holden (double bass) and Cody Brown (drums), he realized his goal, as the three "instantly thought in the same patterns" and found that their common objectives left little need for musical direction dispute. The group has been touring and performing in New York for the past year and is currently working on its first CD, which is due out this summer.

Though you may not have heard Titus Abbott in concert, you have probably heard his work. While studying at the University of Montreal, he specialized in film music composition. He put the education to good use, working on innovative projects in the United States and Europe and receiving credit as both a composer and



PETER SHELLENBERGER

COLLECTIVE EFFORT: The Titus Abbott Collective, an alternative jazz group that also counts Middle Eastern, Indian, traditional Jewish, and classical music among its influences, will perform on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.

sound designer.

Abbott said that while performing and film scoring are "different kinds of talents and challenges." He enjoys both the ability to "hone [his] music" through composition as well as the "immediate connection with the audience and other musicians" through performance.

It is the performance aspect that he will showcase at Bowdoin this weekend. The three pieces the group will perform are "Tangible Mystery," one of their most popular compositions, "Alphaville," and "Night Bird Song." The latter two songs composed by one of Abbott's greatest inspirations,

Thomas Chapin.

What's up next for the group? Abbott describes a busy upcoming summer of performances and collaborations, including one with pianist Mike Effenberger, and plans to attend the prestigious arts festival, the International Workshop in Jazz at Banff, Alberta.

Reliable beers in unstable weather



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

J.W. DUNDEE'S AMBER LAGER AND HONEY BROWN LAGER—\$4.99 each at Hannaford

Growing up in Maine, I have become accustomed to weather that often proves more mercurial than a two-year-old left at home with the babysitter. One second he's humming "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and the next he's screaming bloody murder. So it is, we have seen, with the weather, as we have all just experienced the first Bowdoin College snow day since Woodstock—and the first in April since that Safe Ride down to 'Shua's was pulled by a team of horses.

But don't think that spring isn't still right around the corner. A common Maine axiom states that if you don't like the weather, wait five minutes. Many of you, I would guess, may be saying the same thing about my articles right about now ("Spring Heat my ass"). I can't say I blame you. Maybe it's just out of spite, but I don't think my heart is in sitting down with a nice springy six-pack as tree-size limbs come crashing down all around me. What I am always game for, however, is my good old friend J.W. Dundee, who offers two of the cheapest six-packs around, coming in at a \$5 bill and a quarter each: Amber Lager and Honey Brown. It may not be springtime just yet; but there's always time for good bottled beer that costs less than that Frito-Lay variety pack.



As all of you probably know by now, I would be pretty content with a magic fridge that dispensed only frost-chilled cans of Natty Lite and pepperoni Hot Pockets. But I will be the first to admit that there is a time and a place for the classier bottled beer, and a time and a place where aluminum is the better option. Saturday nights have developed into something of a ritual for my buddies and

me. I have lovingly deemed it Beer Can Dodgeball—if you're picturing Ted curled up in the corner pleading for the corner pleading for his mother as empty cans rain down from the heavens, then you've got it pretty much nailed. Throw some bottles into this scenario and he will only be wailing for his insurance card. Bottles prove equally problematic when time is of the essence, as the top cannot be torn apart to simulate drinking from a trough.

But there is no denying that beer from a bottle is the classier, more refreshing alternative. Show up at a party with a 12-pack of Miller Lite bottles and people are asking where your tie is. But if you're not in the mood for the Shipyard and just can't justify something "lite," then I have just the thing: top of the line taste at bottom of the gutter prices. J.W. Dundee's Amber Lager and Honey Brown Lager are the (not so) hidden gems of the college world. Everyone knows that you paid for it with spare change, but they do respect you for it.

These two beers are great choices to start your night when you're just not ready for the Milwaukee's Best

stashed in the vegetable drawer. Not only will you still have money left over for the Poland Spring Vodka, but you will be amazed at how good this stuff is—and not just for the price. Now I know you're all expecting the half-hearted beer analysis at this point, but since I'm pretty much handing this stuff out here, I don't think it will kill you to just go down and try them both on blind "Beer Fever" faith.

Admittedly, I view the Amber Lager as Honey Brown's estranged, delinquent brother. Everyone pretends they're happy to see him, but really they just feel obligated since he's part of the family. This is not to say that Amber Lager is bad, because on the contrary, it is actually quite tasty. But I think it lacks the complexity of Honey Brown—and by "complexity," I mean it's harder to get through a six-pack and move onto the Natty. Seriously though, both beers prove an excellent choice when you can't decide whether to go classy or remain cheap: At such a bargain price, you can afford to hang out with Mr. Dundee on a nightly basis while still enjoying a great tasting, respectable beer.

I guess my point here is that if you no longer trust me to predict the weather with the beer I choose each week, I don't blame you. This is why I give you two beers that should be on the top of your list every time you head down to make a purchase no matter what weather you drive through to get there. If your night calls for something above and beyond your typical 12-ounce silver bullet but you're also saving up for the Ab Lounge Deluxe, then look no further than J.W. Dundee and his band of trusty Lagers. Besides, if you really don't like the taste, just wait five...more beers.

BOOK REVIEW

Norman devotes novel to artistry, emotion

BY FRANCES MILLIKEN
STAFF WRITER

The first sentences of Howard Norman's fifth novel, "Devotion," are enough to keep the most passive reader engaged past the first page. After this first chapter, it is hard to put the book down. The pace of "Devotion" is quick and the novel is compact. Without preamble, Norman launches the reader into a fray of emotion that fuels the novel and is inherent to the human interactions therein. Immediately, the reader discovers that David, the protagonist, recently managed to nearly kill his father-in-law and estrange his wife days after their honeymoon.

Throughout a narrative that folds back on itself continuously, Norman reflects upon the brief but intricate love affair between Maggie and David as Maggie's father, William, recovers under David's care. This arrangement seems odd, as David is the cause of William's injuries, but the peculiarity of the relationship's dynamics make them no less plausible. There is an impetuous quality to the actions of Norman's characters, but they are ordinary people and their rashness is not theatrical for the benefit of a sensational novel. Norman gives readers a blunt introduction to the novel's action in its first moments and each of the characters' tempestuous sides remain a force essential to the character development. The energy between the lovers is charged with competition. Though it manages a certain intensity, it is never fierce.

The scene that illustrates David and

Maggie's first meeting is simply but excellently crafted, both in its setting and the reader's immediate attraction to their connection. What springs up between them is described as love at first sight, but Norman refuses to let his story be manipulated by a cliché. Rather, the clichés are put to use by the author and the reader follows the story of what takes place after the quintessential boy meets girl scenario. Norman dodges the predictable and designs an attraction that leads, rather wonderfully, to an unshakable connection and a hotel bed.

Norman crafts Maggie with particular sensitivity. She presents herself to David with brazen confidence, but this presentation is not effortless. What the reader realizes, with the omniscient narrator as a guide, is that while Maggie's devil-may-care intensity is not forced, neither is it entirely natural to her. The blend speaks to a character depth that one only glimpses within these pages. The author gives each of his characters discernable clout, even if their appearance is brief, imbuing their lives with solidity and making them tangible.

Norman enriches the lives of his characters with their explorations and relations to photography, music, and literature. He is interested in artistry, employing it well with the use of swans as a persistent element. He adds mystery through their peripheral, if not central, participation in every major event. They both reflect and feel the brunt of the torrent of human emotion that is essential to devotion.

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DJ OF THE WEEK



Hari Kondabolu '04

Note to readers: Hari Kondabolu filled this form out himself. Some may assume the fact it is not written in the first person means that perhaps someone from The Orient called Hari Kondabolu and then typed his responses. In actuality, Hari Kondabolu insisted on writing his own "DJ of the Week" column...just as he insisted The Orient's naming him "DJ of the Week" a mere 3 years after he graduated from Bowdoin. Hari Kondabolu also wrote this note.

What's the best album ever made?

HK: In high school, Hari Kondabolu would've easily said Weezer's self-titled debut record, a.k.a. "The Blue Album." However, in college, Modest Mouse's "The Moon and Antarctica" caught Hari Kondabolu's heart, as did The Pixies' "Doolittle." He now refuses to answer this question.

Who's the greatest living musician?

HK: Hari Kondabolu has heard great things about Kelly Clarkson.

What's the best show you've seen live?

HK: Hari Kondabolu's best ever live musical experience was watching TV on the Radio at the Showbox in Seattle a year ago. He first saw them when they opened for the Pixies in New York City in December of 2004. He assumed watching the Pixies would be the greatest rock show of his life, and it was, for a moment. Until he saw TV on the Radio again. And again. And again...

What's the first album you ever bought?

HK: For the longest time, Hari Kondabolu told people that his first album was Green Day's "Dookie." The truth of

the matter is that it was Phil Collins's 1989 release "But Seriously."

"Seriously, Hari?"

"No...But Seriously."

HA.

What's your music guilty pleasure?

HK: Hari Kondabolu's first thought was to write A-Ha's "Take on Me." On his second thought, however, he realized how ridiculous his first thought was. How could the greatest song ever created be a "guilty pleasure?"

If you were the dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

HK: Hari Kondabolu would never be a dictator of a small country. In his imagination, he would lead the revolution that overthrew the aforementioned dictator. The anthem of the revolution? "No Rest for the Weary" by The Blue Scholars. "When the colonizer came with the cross and the sword, I blew the first spear and said I declare war."

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

HK: Hari Kondabolu would say, "Everyone shut up! I'm trying to tell my jokes."

They would be confused and angered.

He would then say to them, "I know that I'm an odd choice to open for Fall Out Boy, but these are the cards that were dealt to us. Now, here's a joke about diamonds."

Kondabolu, who was a radio host and student manager of WBOR 91.1 FM during his years at Bowdoin, will be a guest host on Karina van Schaardenburg's show, "Office Hours." The show will air on Wednesday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

SENIORS

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said. "I do composition because I'd rather not touch any instruments and just be in control."

Cohen-Leadholm started playing guitar in eighth grade, and played in his high school jazz band and a rock band with friends.

At Bowdoin, he took part in a multitude of groups, including the Brazilian Ensemble and the Jazz Band, as well as taking lessons. One has to look no further than the many concert admission bracelets which circle Cohen-Leadholm's wrist to understand his devotion to music.

Guttman and Cohen-Leadholm both took courses in tonal composition and electronic music in fall 2005, which is when Cohen-Leadholm decided he wanted to pursue an honors project. The following semester, he studied in Barcelona and the project began to take shape.

"I went to Spain looking for inspiration for my honors project and I definitely found it there...I took a music class in Spain and [the professor] forced us to go to these concerts, and we went to tons of concerts of all different styles: classical, flamenco, and more urban stuff. It opened my eyes to the whole field and gave

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ADAM COHEN-LEADHOLM '07

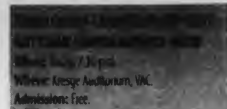
me lots of ideas," said Cohen-Leadholm.

For Guttman, the decision was more gradual. He originally planned to do a project in philosophy, but in summer 2006, he shifted his focus to music. Since he was already planning on doing two semester-long independent studies in composition, it was an easy transition.

Poised over a piano, Guttman said, "The way I compose is really tactile. I play a few notes and then think, 'Well, where does that want to go?'"

While he spoke, his fingers carelessly trotted over the keys, creating a new melody and demonstrating his technique.

The three musicians in the show are from Portland, but they do not regularly play as a group. The string players, Myles Jordan and Lydia Forbes, both belong to the DuPont String Quartet, and the pianist, Annie Antonacles, is a faculty member at the University of Southern Maine (USM). Both composers have enjoyed hearing



their music played live and working closely with the musicians to perfect the pieces.

"You write the stuff on crappy programs on laptops, and it sounds awful. But then you hear these people play it live and it just melts my face off, it sounds so good," said Cohen-Leadholm.

Despite all the face-melting, however, there have been problems during rehearsals. Sometimes the musicians had difficulty understanding the music Guttman and Cohen-Leadholm wrote.

"Basically, because we're not professional composers, there are a lot of conventions that—even if we read our orchestration book—we just wouldn't have figured out," Guttman said.

Both Guttman and Cohen-Leadholm admit to being nervous for the performance, but with all of the energy the composers bring to the show, along with the promise of an unsanctioned "metapop" encore, it should prove to be an entertaining evening.

Guttman summed up his goals for the performance very nicely: "I just wanna rock the house."

KNOX

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the group campaigned for comprehensive sex education in the public schools. After Knox and the youth commission received considerable media coverage, the school board allowed them to present their case. Their arguments, however, did not convince the conservative Christian-dominated board.

Knox's conservative parents were "devoted" to her, said Rosenblatt, but were concerned about her increasingly liberal attitudes and the stress of the commission. Despite the opposition, Knox persisted.

"Every single person has the right to medically accurate information about their health before they make sexual decisions," she said during the question-and-answer session March 29.

Knox also emerged as an activist for gay students struggling to form a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) at their high school. The commission did not support Knox, because the mayor threatened to dissolve the group, and the commission preferred to remain intact rather than support controversial campaigns. The decision resulted in the dissolution of the comprehensive sex education campaign and Knox's resignation from the commission.

By her senior year, Knox was a committed supporter of the GSA formation effort and was in the process of suing the school board. Her par-

Knox said Thursday that she will not return to Lubbock to lobby for comprehensive sex education because she "would not be a good activist" there.

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ents were shocked when Knox announced she was a liberal Democrat, but continued to support her. Her mother even attended a counter-protest to one started by the organization "God Hates Fags" in response to the lawsuit, which the gay activists lost.

Knox said Thursday that she will not return to Lubbock to lobby for comprehensive sex education because she "would not be a good activist" there. While the film was "an eye-opening experience" for many, "most people didn't take the next step" regarding comprehensive sex education, although Ed Ainsworth now only gives his presentation at six of the 11 junior high schools in Lubbock.

The documentary took three years to film. Rosenblatt, who co-directed the film with Marion Lipshutz through their company InCite Pictures, said, "No one took us seriously, which was wonderful because it gave us a lot of freedom to go about and do what we wanted to."

While the initial premises for the film was to investigate "sex education and how much money the fed-

eral government is putting into it," it "shifted to a coming of age story about a girl and her family."

Rosenblatt and Lipshutz worked "to break down barriers and gain trust" with the Knox family and the result is "a story about a girl and her parents and learning about sex education along the way."

Rosenblatt said, "You can never show your subject the film before it's finished," but Knox added that she "loved the movie" and considers it an "honest representation" of her efforts.

The film has won numerous awards, including Excellence in Cinematography at the Sundance Film Festival.

Knox will graduate from the University of Texas at Austin this year and travel the country promoting comprehensive sex education, gay rights, and women's rights. She considers herself a "spiritual person" and believes that "God, or whatever It is, wants you to love one another and accept each other."

She acknowledges that her beliefs "make a lot of people angry, but that's how I work it out."

Knox added, "The Christian faith is not a political party." She and her parents "respect each other's opinions," and her parents "are so proud that it sort of overcomes any awkwardness of the situation."

Although in the film she said she wanted to run for president, that is no longer one of her goals; "I'm not a good politician. I'm a good activist."

Have strong opinions about movies or music?

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STRUGGLE

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2002, 163 Cambodians have been sent back, in addition to 2,000 waiting to be deported. There are also 4,000 Vietnamese and 2,000 Laotians waiting to be deported.

There have been 50 screenings of "Sentenced Home" since March 2006. Uch hopes that the film will

shed light on the immigration debate for audiences that are unfamiliar with the effects of the 1996 laws.

"We really go and explain what's going on," Uch said. "The 1996 immigration laws stripped the right to rule on individual cases. Our job is to really move people and get them involved to bring back due process."

At Hate Free Zone, Kondabolu

said he sees the effects of indefinite detention and deportation without due process on families. Detention centers have become overcrowded and many immigrants with civil violations are mixed in with criminal prisoners.

"People are moved around like products, and their families can't afford to see them," Kondabolu said.

Kondabolu has great respect for

Uch because of what he has endured throughout this process and his perspective.

"His experience with the criminal justice system and the immigration system forced him to educate himself," Kondabolu said. "He has an amazing sense of humor and keeping things in perspective."

Kondabolu's parents came to the United States from India in the 1970s. Because of his role at Hate

Free Zone, his work with Uch, and his own parents' situation, Kondabolu said that he "think[s]" about the issues more so than ever before.

"We had legal status," Kondabolu said. "What if we didn't?"


"Sentenced Home" will be screened in Druckenmiller 16 on Tuesday at 7 p.m. A question and answer session with Uch and Kondabolu will follow the film.

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SPORTS

Trinity sweeps softball

BY MIKE BARTHA
CONTRIBUTOR

The softball team had a tough opening series this past weekend as the Trinity Bantams swept the Polar Bears in a closely contested three-game series.

On Friday, the Bears scored first, but lost 3-1. Co-captain Jaymie Woogerd '07 scored the first run after hitting a leadoff single to start the season. The Bantams would respond in the third with a solo home run tying the score 1-1. Pitcher Karen Reni '09 had a strong outing, holding the Bantams to this sole run for the first six innings. However, after three-and-a-half scoreless innings, Trinity won the game in the bottom of the seventh with a two-run shot.

"The first game was extremely competitive throughout all seven innings. Both our offense and defense were solid," said co-captain Kate Chin '08.

The next day, the Polar Bears and the Bantams faced off again in an afternoon doubleheader. In the first game, Trinity scored first, notching three runs in the third inning and one in the sixth. The Bears would rally for two runs in the final inning, but lost the match, 4-2.

Both Alison Coleman '09 and Chin had multi-hit games and pitcher Julia Jacobs '10 fared well, giving up just one earned run off five hits.

The third and final game of the weekend series would prove no different from the rest, as the Bantams completed their sweep with a 7-3 victory. The Polar Bears had a rough start, giving up two runs in the first two innings. In the third, Trinity committed four errors, allowing the Bears to pull within one. However, the Bantams would make up for this sloppy inning by sealing the game with a three-run sixth inning.

Despite the sweep, the series did not put a damper on the spirits of the Bears.

"We are definitely as good if not better than Trinity," said Chin. "Overall, we played well, but our hits weren't timely, and we stranded a lot of runners on base."

"I think I can speak for everyone on the team in saying that we'd like to play Trinity again," she said. "This weekend was a reality check, but also a good indicator that we are clearly capable of competing with any of our NESCAC opponents. We just need to continue to work hard and focus on one game at a time."

The Bears will have a chance to rebound from their losing weekend on Wednesday, as Bowdoin will play host to the Maine-Farmington Beavers at 3:30 p.m. The team was originally scheduled to play a three-game series this weekend against Colby, but due to the expectation of inclement weather, the games have been postponed to April 24 and 25.

SNOWED OUT



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT
WHITE MONSTER: A bat leans against an upturned bench hidden in the snow on Pickard Field. Bowdoin's baseball, softball, and men's lacrosse teams all postponed games this week because of the poor weather.

Green baseball team working to find stride

BY TOM LAKIN
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Baseball Team has a different look this year. Gone are the dominant senior pitchers who led the Bears to their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance last season. This year's version will rely on senior leadership at the plate and a green crop of first-year hurlers. At 7-7, the young squad is off to a fairly solid start—and with a decent spring trip and two quality wins over a great Trinity team, the Bears' .500 record is perhaps even more solid than initially thought.

The Polar Bears returned to Brunswick after Spring Break sporting a 5-5 record, set to face a 12-1 Trinity Bantams squad.

The first game on Friday was a bit of a disaster for the Bears, as Bow-

doin lost 15-8. First-year Carter Butland struggled on the mound, giving up five runs over two and one-third innings pitched. Bowdoin's defense didn't help Butland's cause with seven errors, and the Bantams tacked on 15 runs on 21 hits. The one high point for Bowdoin was its offense, as sluggers Joe Berte '09 and tri-captain Jon Koperniak '07 contributed a couple of homers to help the Polar Bears to an eight-run output.

The Saturday doubleheader went very differently for the Bears, who picked up 6-4 and 5-4 wins in the first and second games, respectively.

In the first victory, first-year Joe Pace had a solid mound outing, giving up four runs on eight hits over six innings and picking up the win. Senior Tyler Turgeon came in to close things out in the seventh for the save.

The real story was Bowdoin's early offense (three first-inning runs) and its ability to maintain that initial lead. First-year Reed Auger contributed one of the first-inning ribbies, while Koperniak scorched a triple, which plated the other two. Newly crowned NESCAC Player of the Week Nick Lawler '07 had two hits in the game and continued to play solid defense in his new position at the hot corner.

The second game was similar to the first, with Bowdoin getting six good innings from junior Ryan Turgeon. Bowdoin's offense was again on point, with senior tri-captain Chris McCann and Lawler each picking up two hits, while first-year Marc Delaire contributed two more hits and three stolen bases. First-year Luke Potter pitched two solid relief innings and Tyler Turgeon came in to close

out a 5-4 victory for another save.

Bowdoin then traveled to Southern Maine on April 3 to face a solid Huskies squad. Potter pitched a solid five and one-third innings, giving up only three runs, but Bowdoin's offense just couldn't get anything going, scoring only one run on a Mike Buckley '07 homer. USM's pitching was dominant, with first-year Mark Schmidt pitching five and one-third innings of one-run ball. Husky right-fielder Ryan Borque contributed two runs on a sacrifice fly and a double, which gave the Huskies all the scoring they would need, as they did end up winning 4-1.

Bowdoin has a three-game series against Colby this weekend, but with a foot of fresh snow now sitting on the field, it is unknown where—or whether—the games will be played.

Men's tennis team utilizes 'depth' to counter injuries

BY HELEN PU
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's tennis team lost to Bates in Lewiston on Wednesday, but it still had plenty to celebrate, as the squad defeated NESCAC rivals Trinity and Wesleyan over the weekend in Brunswick.

The match against Trinity on Saturday, the team's first game since its return from Spring Break in California, was full of nail-biting moments. Sam Bitetti '07, who plays first doubles and first singles, sprained his ankle the Friday before the match, putting Bowdoin at a significant disadvantage against Trinity, which is now ranked 11th in the nation.

With everyone playing one spot higher than usual in the singles lineup, Bowdoin struggled to stay alive. The team was down 4-2 with only three matches left when the Polar Bears managed a tremendous comeback in their singles matches. First-years Jamie

Neely, Adam Davis, and Tyler Anderson won their matches, giving Bowdoin a 5-4 win.

"I knew it would be really close with me still sitting out, but our freshmen rose to the occasion and won a really close match," said Bitetti.

Last Sunday's game against Wesleyan University played out as a 7-2 win for Bowdoin, despite two team members sitting out due to intense muscle cramps from the previous day. The cramps resulted in the brief hospitalization of Garrett Gates '08 and Neely. Both players have fully recovered and are able to enjoy the team's recent victories.

"It is extremely hard to win a match without three of your four top players," said Gates.

The team has an away game at MIT today and a home game versus Tufts on Saturday.

"We have a lot of depth," said Bitetti, "so I don't think we will miss a beat."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Amherst	4	0	6	1
Middlebury	3	0	4	1
Wesleyan	3	1	5	2
Williams	3	1	4	2
Trinity	2	2	5	2
Tufts	2	2	4	2
BOWDOIN	1	2	5	3
Bates	0	3	5	4
Colby	0	3	3	3
Conn. College	0	4	1	5

SCOREBOARD

Sa 3/31 at Wesleyan L 10-8
Su 4/1 v. Plymouth State W 11-5

SCHEDULE

Sa 4/7 at Trinity 1:00 p.m.

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

Sa 4/7 at New Hampshire 11:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

Sa 4/7 at New Hampshire 11:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

SCOREBOARD
Sa 3/31 v. Trinity W 5-2
Su 4/1 v. Wesleyan W 9-0
Th 4/5 at Bates W 7-2

SCHEDULE

F 4/6 v. Tufts 3:30 p.m.
W 4/11 at Colby 4:00 p.m.

BASEBALL

	NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Tufts	3	0	11	4
BOWDOIN	2	1	7	7
Trinity	1	2	14	3
Colby	0	0	2	7
Bates	0	3	2	8

SCOREBOARD

F 3/30 v. Trinity (at Brandeis) L 15-8
Sa 3/31 v. Trinity (at Brandeis) W 5-4
Su 4/3 v. Trinity (at Brandeis) W 5-4
Tu 4/3 at Southern Maine L 4-1

SCHEDULE

F 4/6 v. Colby 3:00 p.m.
Sa 4/7 at Colby 12:00 p.m.
Su 4/7 at Colby 2nd game
M 4/9 v. Maine-Farmington 4:00 p.m.
Th 4/12 at Thomas 4:00 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

SCOREBOARD
Sa 3/31 v. Trinity W 5-4
Su 4/1 v. Wesleyan W 7-2
W 4/4 at Bates L 5-4

SCHEDULE

F 4/6 at MIT 4:00 p.m.
Sa 4/7 v. Tufts 1:00 p.m.
Th 4/12 at Colby 4:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

SCOREBOARD
Sa 3/31 at Providence L 25-22

MEN'S LACROSSE

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Tufts	3	0	6	1
Williams	3	0	4	1
Amherst	2	1	4	4
Middlebury	2	1	4	2
Trinity	2	1	5	2
Wesleyan	2	1	8	1
BOWDOIN	1	2	3	4
Colby	1	2	2	4
Bates	0	2	3	2
Conn. College	0	6	0	7

SCOREBOARD

Sa 3/31 v. Wesleyan L 7-3

SCHEDULE

Sa 4/7 v. Trinity 1:00 p.m.
Tu 4/10 v. Springfield (at N. Andover, Mass.) 7:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL

	NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Trinity	3	0	12	2
Tufts	2	1	10	6
Bates	1	2	3	6
Colby	0	0	8	2
BOWDOIN	0	3	14	6

SCOREBOARD

F 3/30 at Trinity L 3-1
Sa 3/31 at Trinity L 4-2
Su 3/31 at Trinity L 7-3

SCHEDULE

W 4/11 v. Maine-Farmington 3:30 p.m.

Compiled by Adam Kommel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC

Cardinals defeat men's lacrosse on Polar Bear turf

BY JEREMY BERNFELD
STAFF WRITER

At the halfway mark of the season, the men's lacrosse team stands at a disappointing 3-4 mark overall. However, the record is only disappointing because the Bears believe that they can compete with the best teams in the NESCAC.

"Aside from the first years, no one on the team has ever had a losing record at Bowdoin," said senior quad-captain Charlie Legg. "However, we need to realize that in NESCAC play we have only lost to the two finalists from last season, and we can still finish with the same in-conference record as last season."

Despite the slow start, the team feels no need to panic.

"According to laxpower.com, we have the second-hardest strength of schedule in all of Division III. We expected early ups and downs coming into the season," Legg said.

The Polar Bears suffered a setback to their NESCAC dreams on Saturday. Bowdoin lost to visiting ninth-ranked Wesleyan 7-3. After holding Bowdoin scoreless for the final 21 minutes of the contest, the Cardinals improved to 7-1 on the season. Bowdoin moved to 3-4 on the season and 1-2 in league play.

Legg played well in the net for the home side, stopping 14 shots. Legg has been a bright spot defensively for the Polar Bears all season.

"If I have a good day in the cage," said Legg, "it is because of the six guys playing defense in front of me. All season they have done an excellent

job forcing other teams to take bad shots, and that makes my job much easier."

The Polar Bears continue their campaign on Saturday at home against Trinity at 1 p.m. The Bantams '05 will travel to Brunswick after beating NESCAC foe Amherst, 10-7, at home on Wednesday.

Bowdoin will look to get the season back on track by focusing on fundamentals.

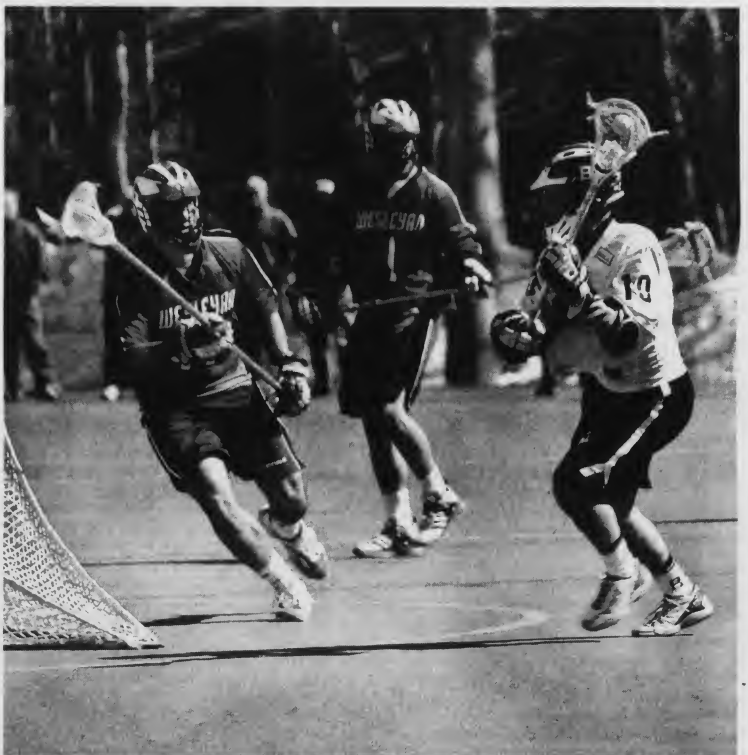
"For us to improve, I think we need to control the flow of the game better," said senior quad-captain Dave Donahue. "This means we have to limit our turnovers on the offensive end, we need to control the middle of the field, and we can't give up transition goals."

The team had been scheduled to play Springfield College at North Andover (Massachusetts) High School on Wednesday, but the game was postponed due to poor weather conditions. The game is now rescheduled for Tuesday.

"Springfield is a team very similar to us: young, talented, and hungry for a win," said Legg. "If we cut back on turnovers, hustle for every ground ball, and shoot effectively, we will win."

Starting this weekend, the Polars Bears look to put the past behind them and grow from the experience, said Donahue.

"I think having a difficult schedule in the beginning of the season is a good thing for the team because it reminds us how well we need to be playing at the end of the season and during the NESCAC tournament," Donahue said.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

CARDINALS RULE: Senior Matt Chadwick looks for an open passage to the Cardinal net. Wesleyan defeated the Bears 7-3 in Brunswick.

Women's rugby: Four tries not enough to see Providence fall

BY ELISE SELINGER
CONTRIBUTOR

The women's rugby team lost to the Division I Providence Friars in a highly contested game last Saturday with a final score of 25-22.

Bowdoin matched up well with Providence's athletic players, but Providence penetrated the line of defense for the first try of the game, taking the lead 5-0.

Bowdoin responded with rapid

field gain from the kickoff. Off of a five-meter scrum, scrumhalf Kalya Bickerman '07 assisted forward Catherine Jager '09 with a great pass that Jager forced over the try line, making the score 5-5.

The second half was also evenly matched as the scoring bounced back and forth. Bowdoin began the second-half scoring with a combined effort between co-captain Margaret Griffith '07 and Vanessa Vidal '09, with Griffith scoring the try. Providence

retaliated with strong runs along the sideline opposite the pack and earned another try to even the score.

Bowdoin's back line answered with a sharp offensive surge. Maria Koenigs '09 set up Erica Camarena '10 with great ball placement between the defense, which allowed Camarena to gain almost 30 yards before passing off to wing Alivia Moore '09 for the try.

"Those Friars were not even wearing their hoods and they still did not see it coming," forward Hannah Wad-

sworth '09 said.

Once again Providence responded to Bowdoin's strong play with another try.

The fourth and final try of the day for Bowdoin came from another strong performance by Moore, who scored on a solo run, touching the ball down right between the posts. Sara Utzschneider '07 tallied the conversion kick as Bowdoin regained the lead. Sadly the game did not end this way and as the minutes ran out, Provi-

dence managed two final tries.

"This game was good preparation for Nationals in Florida by showcasing, against strong competition, both the good decisions made on the field and the flaws that still need to be fixed before we go," Griffith said.

Following a brief regrouping, the B-side got on the field for its first game of the year. The team played well with notable first performances by rookies Joyce Mendes '09 and Leah Stecher '10, but Bowdoin ultimately fell, 15-0.

Women's lacrosse loses to Wesleyan, beats Plymouth

BY EMILEIGH MERCER
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Lacrosse Team split its weekend matchups with an on-the-road loss to Wesleyan and a win at home against Plymouth State.

The Bowdoin squad (5-3) played its strongest game of the set on Sunday at Ryan Field as the team beat Plymouth State 11-5. In the game, the team held Plymouth State scoreless for the first half, and quickly gained a six-goal lead. Senior tri-captain Kate Donoghue led the attack with three goals, and junior Bobbi Dennison added two goals and an assist during the game. Senior tri-captain Taylor White put forth a leading effort as she caused four turnovers and collected four ground balls during the game.

Plymouth State pressured Bowdoin's defense in the second half, but 14 minutes of scoreless play and great all-around work by goalie Stephanie Collins-Finn '09 gave the Polar Bears the win.

After the game, senior tri-captain Jill Steigerwald commented on the progress of the team saying,

"We play as a unit, and I'm confident that we'll reach the point where everyone is on the same page, and we will be unstoppable," she said.

On Saturday, after a strong start, Bowdoin fell to Wesleyan (2-1 NESCAC) 10-8 in overtime. The Cardinals were able to outscore the Polar Bears 4-1 in the second half, and scored twice in overtime for the win.

Although it was a disappointing loss, White explained, "We were able to come away from Wesleyan with a good sense of what we need to improve to get our game to the next level."

Bowdoin will travel to Connecticut on Saturday to take on Trinity College.

"I think Trinity will be a great test of our ability to continue carrying things we have worked on in practice into big league games," said White.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

ROCKING PLYMOUTH: Junior Bobbi Dennison drives past a defender in Sunday's 11-5 victory over Plymouth State. Dennison scored two goals and tallied one assist in the effort.

Greg Oden or Kevin Durant? The choice is easy—neither



COLUMN LIKE
I SEE 'EM

BY CHRIS ADAMS-WALL
COLUMNIST

As the final seconds expired away, the ball tossed up with ferocity in celebration, the active players were mobbed by a sea of white, blue, and orange in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The University of Florida Gators had just become the first team since the 1992 Duke University Blue Devils to repeat as NCAA Men's Basketball Champions, and they had done it convincingly, beating another one seed, the Ohio State University Buckeyes, 84-75. Before you could say "BCS Championship (tool)," it appeared that Gator center Joakim Noah was up to his old shenanigans again, sprinting into the stands primed to give his audience a five-minute showcase on the moonwalk.

But instead of flexing his dance muscles, Noah found his moon instead, who embraced her ecstatic son (yes, he screamed) with open arms and unabated tears, while Buckeye superstar Greg Oden, who had had arguably his best game of the tournament (25 points, 12 rebounds, 4

blocks), having fallen just short of what would have been the culminating moment to a miraculous run through March Madness, was left to stand alone at the crossroads of his college basketball career and ponder the age-old question—should I stay, or should I go?

If you have yet to meet Greg Oden, he's that enormous, 7-foot tall 280-pound giant whose withered countenance bears an uncanny resemblance to someone older than actor Peter O'Toole. But the alleged 19-year-old center is not just your average Joe. After finishing off his freshman year of college with an impressive 15.7 points per game average on top of 9.6 rebounds per game, Oden has NBA general managers' mouths watering at the mere thought of the exuberant big man donning their teams' uniform in the 2007-2008 season. With such a promising upside, countless experts have predicted that should Oden decide to enter the NBA Draft this June, he will be the unanimous choice to be selected No. 1 overall, no matter which team owns the pick.

The Memphis Grizzlies, who, going into Thursday, held the league's worst record at 19-53, currently have the best chance of gaining the rights to that pick, and the Boston Celtics (23-51) and Milwaukee Bucks (26-

48) aren't far behind. And what a boost Oden would be to all three of those franchises...that is, if he opts to become pro.

There are quite literally an infinite number of advantages to entering the draft that the young center will have to consider before giving Regis his final answer. First and most obvious of all, there is the money factor. Should he enter the draft, Oden will most certainly be using his most expensive bills as Post-It notes by week's end, on top of major endorsement deals with Nike and Visa. Secondly, Oden is perhaps one of the few players that could turn around a sub-500 team and make them an instant contender. And thirdly, he would have one of the rarest opportunities in being able to play a professional sport.

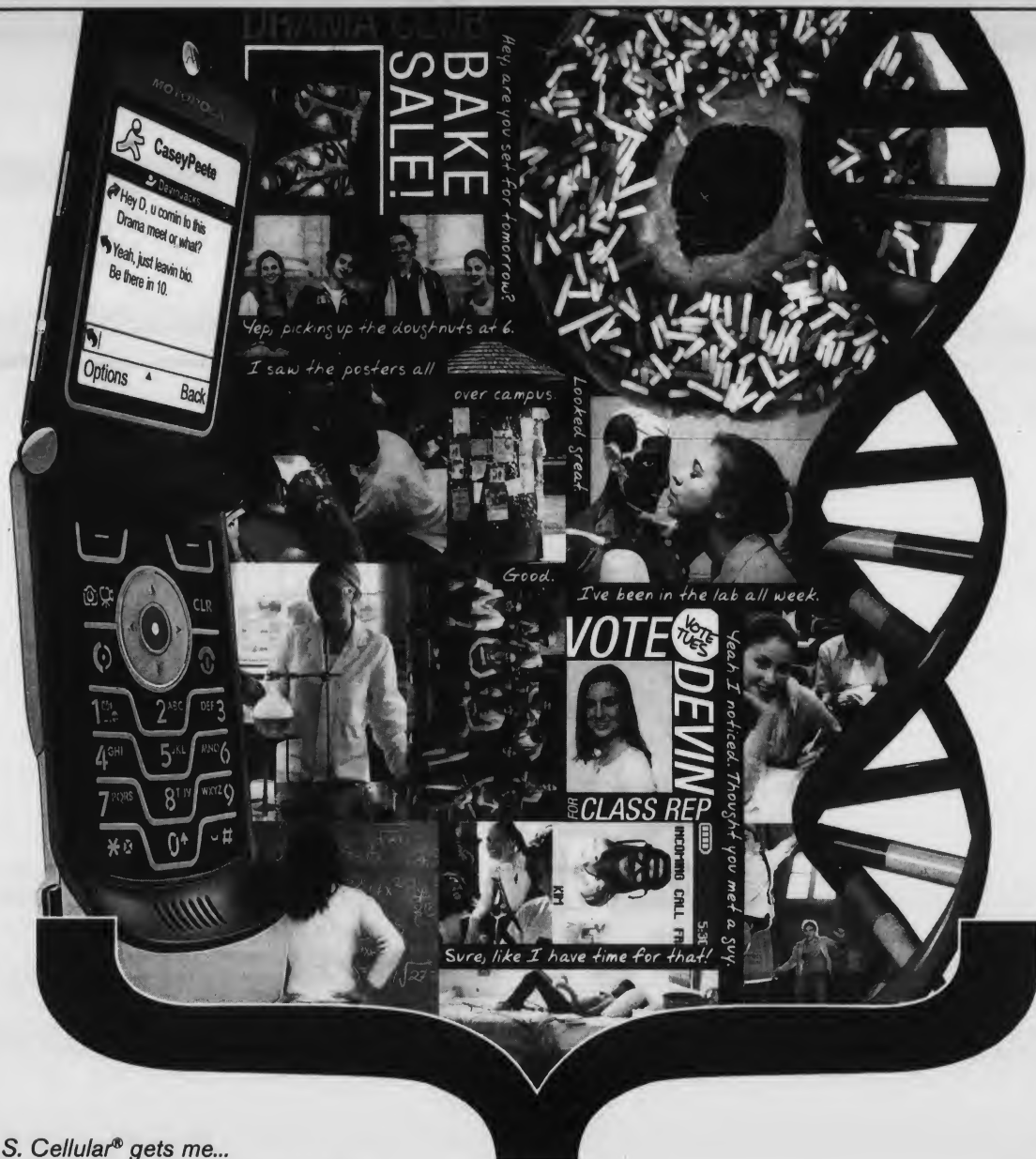
But of course, for every positive in what could be a basketball utopia for the 19-year-old, there is an equal, more frightening negative, like the immense amount of pressure that would come with being selected No. 1 (see Kwame Brown and Michael Olowokandi), unreachable expectations that would be placed before him, and even living on his own; not to mention the NBA success stories—or lack thereof in this case—that drafted freshman have had in recent history.

Since 1997, a total of 20 freshmen have been drafted in the first round: a list that includes no-namers Dion Glover, Kris Humphries, Donnell Harvey, DerMarr Johnson, and Rodney White; disappointments Eddie Griffin, Dajuan Wagner, Ricky Davis, Tim Thomas, and Larry Hughes; and the solid Lamar Odom, Luol Deng, Jamal Crawford, and Zach Randolph. Its two most prominent figures are Carmelo Anthony of the Denver Nuggets and Chris Bosh of the Toronto Raptors, who were both taken in the exceptional draft of 2003. However, both of them have yet to advance past the first round of the playoffs, and nobody from that twenty-man list has won an NBA Championship.

The impact players who have won titles in those drafts? Tim Duncan (senior), Chauncey Billups (sophomore), Dwyane Wade (junior), Tayshaun Prince (senior), and Richard Hamilton (junior)—none of whom were drafted after completing just one year of college. Also, consider this: never once in the 60-year history of the NBA Draft has a collegiate freshman been drafted No. 1 overall. If that's not enough to make Oden even a little hesitant to enter, I'm not sure what will. And hey, is college really that bad?

Considering the star treatment that Oden receives at Ohio State with his personally customized bed, fourth-grade academic schedule, and being idolized by everyone on campus—let alone the country—I'd say he's got himself a pretty good deal. The same goes for the National Player of the Year, Kevin Durant of the University of Texas, another freshman facing the same dilemma as Oden, who, should he also enter the draft in June, is projected by many to be taken second overall.

If you are a freshman reading this article, just imagine that these are your last two months in at Bowdoin, and that next year you will be starting life in the real world with, gulp, a job. Are you ready? Of course not; and neither are they. Both of these young men fell short of their dream this March, failing to capture a National Championship, but if the rumors circulating are true, that both Oden and Durant prefer to stay in college for another year, they will be giving fans the greatest gift of all—the privilege of witnessing what could potentially unfold as one of the best rivalries in the history of collegiate sports. And of course, both of them would be doing the right thing by staying in school...at least for one more year.



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Middle Eastern studies

In his "Offer of the College," former Bowdoin President William DeWitt Hyde envisages an education that will equip graduates to "be at home in all lands and all ages." And though the academic curriculum here is broad, the College's lack of course offerings in Arabic language and Middle Eastern culture has made it so that Bowdoin students who aspire to careers in diplomacy or business in the Middle East—or wish to travel there for any reason—will not feel at home in the least.

This is a problem. There was a time when courses on the Middle East and its languages may have seemed like a luxury. Today, they are a necessity. Over the past half-century, global politics have shifted such that the Middle East has become a crucial focus of U.S. foreign policy. Cultural tensions between the West and the Middle East run high, and it seems reasonable to predict that this will be our generation's defining political dialectic.

As a result, many current and prospective college students have taken a constructive interest in learning about Middle Eastern culture, religion, and language. And while many schools, including NESCAC peers Middlebury and Williams, have responded by offering Arabic instruction classes, Bowdoin—along with Bates and Colby—have remained uncharacteristically behind the curve. If the College is to remain competitive with other top institutions, it should prioritize the acquisition of an Arabic specialist as it prepares to hire new professors with capital campaign funds.

The Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee (CEP) has already allocated money for new professors in the anthropology and government departments, but the procurement of funds with which to hire an Islam specialist is still pending. And while Dean of Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd says that she has sought—so far with no success—to collaborate with other Maine schools on an Arabic consortium, bringing in an Arabic language professor remains absent from the agenda. Currently, students' best option for learning Arabic is to apply to summer immersion programs, whose cost compounds an already weighty tuition bill. We can do better.

The College needs to find and hire professors who will be able to give students the instruction in Middle Eastern culture and language that they both want and need. Bowdoin already has faculty, such as Jorunn Buckley and Shelley Deane, who have in the past taught classes on topics relating to the culture and politics of that region. The Office of the Dean for Academic Affairs should seriously consider creating a Middle Eastern Studies program by combining its current resources with new specialists in Arabic and Islam.

Bowdoin's alma mater boasts of the College's talent for producing leaders and statesmen. The next generation of leaders and statesmen will be far better suited to preside over world affairs if they possess a solid cultural understanding of the Middle East—an understanding that Bowdoin is currently unable to provide.

The editorial represents the majority view of *The Bowdoin Orient's* editorial board, which comprises Bobby Guerrete, Beth Kowitz, Anna Karass, Steve Kolowich, and Anne Riley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There's a difference between stimulating and uninformed

To the Editors:

In response to junior Brian Lockhart's piece on March 30: Dissenting opinions and differing stances on various issues can certainly stimulate the growth of ideas. However, a line must be drawn. Senior Zachary Linhart's article contained grossly incorrect information (as pointed out by Associate Professor of Physics Mark Battle) about climate change. Writing of this kind is likely the product of those that either refuse to consider, or are unintentionally ignorant of the majority of scientific data. Either way, such ideas make for an uninformed opinion piece rather than a thought-provoking one.

Sure, some may not have known the information Professor Battle provided, but that kind of knowledge can be obtained by anyone who puts five minutes into researching credible literature on the subject. There is a difference between informed op-

position opinions that inspire new thoughts and misinformed opinions that seem to be more concerned with making a show than getting the facts straight.

Consider this hypothetical statement: "People of different races act differently because some races have inferior brains." A ridiculous thought? Sure. But is it one that—if published in the Orient or any other publication of higher education—would stimulate education on the subject? Get real.

Sincerely,

Alastair Chau '07

Grow up, move on from gossip, apparent lack of privacy

To the Editors:

As a Bowdoin alum, Class of 2004, and someone who has recently married another Bowdoin alum, I was a little surprised to read the column in the Orient regarding the utter lack of privacy and rampant gossip that some students seem to think

prevail at Bowdoin (March 30). As a Bowdoin graduate, and someone looking back on my life at Bowdoin, I can honestly say that I felt none of this "lack of privacy," or felt any harmful amount of gossip going around.

I think it probably depends on who you choose to make your close friends at Bowdoin, but I for one never found my relationship with my boyfriend, now husband, to be a difficult thing to have, nor did I ever feel threatened by gossip or in need of more privacy. I think that some students need to get over this feeling and grow up.

You go to a small school, with an incredibly over-achieving group of people and frankly if I were you guys, which I was at one point, I would tell whoever is making snide remarks and gossiping to shut up and live up to their intelligence as a member of the Bowdoin community! I thought this column was funny though, so don't get me wrong: I'm not bashing this column, I'm just giving it some perspective.

Sincerely,

Maria Mandle '04

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Get out there and 'wintry mix' it up!



A SOJOURN IN CIVILIZED LIFE

BY ANNIE MONJAR
COLUMNIST

This Sunday, while Bowdoin students slumber in their beds, eagerly awaiting morning, the Maine state Easter Bunny will prepare to leave its burrow, bearing Cadbury eggs, pink saran wrap, and enough Peeps to rot the enamel right off a casserole dish. Hopped up on chocolate wrapped in lime-green foil, he will skip to thrust open the door, crash, fall, and lie with his crooked floppy ears prostrate on the floor. Because, while the Easter Bunny lies there surrounded in shards of pink hard-boiled eggs, his door will be forced shut by 12 inches of snow.

So, this Easter, I am sorry to say, there will be no hidden eggs destined to lie beneath the futon until they start to release carbon monoxide, no chocolate tulips that will be fed, foil and all, to the dog, because there will be no Easter Bunny. He will be frozen shut inside his hole, icing the bump on his head he got from crashing into the door, watching the Easter parade on NBC and the Rugrats Passover Special.

A grim image, you say? Look out your window.

It's hard to imagine that anything could possibly make the weeks following Spring Break any more difficult than they already are; but Mother Nature, with her typically cruel irony, has found a way. For the next week or so, a "wintry mix" of misery will melt Bowdoin students' Cancun memories and tans away. Not just rain, either. I would love to say that "April showers bring May flowers," but it looks

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like this month, "April snow will bring suicidal urges," as the age-old proverb goes.

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This kind of weather isn't just annoying: It's spirit-crushing. For those of you who have been feeling a little more somber than usual, and who are starting to think that transferring to the University of the Virgin Islands might be a good move, don't send off that application quite yet. If everyone followed the impulses that bad weather blues can give you, there would be a mass exodus of Mainers to the Bahamas. Including the Easter Bunny.

To me, it seems that the best way to cure this sudden onset of frost funk is to simply ignore it. A few days ago, I saw Bowdoin students with their shoes off, throwing Frisbees on the Quad, reading on outdoor benches that haven't felt the touch of a human's backside since October, and taking happy, ener-

getic walks to Rite Aid. Why should we choose to let some bad weather hinder this? We're Polar Bears! If you think that our arctic counterparts get weepy and cranky, talking about swimming up to South America, every time the temperature drops below 40, you're sorely mistaken. Take off your shoes. Get your Frisbee. Go outside. Grin and bear the pain; your feet will be numb soon.

This is the kind of attitude our campus needs to sport in times like these. One that doesn't stare out of the window of H&L wondering what could have been, but one that goes outside, looks up, and swallows a wintry Slushee whole and says, "That was delicious!" One that digs around snow drifts until it finds a small, hidden wooden door with a picture of an egg drawn on it, and pries it open, rescuing the Maine state Easter Bunny (who, at this point, is eating his feelings in the form of pastel jelly beans). One that stands triumphantly as it watches the now-slightly pudgier bunny hop into the horizon, slicing through the "wintry mix."

And because it looks like Brunswick will be in the midst of this kind of weather for another week or so, and Easter is coming just around the corner, we'd better straighten up and turn over a new leaf. Because if anyone wants their Peeps on Sunday, we have to start digging the bunny out now.

OP-ED CHART

If you could change anything about Bowdoin, what would you change?

BY JORDAN KRECHMER AND
WILL VOINOT-BARON

As many of you have noticed, a white sheet has been hanging in Smith Union over the past month. Typically, a new question will be hanging each week. Though responses are initially written, it is our hope that the sheets will engender verbal discourse among students, faculty, and staff and that discussion will move beyond the sheet to the classroom, the dining halls, and even to the dorm room.

We aim to choose questions that are provoking, that encourage response, and that are not framed in a biased manner. That being said, we are posing questions that we feel deserve discussion and that we feel reflect issues important and pertinent to the Bowdoin College community.

Ultimately, through these questions, it is our goal to spark healthy and respectful discourse within our community. For only when we begin talking with each other, and, more importantly, listening to each other, can we foster relationships that are not based on judgment and misunderstanding. And only when we begin to understand the opinions, feelings, and emotions of others can we truly know ourselves.

We appreciate all those who have responded thus far, and we encourage your continued enthusiasm.

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More Southern food

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A lot more PDA

East and West + upperclassmen

Tour guides who aren't afraid of Druck

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The tippy tables in Moulton

Hebrew classes

More ideas

Super Snack every night

Dance major

Less graffiti in the union

Plow the diagonals

The campus blacks out before midnight

More diversity

More weird and wonderful people

Alpine ski team

Legitimate party scene: less blackout, more kegs

Less freshmen

More actual food

Fewer oversized banners

A bar scene

Polar Points in town

Better dating and relationship scene

Less complaining

More chem-free on-campus housing

More good pool sticks

Arabic classes

No more racism

More useless posters that we can write on

Creative writing classes and major

Dance department where modern isn't the only dance

More hugging

Agricultural department

CPC stop e-mailing me!

No more tighty whities

Less narrow-minded people or people who pretend they understand, put up a front and then talk racial behind people's backs

More red peppers at the salad bar

Ability of the Pub to take debit cards

The cold weather

Recycle the economy: Reuse

BY COLIN BECKMAN

Coached on the practice since elementary school, recycling comes as naturally to us as breathing. Future historians may well define us by our compulsion to recycle: The blue-bin generation, they'll call us.

Now that we are in college, even our water bottles make the request. "Please Recycle," my Poland Spring bottle commands on its label. And are we, especially now that recycling in Brunswick is single-stream, about to refuse the order? When recycling is so easy, how can you justify not making the morally right choice?

Try not to let it hit you too hard, but our automatic acceptance and reverential treatment of the three circling arrows—the emblem of the recycling ritual—has the potential to take us dangerously down the wrong path. In 100 years, scholars of American society may well be shaking their heads at our myopia.

Recycling has a powerful place in the ideas we have about ourselves as good, moral people. Pitching a bottle (or anything else) into a blue bin gives us a feeling that we have done something good for the earth. It sets off a happy little signal in our brain and perhaps resonates with our need for categories and order. It gives us the feeling that everything is in its right place. Recycling also ties into our ideas of the rhythms of nature. To recycle is to mimic and embody the inherently simple and good processes of the natural environment.

Unfortunately for us, these ideas are not quite accurate when applied to the real world. How much are we really doing for the world when we recycle? The short answer is: not that much. For one, recycling is not an infinitely repeated process like the nitrogen cycle. A piece of plastic or paper can only go through so many permutations of production before it becomes unrecyclable. This means that when we toss a plastic bottle or a sheet of paper, we are only

What we really need to do is cut back on the amount of material, recyclable and non-recyclable, that we produce and consume.

delaying the inevitability of the landfill. And even if recycling took our plastics and papers to a magical place of infinite regeneration, the process of recycling itself still requires energy. This energy is produced by means that contribute greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

What we really need to do is cut back on the amount of material, recyclable and non-recyclable, that we produce and consume. We need to still the urge to buy yet another cold bottle of Poland Spring water, and instead reuse the one we already have.

I am not arguing that we dispense with recycling. It does play a valuable role in mitigating the effect of our monster-sized economy on the earth. But what really needs to be recycled is the existing economy itself. And until then, as we continue to recycle plastic and paper and tin, we will do ourselves a favor if we dispense with the over-inflated self-congratulation when we throw something into the blue bin.

We could also ask ourselves why recycling has become so central in our lives. Could part of the answer be because corporations realize that encouraging recycling has absolutely no negative effect on their sales? Take out your Poland Spring bottle and take a look at that label. Why does it say "Please Recycle"? It's because Nestlé (the big food corporation that owns Poland Spring) realizes that printing "Reduce" or "Reuse" on the label could hurt sales. Recycling is safe for corporations, convenient for individuals, but a deceiving and insufficient half measure for the Earth and for communities of the future.

Beckman is a member of the Class of 2007.

STUDENT SPEAK

What did you do with your snow day?



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 6 - APRIL 12

FRIDAY

LECTURE

Common Hour with Catherine Oswald

Professor Oswald from the Harvard Medical School will show a documentary and give a lecture titled "Malaria: Killer Number One." Sponsored by Americans for Informed Democracy.

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

LECTURE

"Physics of Viruses"

Professor Jane Kondev of Brandeis University will discuss the composition and reproduction of viruses.

Room 313, Searles Science Building. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FILM

"Mind Games"

This movie chronicles the life of Bowdoin alum Thomas French, who died of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Discussion with French's family and friends to follow.

Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center. 7 to 10 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

One-Act Festival

The Masque and Gown One-Act Festival consists of three plays, all written and directed by students.

Wish Theater, Memorial Hall. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

PERFORMANCE

One-Act Festival

Wish Theater, Memorial Hall 7 p.m.

CONCERT

Titus Abbott Collective

This group will perform its music, which is inspired by modern New York City jazz and 20th-century classical. Preview, page 9.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Easter Mass

Bowdoin Chapel. Noon to 1:30 p.m.

FILM

"Recycled Life"

This Oscar-nominated film tells the story of families living in the Guatemala City Dump. Part of kNOW Poverty Week.

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY

ART RECEPTION

"Perspectives"

This reception will exhibit photographs from the six Alternative Spring Break trips. Students on these trips volunteered in locations such as Washington D.C. and Nicaragua.

Lamarque Gallery, Smith Union. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

DEMONSTRATION

Sushi Night

Sponsored by the Asian Students Association, a chef from a Portland restaurant will show how sushi is prepared and concoct samples of various types of rolls.

Jack Magee's Pub. 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

OFFICE HOURS

Dean Foster and President Mills's Office Hours

Students are encouraged to stop by with questions or comments.

Smith Union. 3 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Immigration Film and Panel

Following the screening of "Sentenced Home," a documentary about a Cambodian's immigration, a discussion of southeast immigration in America will be held. Preview, page 10.

Room 16, Druckenmiller Hall. 7 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

"Hear Our Stories, Know Our Names"

Part of kNOW Poverty Week, this performance addresses poverty in Maine. The show is presented by individuals who have experienced poverty firsthand.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

LECTURE

Chandler Lecture

Eric J. Heller, professor of chemistry and physics at Harvard University, will give a lecture titled "Picture Perfect:

Persuasion, Politics, and Prejudice Surrounding the Scientific Image, 1800-2006."

Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

DISCUSSION

"Stories from the Academy"

Part of kNOW Poverty Week, this lunch and discussion on issues of public health and poverty in Maine will be led by professors Susan Bell, Nancy Riley, and David Vail. Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Stand-up Comedy

Fresh off his appearance on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," comedian Hari Kondabolu '04 will return to campus to perform his stand-up act.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LECTURE

le thi diem thuy Lecture

This Vietnamese-American writer and performance artist will recall her journey from Vietnam to Southern California.

Room 107, Kanbar Hall. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

FUNDRAISER

Camp Out

Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, students are invited to spend the night outside to spread awareness about homelessness in Maine. This event will also serve as a fundraiser for Habitat's local chapter.

The Quad. 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.



SEDER DINNER: Students and faculty gather at the Passover seder on Monday night in Moulton Union's Main Lounge.

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COLES TOWER

Missing money results in firing

BY BOBBY GUERETTE
ORIENT STAFF

A Bowdoin employee was fired this week after allegedly stealing cash from residents of Coles Tower, and a Bowdoin student said it was his own investigation that cracked the case.

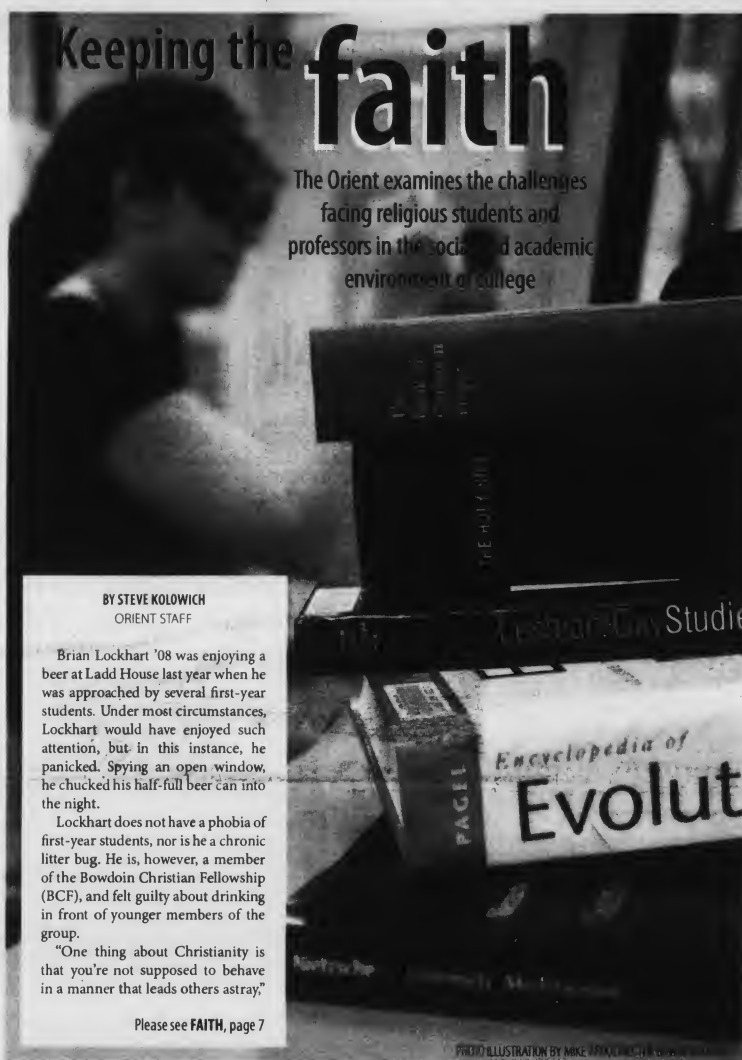
David Soohoo '08, who lives on the fifth floor of Coles Tower, said he installed a motion-activated webcam in his bedroom after \$100 and \$200 went missing in two separate incidents last month.

On Monday, Soohoo noticed that \$40 was gone from his wallet, which was sitting on his desk. He checked his webcam recording and said that the video showed the housekeeper assigned to his floor entering his bedroom and picking up his wallet. He reported the incident to college security and provided a copy of the digital video recording, which he also showed to the Orient.

The Department of Safety and Security's report submitted to the Orient this week said that an employee was fired after "committing several thefts of cash" from students in Coles Tower.

Randy Nichols, the department's director, confirmed that the suspect was identified using video evidence and other investigative techniques. He would not confirm usage of a student's video camera and said he could not provide

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BY STEVE KOLOWICH
ORIENT STAFF

Brian Lockhart '08 was enjoying a beer at Ladd House last year when he was approached by several first-year students. Under most circumstances, Lockhart would have enjoyed such attention, but in this instance, he panicked. Spying an open window, he chucked his half-full beer can into the night.

Lockhart does not have a phobia of first-year students, nor is he a chronic litter bug. He is, however, a member of the Bowdoin Christian Fellowship (BCF), and felt guilty about drinking in front of younger members of the group.

"One thing about Christianity is that you're not supposed to behave in a manner that leads others astray,"

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Yaffe to petition for BSG change

As officer elections begin, student will seek to amend BSG constitution to legalize candidacy

BY ANNE RILEY
ORIENT STAFF

When Ian Yaffe '09 submitted his petition for candidacy as president of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) on Thursday, he assumed that it would be denied. It was.

"My candidacy is against the constitution," Yaffe said in an interview with the Orient.

Yaffe, who has never served on BSG and therefore does not meet the requirements for the position of BSG president, has not let the Elections Commission's refusal of his candidacy deter him.

"I don't believe that rule is entirely just," Yaffe said. "I have an issue with them believing that not everyone here is qualified to run for office."

"The constitution is important, but it should never get in the way of doing what people think is right," he said.

At its March 28 meeting, BSG voted against a constitutional amendment that would have made all students eligible to run for BSG president. As it reads now, election rules require that candidates for president and treasurer

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Acceptance rate 'brutal' for Shain's first class

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
ORIENT STAFF

Bill Shain could only describe the admissions process for the Class of 2011—his first as dean of admissions and financial aid at Bowdoin—by saying that to call the process "stressful" would be an understatement.

The acceptance rate for the Class of 2011 is the lowest in Bowdoin College history.

"This year's was 18.5 percent, with only 16 percent admitted in the regular round. That's brutal," said Shain.

The acceptance rate for the Class of 2010 was 20.6 percent.

Though the number of applications increased by 10 percent, Bowdoin is not

ready to expand the size of the first-year class. Last year 1,170 students were admitted, while only 1,105 students were admitted this year.

"We went out tight, hoping to leave room for students on the wait list," said Shain.

In addition to accepting fewer students, there were other noticeable differences between this year and past years, including increases in the number of students coming from public schools and the number of students from the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as a marked decrease in the number of students hailing from the West.

"There are a number of differences

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Student affairs addresses attendance

BY CATI MITCHELL
ORIENT STAFF

For several months, the Student Affairs Committee, led by Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, has been working on a proposal to clarify the attendance policy currently set forth in the faculty handbook.

The committee became interested in the issue after hearing anecdotal evidence that students were experiencing scheduling conflicts. After looking at the number of rooms reserved for use between 4 p.m. and midnight in one week, Foster said that "we were struck by the volume of activity that happens here."

"Students find themselves overstretched and frazzled when commitments compete for their time," said Assistant Professor of Government Shelley Deane, a member of the committee.

"The issue of time management and overcommitted students was one that hit home to me because I personally have had to make a lot of choices about my priorities due to conflicts," said Elizabeth Sheldon '07, another member of the committee.

The new policy, said Foster, "seeks to enhance communication on all fronts."

Sheldon added that the proposal signifies an "increased awareness that everyone's time, including faculty and students, is valuable."

The proposal was based on similar policies in place at Williams, Middlebury, and Swarthmore. The Williams student handbook has a section titled "Division of the Day," which designates the hours during which scheduled academic activities should take place.

When professors want to make an event outside of those hours mandatory, they must receive approval from the

College. Middlebury lays out guidelines for students, professors, and coaches in its handbook.

"What we have is more of a philosophical statement and we're trying to give it a little more definition," said Foster.

After circulating the policy to various departments and all faculty, the Student Affairs Committee will bring it to the Recording Committee. The policy could be voted on at a faculty meeting in May.

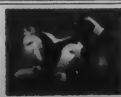
The revised policy requires that professors make attendance regulations, including required lectures, evening exams, film screenings, field trips, and other required events, clear before the add/drop deadline.

Foster noted that while faculty can strongly recommend that students go to an event that comes up later in the se-

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THIS WEEKEND: BOWDOIN FILM FESTIVAL

The third annual festival will feature awards for Best Picture, Acting, and Writing. The a cappella group The Longfellowers will also be performing. **Preview, Page 10.**

AWARDS AT SILL HALL, SMITH AUDITORIUM, SUNDAY, 7:30 PM.

TENNIS: WOMEN SET WINS RECORD

Win over Colby on Wednesday was the 14th of the season. Currently the Bears are ranked as the seventh DIII team nationally. **Recap, Page 14.**

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NOT YOUR NORMAL PUB FARE: Members of the Asian Students Association (ASA) eat sushi with chef Ken Law (center) at Jack Magee's Pub on Monday night. The ASA estimated that 250 people attended the event.

(COURTESY OF YI ZHENG)

Sushi kick starts Asian Week

BY NAT HERZ
ORIENT STAFF

After 750 pieces of sushi, Asian Week was off to a running start.

According to Asian Week's organizers, Asian Students Association (ASA) Co-Presidents Linda Tan '07 and Jenny Wong '07, some 250 people came to eat fresh sushi made by a Portland chef at Jack Magee's Pub on Monday night. At three pieces of sushi each, that's 750 pieces. And some people came back for seconds.

Monday's sushi night was only the first event in the school's annual Asian Week. Other events include an appearance by comedian Hari Kondabolu '04, a film screening and panel discussion

regarding Southeast Asian immigration to America, a reading by a Vietnamese writer, and Bollywood dance lessons. The ASA's annual fashion show will cap off the week on Saturday night.

Kondabolu, who has appeared on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," performed for a packed Kresge Auditorium on Wednesday evening, during which he tested some new material, showed a 13-minute film, and conducted a question-and-answer session with Associate Professor of English Peter Coviello.

"We thought it would be great to bring him back," said Wong.

Wong and Tan also spoke with enthusiasm about the fashion show, which is traditionally done in conjunc-

tion with the Bowdoin Experience Weekend, held to encourage minority students to enroll at Bowdoin.

According to Wong, the fashion show is designed "to try to get Asian students to matriculate."

"We estimate that 55 to 60 percent of the audience is prospective students," she said.

"It was one of the things that made me want to come to Bowdoin," said Tan.

Wong and Tan stressed that the success of the week's events was due to the ASA officers that helped organize them.

"It's really thanks to all the officers who put in all the time," Wong said.

"This has been an exceptional year for ASA," Tan said.

Spring gala funding not yet in the bank

BY GEMMA LEGHORN
ORIENT STAFF

Students have not yet been formally asked to contribute any funds toward this year's Spring Gala, but the Office of Student Activities is still hoping that classes and College Houses will be able to contribute a substantial amount of money to the event.

According to Office of Student Activities Program Advisor Braulio Peguero, in 2005 and the years preceding, class officers were informed at the beginning of the school year of a pre-determined contribution that they were expected to make to the gala budget.

This money, along with small contributions from college houses and the sale of \$10 tickets, significantly subsidized the cost of the event. After calculating contributions and expenses, the gala committee would present a budget to the Student Affairs Funding Committee, and it picked up the rest of the expenses.

Last year's Gala, however, was fully funded by the Student Activities Office, though that is not the case this year.

"The Student Activities Office was able to fully subsidize the Gala last year, without having to ask classes or college houses for financial contributions," Peguero wrote in an e-mail to the Orient. "Sadly, that was a one-time occurrence."

According to Peguero, there is a

higher level of student involvement in the planning of this year's Gala, especially in comparison to last year's event. A new committee of seven students from the first-year, sophomore, and junior classes began meeting in February.

Classes and houses may still be able to contribute money to fund the event this year, though it is less feasible for them to do so when asked at this point in the school year.

"Classes used to get asked for money at the very beginning," said Class of 2007 President DeRay McKesson. He explained that while it is difficult to contribute \$750 (the sum requested by the Gala Committee) at any point in the year, it is especially hard later in the year.

Concerning the Class of 2007, McKesson said "we would have to be extremely creative to rearrange money and still have a senior class gift and do senior week. The timing for the request is not ideal."

However, McKesson did assure that when the classes are formally asked for money, they would do their best to come up with it.

"We haven't been formally asked any amount yet," he said.

Classes most likely will be asked sometime in the very near future.

"Ideally, the classes and houses would be able to contribute enough that tickets to the Gala would be free for students," said Peguero.

Admissions program hopes to increase minority yield

BY SAM WAXMAN
ORIENT STAFF

Although the decision to attend any college is a difficult one, the Bowdoin Experience Weekend seeks to facilitate that decision for many multicultural students.

The Bowdoin Experience Weekend, which starts today, aims to attract minority students who have already been accepted to campus, and encourage them to develop a connection with Bowdoin, and, ultimately, to matriculate.

"The experience weekend as a whole, is designed to introduce admitted students to a different side of Bowdoin, which is often overshadowed by the misperception that Bowdoin isn't diverse," wrote Tony Thrower '09 in an e-mail to the Orient.

Thrower attended a past experience weekend.

"Diversity is much more than skin color," he added. "It's about the kind of people we are. That's what the experience weekend is about."

According to Erby Mitchell, assistant dean of admissions, the major message the College wants to convey to these students is that they belong at Bowdoin because of their unique qualifications.

"We admitted them because we think they'll make huge contributions to Bowdoin and the world," he said. "Many are students of color, [for] whom we feel seeing the campus will help make a difference."

Thrower said the program is intended to help these prospective students make informed decisions about whether Bowdoin is right for them.

"The Experience Weekend isn't about selling the school, it's about showcasing it. As long as we as a community continue

to do our part, the school will sell itself," said Thrower.

The Office of Admissions, in conjunction with other campus organizations, organizes programming that helps prospective students engage with Bowdoin to allow those students to feel like they belong.

"It provides them with invaluable opportunities like attending panels on financial aid intricacies, student life on campus, and even events like the hip hop show and laser tag," Thrower said. "I think that the experience is a great representation of the window of opportunity that opens when you matriculate as a student here."

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster stressed that the Bowdoin Experience Weekend is truly a "community enterprise" on the part of faculty, staff, and students, to encourage the most qualified students to attend Bowdoin.

"The president, faculty, students, and staff make themselves available," he said. "I always appreciate the commitment people make, especially those who host, to welcome others to campus."

Mitchell considers the Bowdoin Experience Weekend to be a great success in persuading multicultural students to attend Bowdoin.

Sixty to 65 percent of accepted students who attend the spring experience weekend matriculate. Of those who participate in a similar fall program that encourages students to apply to Bowdoin, 80 percent or more complete an application.

"The Experience Weekend was a tremendous factor in my decision to come to Bowdoin. The weekend allowed me to see Bowdoin College for what it is. I still talk with every student that I met during the Experience Weekend, as well as the admissions staff," said Thrower.

SHAIN

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that people assume are conscious," said Shain. "But they're not."

There were also changes in statistics related to students of color. The Office of Admissions reports that there was a significant increase in minority applicants.

"We use the term students of color, but the truth is that each group that we look at is highly individualized," said Shain.

While 30 percent more African American and Latino students were admitted to the Class of 2011 than to the Class of 2010, fewer Asian American students were admitted than last year.

Shain said that he didn't know of any innovations this year that may have increased the number of minority applicants.

"It's probably the momentum of the college. We are better known now," he said. "We've only been working hard towards becoming multicultural in the last five years, and it's taken about that long to really develop relationships with schools and agencies."

More evidence that Bowdoin has been successful in recruiting students of color is in the numbers of the Bowdoin Experience, a multicultural hosting event for admitted students taking place this weekend.

"Fifty-three [students] attended the multicultural hosting event last year. This year it's 91," said Shain.

Another striking aspect of the character of this year's Class of 2011 is that while 573 men were admitted, only 532 women were admitted.

"Our yield of women has kept going up the last few years, which leads to a disproportion," said Shain. "We don't want to have less than 48 percent



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

APPRECIATED: In Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Bill Shain's first year, Bowdoin's acceptance rate declined from 20.6 to 18.5 percent of applicants.

of either gender because of so many things. It would impact housing, academic programs, and it would change the way people relate to one another on campus."

Shain also emphasized that the male students who were admitted were no less qualified than the female students.

"The percentage of men we admitted was higher, but there wasn't a difference between the strength of the files," he said.

Shain's also initiated changes in the actual admissions process during his first year. Admissions officers visited 10 percent more high schools than in previous years. Acceptance letters were also mailed a week earlier.

"It's more consistent with the rhythm of the admissions process, and gives an extra week for people who have to travel to campus to plan their visits," he said.

Shain, who was the dean of undergraduate admissions at Vanderbilt University before coming to Bowdoin in July 2006, said that the admissions program will be re-examined in May and June.

"We will be redesigning all the admissions publications, expanding direct mailings, analyzing and expanding travel, working hard to develop communications protocol, and will be getting one more admissions officer," he said.

"That's a partial list," he added.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

DOGGED PURSUIT: Joho Strom '09 scrutinizes two Sony Aibo robots as they chase a soccer ball (bottom left) in an exhibition match in Daggett Lounge on Sunday. The match served as a tune-up for the Bowdoin RoboCup team's trip to Germany for a tournament later this week. Bowdoin's team, the Northern Bites, programs the robots to operate autonomously during the match.

Robot dogs, in exhibition match, ready for Germany

BY LYDIA DEUTSCH
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Their names are Frodo, Chewie, Don, and Capo. Last year Drew Carey bet \$500 that they'd win a soccer match. They're not for sale in the pet store.

A team of David Beckham clones? No. They're a squad of robotic dogs, and they sure can play soccer.

The Northern Bites, Bowdoin's "4-Legged Robocup Team," held a soccer game for its autonomous robotic dogs in Thorne on Sunday.

Each team consists of four SONY Aibo robots specially programmed by the team to play soccer on a six by four meter "field."

Bowdoin's team is captained by Henry Work '06 and made up of

sophomores Mark McGranaghan, Jeremy Fishman, George Slavov, Tucker Hermans, and Johannes Strom. The team recently received a \$100,000 anonymous donation that funds travel costs, Work's research, and other team expenses.

Team members will be flying to Germany on Sunday to compete against hundreds of other teams in the RoboCup German Open 2007.

Although the dogs function autonomously, students have done the programming for every minute detail of what each dog will put to use in the game. All competitors have the same manufactured robotic dog with the same hardware.

The game is to make the best software, and students build from the ground up ever more complex be-

haviors. Cameras in the dogs' noses take picture frames at one-thirtieth of a second, which is much faster than last year's technology. Within each picture are thousands of pixels.

Students have created software that enables each pixel to be identified by color and in connection to the shapes being formed; one fan was asked to move because of her neon green Bowdoin sweatshirt.

Each pixel within each frame taken every 30th of a second causes a decision to be made within the robot. There is even collaboration among dogs.

In the game of soccer, there is no set script for how to score a goal. The Bowdoin team is working to have the dogs think on the fly and adjust to what will work play by play.

On Sunday, the Bites pitted its latest software model against itself. There were nearly 20 children with their families cheering on the dogs.

Associate Professor of Computer Science and faculty advisor Eric Chown spoke with enthusiasm about the team's progress.

"My favorite times are when students have something to show you, and they show you something they've done that I didn't even know they were working on, and it's amazing. That's what I really love," he said.

"One of the reasons I got into this was to teach students that they're just as able to do this as graduate students from any other school," Chown added, referring to the fact that almost all other RoboCup teams are made up

of graduate students. "They realize this when they're hanging out with those students at the competitions and doing the same things. It speaks to the quality of Bowdoin students. I wouldn't have signed up if I thought it was beyond the quality of Bowdoin students."

Last year was Bowdoin's first year in the RoboCup, a worldwide competition. The team members aspired to scoring one goal. They came away from the competition having scored many goals and 10th place in the world.

"You couldn't have convinced me last year that [our result] was possible in my wildest dreams," Chown said. "This year, our goals are not just to score but also to be one of the four best or the best."

Industry cracks down on illegal downloading

BY NICK DAY
ORIENT STAFF

The College, with prodding from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), will undertake new efforts to prevent illegal downloading and file sharing on campus.

In a March 28 e-mail addressed to students, Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis explained that "the recording industry is embarking on new efforts to crack down on illegal downloading and sharing of music" and that the RIAA now seeks to target "music theft at college and university campuses specifically."

"It's a huge public relations effort by RIAA to crack down on pirating," Davis said in an interview on Tuesday.

While Information Technology (IT) does not currently monitor the college network for illegal downloading, provisions in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 allow organizations like the RIAA to keep tabs on downloaded content.

If the RIAA has reason to believe that a student is downloading files illegally, they "will send an e-mail message to the College identifying the IP address of the computer being used," according to Davis's e-mail.

If the notice from the RIAA meets all legal requirements—a valid IP address and a date and time when the file was discovered, among other conditions—a letter will be sent to the offending student from the dean of student affairs.

A handful of students on campus have already received such warnings. The letter, after informing the offending student that downloading files is an illegal activity, then asks them to "delete all illegally acquired copyrighted files within 72 hours."

"Most students who get the letters just delete their files, and it ends there," said Davis, though he did acknowledge that one student on campus had received several letters after repeat offenses. Repeat offenders risk a formal lawsuit from the RIAA.

But Davis also stressed the relatively low level of illegal activity on campus.

"Compared with other schools, Bowdoin has very low levels of illegal downloading," Davis said. "[Illegal downloading] is not a considerable problem, though it is still something we must deal with."

His best advice to students: "Don't do anything that would put you at risk."

Davis also believes that the wealth of downloadable material on the Internet requires users to respect the copyrighted work of others.

"There's an element of trust [to not download files illegally]," he said.

Illegally downloading files, according to Davis, can be likened to walking into a store where there are no employees, but only a sign asking customers to leave money on the counter.

"It's an opportunistic thing. The door's open, and no one is watching," Davis said. "But that doesn't mean you shouldn't do the right thing."

BSG debates its role on campus

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

In one of its last meetings of the year, Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) brainstormed ways to improve the current College House System and, in preparation for the upcoming elections and position changes, discussed the role BSG should assume in order to serve the student body.

One of the primary issues addressed by BSG was the disconnect students feel with their affiliate houses. With changing first-year affiliations and residents, most of whom are sophomores, college houses do not maintain a constant identity. Members said that after being assigned a house for their first year, upper-class students are not encouraged to participate with the house.

To address student interest, At-Large Representative Sophia Seifert '09 suggested that each first-year student choose his or her social house during orientation. By having college houses plan programming ahead of time and advertise for students, first years would build a connection based on preference.

Inter-House Council (IHC) President Alex Lamb '07 said that doing so could present problems with cohesion in the first-year bricks by spreading affiliates across campus. Also, there is a possibility that choosing college houses could create divisions among the first years early on.

Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08

suggested that students choose an affiliation at the end of their first year, saying that it "makes the process of choosing more informed."

Other comments included thoughts regarding more ways to connect with upperclass affiliates through meals and events, ways to connect individual college houses to upper-class residences, and involving affiliates with event planning and activities.

Vice President of Student Affairs Steph Witkin '07 said that many upper-class students are turned away by the programming and campus events house members must develop.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 said Residential Life will consider the body's comments, while Lamb noted that Bowdoin is the current model for a college house system that other colleges are watching.

In other business, members reflected on the role of BSG on campus. While most members agreed BSG should serve as a voice for students and a connection to staff and administration, others thought too much time was spent this year on constitutional reform and internal affairs.

"We should be more open. Students don't know who we are, where we meet," said IHC Representative Jacqueline Abrams '08. "BSG should be more concerned with focusing on the student body and less on ourselves."

Members agreed that there should be more publicity about BSG meetings and discussions that involved

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JACQUELINE ABRAMS '08
IHC REPRESENTATIVE

more students.

Class of 2009 Representative Ben Freedman said that while BSG members may have great ideas, more public comment and fresh perspectives from the student body are necessary.

Nonetheless, Seifert said that the Bowdoin campus trusts BSG, as most of the members were elected by students.

"That's an important thing to keep in mind—we can give our opinions; they do matter," Seifert said. "It's important not to be paralyzed as a body by a certain issue. We were paralyzed by constitutional reform and by our community response committee; everything else stopped."

Brooks said that BSG members are the experts on how the school works, who need to make "on-the-fly decisions" about changes and policies. He would like to see BSG's role as middleman change to get more students actively involved with the Bowdoin administration.

Finally, BSG approved two funding requests: one to purchase more movie tickets to offer students at a discount and another to help fund a visit from one of the contributing lawyers on Bowdoin's revised sexual assault policy.



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STEPPING IT UP: Garden Coordinator Katherine (reswell) (right) paints a banner advertising the Step It Up rally with Nick Norton '09 and Holly Kingsbury '07. The rally, which is coordinated with other students and community groups nationwide, is scheduled to take place on Saturday.

Activists prepare for anti-warming rally

BY EMILY GUERIN
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin students will join student and community groups across the country on Saturday in asking Congress to commit to an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050.

The event was conceived by and named after the Burlington, Vermont-based organization Step It Up. The group is comprised of six Middlebury College graduates working with environmental writer Bill McKibben, the scholar-in-residence in environmental studies at Middlebury.

According to the group's Web site, an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions by the middle of the century is "a solution commensurate to the scale of the problem [of global warming]."

The 80 percent reduction, "won't prevent global warming—it's already too late for that—but it may be enough to stave off the most catastrophic effects."

Step It Up rallies are being sponsored by many towns and cities, but the movement has especially caught on with college students. In an e-mail to the Orient, McKibben said that he has "been so impressed to watch the burgeoning student movement."

According to McKibben, college students "are crucial players, in part because they've had science more recently than most folks and so aren't intimidated by any of it...And since they'll have to live with the results longer than anyone, they're naturally most concerned."

According to Ruth Morrison '07, co-head of Polar Bears Against Climate Change, Bowdoin has a special interest in averting the effects of climate change. Its mascot could become endangered, or even extinct.

Morrison, who has partnered with environmental groups at Bowdoin to promote Step It Up, said that the polar bear issue is a good way to capture people's attention.

"How do you get the greatest number of people behind the climate change issue?" she asked. The polar bear's potential endangerment "is an issue that is relevant to Bowdoin."

Colin Beckman '07, the lead organizer for Step It Up at Bowdoin, agreed with Morrison. He said that the polar bear, as well as Maine icons such as fall foliage, blueberries, and maple syrup, were all rallying points for Bowdoin students concerned about climate change.

"When I come back in 40 years, what is this campus going to look like?" Beckman asked.

As part of the Step It Up rally, Beckman, Morrison, and other members of campus groups have planned a series of events, including a photograph of all participants in front of the polar bear statue.

The picture will be sent to the Step It Up organizers in Burlington, who will send a photo of every event to each member of Congress, along with their formal request for the carbon emissions reduction.

Other events planned for Saturday include a letter-writing campaign to state senators and representatives requesting the 80 percent reduction at both the state and national levels. A march from campus to Topsham and back will stop at the post office to mail the letters and petitions.

Organizers are also asking participants to consider signing the Green Pledge, an online pledge unique to Bowdoin in which one can select a personal or political commitment to combat climate change. The idea was inspired by Bowdoin's Green Graduation pledge, in which departing seniors pledge to serve the common good and consider the social and environmental aspects of jobs they take after college.

The film "An Inconvenient Truth" will also be showing on Friday and Saturday.

Bates College, Colby College, and the University of Maine at Farmington are among the many other colleges and universities organizing Step It Up rallies.

Jack Murphy, student organizer of Step It Up at Bates, said his event, which occurred last weekend because of vacation this week, was a success.

"Physical events like petitions and Step It Up make it easy to get involved," he said. Murphy added that the rally, which attracted over 100 people, "was beyond our expectations."

Murphy has also been involved with planning an intercollegiate Step It Up event in Augusta. Students at the Augusta rally will present Gov. John Baldacci, D-Maine, with a formal petition requesting a state-wide 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050.

Katie Renwick, the student organizer of Step It Up at Colby, said that she hoped to "make Maine a leader in this."

"I hope that as more states sign on,

Congress will get the picture," she said.

But how effective will Step It Up Day be? Beckman said that climate change movements have the potential for success because "we're legitimizing Congress's authority by working with them."

"Climate change doesn't require civil rights-type movements," said Beckman. "It takes a less oppositional type of action."

Murphy said that Step It Up was just hoping for a commitment from Congress, and that there were many different options for working out how to implement the reduction.

Dharni Vasudevan, associate professor of chemistry and environmental studies, said that she was not convinced that the Step It Up campaign made clear the consequences of an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions.

"An 80 percent reduction is 35 percent below the carbon emissions levels in 1960," she said. "Are we communicating what that level might mean, what the implications are, to the public?"

According to McKibben, an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions would mean, "large changes in how we do business—by mid-century we would need to have weaned ourselves from fossil fuels, which would mean weaning ourselves from everything from SUVs to food flown in fresh from every corner of the earth every day."

According to Vasudevan, petitions to Congress are meaningless without a public commitment to the type of drastic personal lifestyle change McKibben describes.

"People think if you tell Congress, the problem will be solved, but that means people need to change their lifestyles," she said.

Vasudevan encouraged those signing petitions to try to understand what an 80 percent reduction would entail for them personally.

According to McKibben, the public is finally ready to act on climate change.

"In this country it took Hurricane Katrina followed by Hurricane Gore" to make people aware of how serious an issue climate change is, McKibben said.

"Now everyone (almost) is educated," he said. "The question is if they're ready to act. We'll find out on Saturday."

SECURITY REPORT

APRIL 6 TO APRIL 12

Friday, April 6

•A student's bicycle was damaged during snow clearing operations at 30 College St.

Saturday, April 7

•An East Hall student became ill after consuming a large quantity of hard liquor at an off-campus student residence and was transported to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

•A window pane was discovered broken near the front entrance to Sargent Gymnasium.

•A security officer escorted an ill student from Moore Hall to Parkview Hospital.

Sunday, April 8

•An East Hall student and two of his guests were found responsible for blocking the main entrance to West Hall with large pine limbs. The matter was referred to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

•At the request of a student, a security officer checked on the well-being of a Chamberlain Hall student who had been consuming hard liquor.

•A security officer reported a large amount of broken glass on Pine Street in front of the middle section of Pine Street Apartments. A staff member was dispatched to clear the hazard.

•A student reported that a theft of a woman's bicycle from outside Smith Union at Hyde Plaza occurred between 4 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 7. The bike, which was not locked, is a purple, green and blue Huffy mountain bike.

Monday, April 9

•A fire alarm on the third floor of

Chamberlain Hall was triggered by a student using a hair dryer.

•A student reported that his vehicle that was parked at Brunswick Apartments was damaged when a pine limb fell on it.

•A college employee was terminated after being apprehended this week for committing several thefts of cash from Coles Tower students. Some stolen cash was recovered and returned, and the remainder will be paid back as restitution.

•A Bath Road resident reported damage to a fence that was apparently caused by snow plowing at a college parking lot. A repair was scheduled.

•A fire alarm in the new recital hall was activated by dust generated by a worker.

Tuesday, April 10

•A fire alarm on the third floor of East Hall was activated by smoke from burnt popcorn.

Wednesday, April 11

•A security officer discovered that a window frame was removed and glass broken at the copy center in the basement of Dudley Coe. There was no evidence of illegal entry.

Thursday, April 12

•A student was questioned after he was seen in possession of items that violated college policy.

•A student reported the theft of a purple 21-speed road bike from the south side of Smith Union that occurred between 8 and 10 a.m.

—The Department of Safety and Security

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additional details about the case.

An officer at the Brunswick Police Department said it did not have a record of the alleged thefts in its logs. Soohoo said he has not filed criminal charges.

Director of Human Resources Tama Spoerri, reached at her home Thursday night, said she would not comment about the matter, citing confidentiality issues.

Soohoo said that he was in the suite next door watching TV when the video was recorded.

The webcam was clearly visible in his bedroom, Soohoo said. The camera was set up when he brought Orient reporters to his room on Thursday night, located in a pile of clothes on top of a shelf and connected to a laptop on the floor.

Soohoo had downloaded software from the Internet that activated the we-

bcam when the camera detected motion in the room. He said he borrowed the webcam from a friend for the purpose of investigating the alleged thefts.

The \$40 that Soohoo said was stolen from his wallet during the videotaped incident has been returned to him, he said. He said the College has been in communication with him about providing a \$300 restitution check for the first two thefts he reported.

The door to Soohoo's bedroom was open when the alleged incidents took place. Tower bedroom doors use a manual key lock and must be closed by the resident to be locked. Suite doors and exterior dormitory doors around campus are opened with student ID cards and close automatically.

Soohoo's suitemate, Cody Wyant '07, said that his wallet, which contained \$80 to \$100, was taken from a dresser drawer a few weeks ago. He does not yet know if he will receive restitution.

Steve Kolowich, Beth Kowitz, and Nat Herz contributed to this report.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

INFORMING DEMOCRACY: Rep. Tom Allen '67 (left) and Tarren Bragdon (right) of the Maine Heritage Policy Center debate health care reform in Daggett Lounge on Tuesday. The event was organized by Americans for Informed Democracy, a non-partisan campus group that encourages open-minded discussion.

Allen debates health care reform

BY BETH KOWITT
ORIENT STAFF

Rep. Tom Allen '67, D-Maine, and Tarren Bragdon, director of health reform initiatives at the Maine Heritage Policy Center, agreed that there is a problem with the health care system, but differed on how to fix it during their debate on health care reform on Tuesday night.

While Allen stressed a "target approach to cover those who tend to be uninsured" and a need to share health care risk among the population, Bragdon put forward a health care system that provides multiple insurance options, is more transparent, and is less paternalistic.

The Maine Heritage Policy Center, where Bragdon works, is a "research and educational organization whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies," according to its Web site.

The debate, which took place in Daggett Lounge, was sponsored by Americans for Informed Democracy (AID), a self-described "non-partisan campus group interested in fostering open-minded discussion on political issues." About 45 students, faculty, and community members were in attendance.

"I think the message that came out of the debate was that there's a lot of agreement that there's a problem with the current healthcare system and that there's a lot of agreement on what the facts are, but what it comes down to is values," said Matt Martin '07, president of AID.

Allen and Bragdon also discussed how to best address the changing nature of the workforce in the health care system.

"People are realizing their employees shouldn't be making health care decisions for them," said Bragdon. He added that the health insurance system does not reflect an increase in frequent job turnovers and people who are self-employed.

Allen said he also believes the "goal is essentially to get to a place where the employee is not deciding on the health care for employees" but that the employee should be deciding within the company.

Allen and Bragdon also differed in their opinions of President Bush's proposed health plan. Allen said that Bush's plan attempts to reform health care "through the tax code" and pushes people toward an individual market. Bragdon said that the current health care system

gives the biggest tax break to those who make the most money, and Bush's proposal attempts to "turn this on its head" by giving an equal tax break to everyone.

The speakers also responded to a question that asked if universal health care would decrease the drive to innovate.

"There needs to be a place in our health care system that drives simplicity," but "how to do that without stopping innovation needs to be in mind," Allen said.

Bragdon said in response, "America is one of the richest nations in the world and is also the most generous," adding that discouraging innovation could have a negative ripple effect around the world.

Martin said that the debate was successful for AID in its mission to provide a venue for speakers to exchange ideas.

"Besides being informed about the issue, I hope that even more than that, no matter what side of the issue [people] come down on, they have an appreciation of the values that are motivating people on the other side and understand why people might understand the issue differently," he said.

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mester, they cannot require it.

However, students are responsible for everything laid out within the syllabus. While the proposal recommends that faculty members work with students when conflicts arise, there is no formal policy.

"As long as it's not an unreasonable request, I've never run into a professor that is unwilling to negotiate," said Andy King '08.

Foster agreed.

"When communication is good, I think that faculty are really accommodating," he said.

The proposal was based off of similar policies in place at Williams, Middlebury, and Swarthmore colleges. The Williams student handbook has a section titled "Division of the Day," which outlines the hours during which scheduled academic activities should take place.

When professors want to make an event outside of those hours mandatory, they must receive approval from the college. Middlebury lays out guidelines for students, professors, and coaches in its handbook.

"What we have is more of a philosophy statement and we're trying to give it a little more definition," said Foster.

After circulating the policy to various departments and all faculty, the Student Affairs Committee will bring it to the Recording Committee and members have hopes that it will be voted on at a faculty meeting in May.

Christian Adams '09, a member of the committee, feels that a strength of the proposal is that it doesn't instruct professors on how to run their classes.

"The proposal has been designed not to be too prescriptive," he wrote in an e-mail to the Orient. "This was done to allow 'wiggle room' for different circumstances that might arise, and with the understanding that different professors have different expectations for their classes."

While the proposal does recommend that the hours between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. be set aside "for students to pursue extracurricular activities and to eat dinner," it is not intended to fix all scheduling conflicts.

"Students are going to have to make choices, and we're not seeking a world where students don't have to make choices," said Foster. "But my own feeling is, if we can create some modest guidelines, we can reduce unnecessary conflicts or limit the

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DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

amount of conflicts."

Noted Sheldon, "Students still need to learn to manage their time and prioritize their activities. This policy can't substitute for that skill."

Sheldon has had to deal with scheduling conflicts in her time at Bowdoin. Currently, she is an honors student in the neuroscience department and is also enrolled in the Chamber Choir. Every week, conflicts between the two arise.

"Despite numerous pleas to change this, I am in between a rock and a hard place," she said.

Other students have had more luck working out conflicts. A professor strongly recommended that students in the sociology class of Nate Lovitz '08 attend a guest lecture which was taking place during the time Lovitz takes an evening class. When he explained the situation, the professor allowed him to miss the lecture.

"I think you can encourage students to go, but you can't make it mandatory," said Lovitz. "I think, for the most part, at Bowdoin, if it will help them, and they have the time, kids will do it."

The policy also touches upon athletic commitments that can conflict with academic work. Although faculty members are encouraged to cooperate with students, they are not obliged to change any requirements.

"Early communication between coaches and teachers should be spearheaded by the student in these instances," said Adams.

The general consensus from the faculty, said Foster, is that it's an important topic but a tricky one as well.

Even if the proposed policy does not pass, noted Foster, "the existing philosophy statement is not part of the student handbook or the catalogue," but will be included in the future.

The committee, which has been discussing and revising the proposal since the fall, believes the issue is an important one.

"Students place the highest priority on their academic work and the College places its highest priority on academic activities," said Foster. "We're not trying to dilute that core value. But learning happens inside, but also beyond the classroom."

PETITION

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er have previous experience on BSG and the Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC), respectively.

"The decision is clearly written in the election rules that you cannot run if you have not served on BSG," said BSG Treasurer Rebecca Ginsberg '07.

"It came up in debate a couple of weeks ago and the whole [BSG] body decided. It wasn't even a matter of [the Elections Commission] making a decision," Ginsberg said. "[Yaffe] didn't meet the election eligibility requirements, so he's not eligible to run."

Although declared an ineligible candidate by the Elections Commission, a group made up of six members of BSG and two members of the Judicial Board, Yaffe has decided to continue his contest for the presidency. Yaffe said he plans to propose an amendment to the BSG constitution, an action that requires he get 20 percent of the student body to sign a petition over the weekend.

Once Yaffe collects some 350 signa-

tures, the amendment must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the student body in a referendum election.

Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 is the only candidate for BSG president who has been approved by the commission.

Brooks, who has been a member of BSG for three years, said he feels he has a good grasp on what changes the student government needs to see.

"The BSG has worked a lot on reforming itself, and now it's time for it to focus on communication, making sure students, faculty, and staff are talking," Brooks said in an interview with the Orient before Yaffe's candidacy was invalidated.

"I really think we're getting to a point where we're ready to provide a conduit for students to talk to the administration, rather than being the middleman. I also think the BSG can be more visible and the work that it does more public," he said.

According to Brooks, his No. 1 priority if elected would be to make BSG more open to students.

"In terms of those issues, I'm really looking forward to the conversation

about academic advising, because I think that's the one that has developed the least on campus to date, and I think that students' perspectives on that are so crucial to developing the right system," Brooks said.

Yaffe agrees that the BSG could be more accessible to students.

"I would like to see the BSG be a lot more transparent," Yaffe said. "There's a lot of self-imposed bureaucracy here."

"They believe that people need to know how the BSG and the SAFC operate before taking the helm of those organizations. To me, it basically says that BSG doesn't trust students to elect their own leaders," he said. "I don't really see BSG or SAFC as that complicated of an institution."

In a Thursday night phone interview with the Orient, Brooks sympathized with Yaffe but expressed his concerns about his choice of avenues.

"As a member of student government, I wish he had decided to do this much sooner when the discussion was going on," Brooks said, noting last month's BSG debate and vote on the issue and the subsequent conver-

sation in the Orient.

"I understand where he's coming from, I just wish he could do it in a way that's a discussion, not a petition," Brooks said.

Other students who have submitted petitions for candidacy are Kata Solow '10 for vice president of BSG affairs, Michael Doyle '10 for vice president of facilities, Sam Dinning '09 for vice president of academic affairs, Clark Gascoigne '08 and John Masland '08 for treasurer, William Donahoe '08 and Lynzie McGregor '09 for vice president of student organizations, and Tony Throver '09 and Ben Leahy '08 for vice president of student affairs.

According to Ginsberg, the Elections Commission has one other concern about a candidate's eligibility.

"Not all of the members of the election committee could be [at Thursday night's meeting], so we are meeting tomorrow to address that concern," Ginsberg said.

Candidates will be informed of their eligibility sometime today.

Elections are expected to be held online starting Wednesday. If Yaffe

does obtain enough signatures to propose an amendment to the constitution, a referendum in which 30 percent of the student body votes will need to take place before the scheduled elections.

According to BSG President and Election Commission member De-Ray Mckesson '07, there is currently no plan to postpone the elections to account for this new development.

"There's no petition right now [calling for a constitutional amendment]," Mckesson said in a phone interview with the Orient early this morning. "We don't talk about hypotheticals in terms of planning."

However, he said that the election dates are not absolute and that "the possibility of the elections moving is real."

"If they want to keep elections when they are, I'm fine with that," Yaffe said. "We're a small community. You can reach a large number of people in a small amount of time," he said.

Bobby Guertie contributed to this report.

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FEATURES

Taking lessons from community action

As part of kNOw Poverty week, the Orient is highlighting four student volunteers who dedicate themselves to effecting change in their communities.

BY ANNA KARASS
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JOY LEE '07

Senior Joy Lee did not come to Bowdoin planning to do a lot of community service. After doing service in high school, she was ready for a change. However, Lee's experiences volunteering during her Community Service Pre-Orientation trip revitalized her interest in service.

"It got me excited, and I realized I could do this at Bowdoin," Lee said.

In her four years at Bowdoin, Lee has been involved in a variety of service projects, ranging from taking service learning classes to leading an Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Trip to Washington, D.C. In addition, as an intern with Community Service Resource Center (CSRC), Lee has been actively involved in coordinating events for kNOw Poverty Week.

For Lee, kNOw Poverty Week raises awareness about local community issues, particularly for those students who may not be involved in service at Bowdoin.

"Community service is self-select-

ing, but once people get involved, especially in ASB, you see people's perspectives change."

According to Lee, service and learning have always seemed to go hand-in-hand at Bowdoin.

"Issues in classes and service feed off from each other," she said.

For Lee, service-learning courses are mutually beneficial for students and the community because students can get real-world experience while doing something "useful for non-profit organizations."

"I think service-learning courses show that we have something offer the community," she said. "As Bowdoin students we learn how to do research, and we can do research for organizations, especially when it is incorporated into a class."

While Lee's plans for next year remain uncertain, she knows that service will continue to be an important part of her life.

"Volunteering will definitely be a part of my future wherever I am," she said.



COURTESY OF MEGAN WATERMAN

MEGAN WATERMAN '08

After spending a semester abroad in Melbourne, Australia, working on aboriginal health issues, junior Megan Waterman returned to Bowdoin and decided to pursue her passion for public health.

Waterman has spent this semester volunteering at Oasis Health Clinic, a non-profit organization that provides medical services for uninsured and low-income residents of Midcoast Maine.

Public health combines Waterman's interests in medicine and sociology. While Waterman has always been interested in medicine, she discovered her passion for sociology at Bowdoin.

"I always thought that medicine was one of the best ways to make a difference in the world," Waterman said.

Waterman said that her experiences abroad and at Oasis have shaped her approach to sociology in the classroom.

"In class it is easy to think about things only in theoretic terms. It is easy to get away from a person's actual experience," Waterman said. "When I go to Oasis and see these people who can't afford the things we take for granted, it

forces the theory into practice."

"When we talk about forms of oppression in class, it is hard for me not to personally think of examples of people that I have interacted with at Oasis," she added.

After Bowdoin Waterman plans to complete a dual medical doctorate and master's in public health degree.



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WILLY OPPENHEIM '09

For sophomore Willy Oppenheim the world is his community. According to Oppenheim, volunteering provides students with the opportunity to understand and interact with their community.

"The best thing is having a bit more sense of place and not limiting your world to campus and a few coffee shops," Oppenheim said.

Oppenheim coordinates with Curtis Isacke '07 and a contingent of students who volunteer nightly at Tedford Housing's singles shelter. He is also very involved with the Omprakash Foundation, which provides material and human resources to needy schools in India and Tibet.

At Tedford's singles shelter, Bowdoin students help prepare, serve, and clean up from meals nightly.

According to Oppenheim, while some volunteers are not completely at ease when volunteering at the shel-

ter, the experience is nonetheless rewarding.

"People get totally psyched when residents remember them or they see the residents outside of the shelter," Oppenheim said.

According to Oppenheim, the Omprakash Foundation "helps the networking process" for students looking for an opportunity to volunteer abroad. Oppenheim hopes that the organization will be able to fund students to volunteer abroad in the near future.

At Bowdoin, Oppenheim has seen service learning courses bridge the gap between the classroom and the community leading to a more fulfilling academic experience.

For example, Oppenheim said that the course Anthropology of Islands places the study of anthropology in a more practical context.

"Suddenly anthropology isn't just an abstraction, you are doing it," Oppenheim said.



COURTESY OF IAN YAFFE

IAN YAFFE '09

Sophomore Ian Yaffe, director of program administration for the Campus Kitchen Task Force, has never been interested in community service. Rather, Yaffe aspires to effect change in communities.

"I do community change so as long as there is change to be made I'll always be working for that," Yaffe said.

Last year Yaffe and fellow sophomore David Falkof started the Campus Kitchen Project at Bowdoin. The two had volunteered for

the Campus Kitchen Project before coming to Bowdoin. Yaffe served on the board of directors of the Campus Kitchen Project in Washington, D.C.

The Campus Kitchen Task Force currently coordinates three programs: food recovery, meal distribution, and "Taste for Change" dinners.

According to Yaffe, the food recovery program "connects existing resources with problems in the community."

"You gain an understanding of how you can turn waste into something productive," he said.

Tonight the Campus Kitchens Taskforce will sponsor its second "Taste for Change" dinner at Ladd House as part of kNOw Poverty Week. Last month's dinner raised \$251 that will be added to the proceeds of the year's two remaining dinners. Proceeds from the dinners will be donated to an organization chosen by past guests at the end of the year.

For Yaffe, hunger should not be a problem.

"There is no reason for it," he said. "The world produces enough food to more than feed itself."

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says Lockhart, who has decided not to eschew drinking himself as long as it does not cause him to do anything that violates his morals.

Lockhart's odd behavior that night highlights a tension that exists on many campuses: the struggle that religious students face as they try to live their faith in a college environment. This tension might seem especially powerful at Bowdoin, a school that earlier this decade was rated by the Princeton Review as one of the top-20 colleges where "God is ignored on a regular basis."

Michael Krohn '09, a Lutheran, says that it is difficult to reconcile a religious lifestyle and the college lifestyle.

"There have been times when I've missed church because I was hungover," says Krohn. "It's like, 'Well, I broke the law by drinking underage, and now I'm not going to church because I'm pukeing.'"

"It's hard to keep a good Christian lifestyle at college, definitely," he says.

Jamil Wyne '08, a Muslim and a religion major, finds it difficult to fast during Ramadan—during which he cannot eat during daylight hours—because of his busy academic schedule.

"In a Muslim country during Ramadan, they're not going to work 10, 12 hours a day like they normally would," he says, whereas here the energy-sapping schedule at Bowdoin remains the same.

Wyne, who does not drink because Islam forbids it, says that though he has never been antagonized for not drinking, "there has always been a line of division between me and everyone else" when he went out on weekends that he has "never gotten really comfortable with."

Many students of faith seek out affinity groups on campus where they can talk about their religious views and interact with students who share their core beliefs. BCF, Bowdoin Hillel, and the Bowdoin Catholic Students Union (CSU) comprise the three explicitly religious student organizations that are listed on the College's Web site.

When it comes to finding peers with whom they can talk about God, neither Krohn nor Lockhart report too much difficulty.

"Usually I don't feel too alienated," says Krohn. "I know that there are those out there who believe and are Christians, so I could seek them out if I wanted to."

"There are enough of us," agrees Lockhart.

However, Joe Berte '09, a Roman Catholic, says he finds it difficult to talk about his faith with students on campus.

"I have a few friends [of faith]," he says, "but I have experienced many people who dismiss the idea that there is even a God and several of my friends claim their 'intelligence' overcomes their faith."

Academic challenges

Behaving according to doctrinal morality on a campus where drinking and sex are prevalent on weekends is only half the struggle for devout students. For many, the most serious challenges to their beliefs occur in the classroom. Like their colleagues at most other liberal arts colleges, Bowdoin professors often encourage students to challenge their previously-held beliefs.



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A PLACE TO WORSHIP: The Bowdoin Chapel, constructed in 1848, is the site of Catholic mass on Sundays. Attendance to religious services was mandatory until 1966 when the Board of Trustees voted to eliminate the requirement. The decision was made three years after students staged a protest in the Chapel, which drew coverage from United Press International.

"Some religious views don't fare well under rigorous academic scrutiny," says Professor of Philosophy Scott Sehon.

Sehon teaches the course Philosophy of Religion. In 2001, a devout Christian student dropped out of Bowdoin for a semester after taking the course, which he described as "psychologically stressful" in an interview last year with the Orient.

"In my Philosophy of Religion course, we do rigorously examine the question of whether God exists," Sehon says. "This process might be stressful for some students unwilling to subjecting religious doctrines to argument and analysis."

Sehon reports that such instances have been rare. He suggests that this may be because such students are reluctant to sign up for a course based on theological skepticism.

"Students who are unwilling to look objectively at their religious beliefs know better than to take a course in philosophy of religion," he says.

Professor of Government Paul Franco has taught a number of courses in political philosophy that examine the role of religion in politics. Franco was raised by devout Catholic parents, but his own faith has become "diluted" over the years as his interest in the academic study of religion has increased.

"I think the more that my interest and intellectual energy and focus has moved in the direction of a philosophical approach to these large questions, faith [and] religion have correspondingly decreased," he says, noting that this trend "began in college, as it often does."

Early in his Bowdoin career, which now totals 17 years, Franco taught a course called Athens and Jerusalem, which examined the tension between Christianity and Judaism at the beginning of the Western political tradition. He taught the Bible in that course, and he noticed that some students seemed to find it hard to read the text objectively.

"You would get students who would really respond in terms of their beliefs and convictions, which was not really the way we were approaching it in the class," he recalls.

He says he tried to direct class discussion to "less sectarian

grounds" and encouraged his students to approach the subject with more skepticism, but admits having felt slightly uncomfortable doing so. Interestingly, he points out, this classroom tension perfectly dramatized the conflict between reason and revelation that was a central theme of the course.

Richard Broene, an organic chemistry professor, remains very in touch with his faith, which is rooted in the Presbyterian tradition. He reports having experienced fluctuations in his fervency over the years, but does not believe they have been correlated with his scientific education. Broene believes in evolution, but this has not affected his religious views, he says.

"I think it's pretty obvious that evolution has occurred," he says. "Does that mean I don't believe in a Creator? No. Do I find that they're incompatible? Some days I do, some days I don't."

While some contend that science and religion are irreconcilable, Broene disagrees.

"You can't prove or disprove the existence of God," he says. "It's an issue of faith... It isn't based on an experiment."

Broene describes his faith as a private matter, which he is willing to talk about if asked, but does not advertise. Students have approached him to talk about the issues surrounding faith and science, but he says that he does not proselytize in class.

"That just isn't my style," he says.

Then, referring jokingly to the difficulty of his course material, he adds, "I see a lot of prayers in my class, but I don't think they have a whole lot to do with religion at that moment."

College support

While the College has been historically Christian—Christian prayer meetings and chapel services were mandatory until the mid-1960s—Bowdoin has since made efforts to cater to the needs of a more diverse student religious population as the number of Jewish and Muslim students has grown.

"We provide support that is typical in the Bowdoin fashion," says Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett. "If there is a groundswell of support, we will

respond to that."

As an example, she points to the Dining Service's recent efforts to provide Muslim students with Halal meat—meat permissible for consumption according to Islamic tradition—on Fridays. The College also provides kosher food during Passover, and contracts with a rabbi to preside over high holidays.

There is no official Muslim student organization at Bowdoin, but Hazlett says that if interest swells, the College may take steps to bring an imam—a Muslim prayer leader—to campus, a move that the University of Southern Maine made this year.

Hazlett reports that since she arrived at Bowdoin 10 years ago, the student religious groups on campus have become more accessible.

"I noticed when I came here... that it wasn't very visible, these organizations where you could seek support," she recalls. "We didn't have official spiritual advisors [for the groups]. We've now recognized these folks, provide an office in Dudley Coe where they can have office hours, [and] they all have Bowdoin e-mail accounts."

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs plans to hold a "Celebrating Faith" dinner at Howell House on April 25 as a forum where students can talk informally about faith at Bowdoin.

Jordan Krechmer '07, an officer of Hillel, says that the College makes it easier for religious students—Jewish ones, at least—to feel comfortable on campus.

"I don't think there is anything particularly difficult about being religious at Bowdoin," he says. "There is a strong and growing Jewish population here and there is strong support for us and all that we do or want to do with the deans' office, Dining Services, student activities, the faculty, Residential Life, and other parts of the College. All of these groups are extremely helpful in accommodating any of our needs."

While Bowdoin has made spiritual advisers—who are not employed by the College—more accessible by providing them with offices and e-mail accounts, other NESAC schools have gone even further. Middlebury College has a religious and spiritual life center with its own mission statement, and Williams College boasts a Jewish religious center, a Catho-

lic reading room, a Muslim prayer room, and a Zendo meditation hall on campus.

Still, "I think we do OK" as far as providing for religious students' needs, Hazlett says.

An 'uncomfortable experience'

As a number of students of faith attest, living and learning among peers who profess a drastically different worldview can cause friction. Some students of faith might feel oppressed from the zeitgeist because of their beliefs, and just as some students' interpretations of doctrine might offend their peers.

Willy Oppenheim '09 recalls a debate in his education class last year during which a religious student used Bible-based logic to argue for the intellectual inferiority of black students.

Lockhart says that religious diversity—both in religious custom and in degree of religiosity—should not be avoided.

"I think it would be the best educational experience possible if three completely different worldviews were put into a room together," he says. "Even if it causes tension, in the long run, they'll learn more."

Broene, the devout chemistry professor, believes that the degree to which non-religious students and professors dominate Bowdoin culture may be harmful to the intellectual growth of students here.

"If your faith cannot withstand the test of facts and evidence being brought in front of you, then you really need to question why you have it," he says.

Though he does not go so far as to advocate affirmative action for the admission of religious students, Broene does think that if Bowdoin students were exposed to more students of faith, it would benefit them to have their own beliefs challenged.

"The more you're confronted by people who think the same way you do, the easier it is to institutionalize poorly thought-out beliefs," he says. Broene says that this holds true not only for religion and irreligion, but for any ingrained political or cultural belief system that students might be reluctant to question.

Quoting an adage, he says, "Education should be a profoundly uncomfortable experience."

"Otherwise," he adds, "you're just not pushing yourself hard enough."

Volunteers help area youth dive into competition

BY LYDIA DEUTSCH
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A year's worth of training was put to the test in the Bowdoin pool on Thursday, as athletes eight and older swam at the Special Olympics Swimming State Qualifying Round, thanks to the work of Special Olympics staff and the Bowdoin Special Olympics Club.

Last week's qualifying round was the culmination of months' worth of energy and planning by the leaders of the student organization, the Bowdoin Special Olympics Club.

According to club organizer Rose Teng '07, the biggest part of planning the annual event is recruiting and organizing enough Bowdoin volunteers to wake up early and make the trek to Farley. This year's event included the help of 28 students, who worked to time swimmers, prepare place ribbons, and run messages between timers and organizers.

"The volunteers have always been reliable," Teng said. "If they weren't, it would be chaotic."

"Everybody who volunteers at the events are incredibly dedicated, and you can tell they are having fun from the smiles on their faces," she added.

Sophomore Shelley Barron, who has volunteered for the Special Olympics for two years, spent most of Thursday's meet announcing events over the loudspeaker.

"[This event] gives the children and young adults a chance to compete and demonstrate their athleticism, and gives them an environment where they can express themselves," Barron said.

"They don't find that in many outlets in their lives because of their mental or physical handicaps," she said.

The range of abilities among competitors at last week's event was vast. Some of the athletes even swim for their high schools in addition to competing in the Special Olympics. Many athletes compete against their

"Swimming, and athletics in general, can be a really empowering activity and it's wonderful to see so many Special Olympics athletes competing, have a great time, meeting their goals, and setting new ones."

ROSE TENG '07

own times as their coaches and fans cheer them on.

"Swimming, and athletics in general, can be a really empowering activity and it's wonderful to see so many Special Olympics athletes competing, have a great time, meeting their goals, and setting new ones," Teng said.

According to event organizers Teng and Britney Ogden '08, the event was a success despite the lower-than-normal turnout, likely sparked by the sudden weather emergency.

"Some participants didn't show up—we don't know whether that was because of the weather or not," Ogden said. "We cut out the awards ceremony at the end so people could get home."

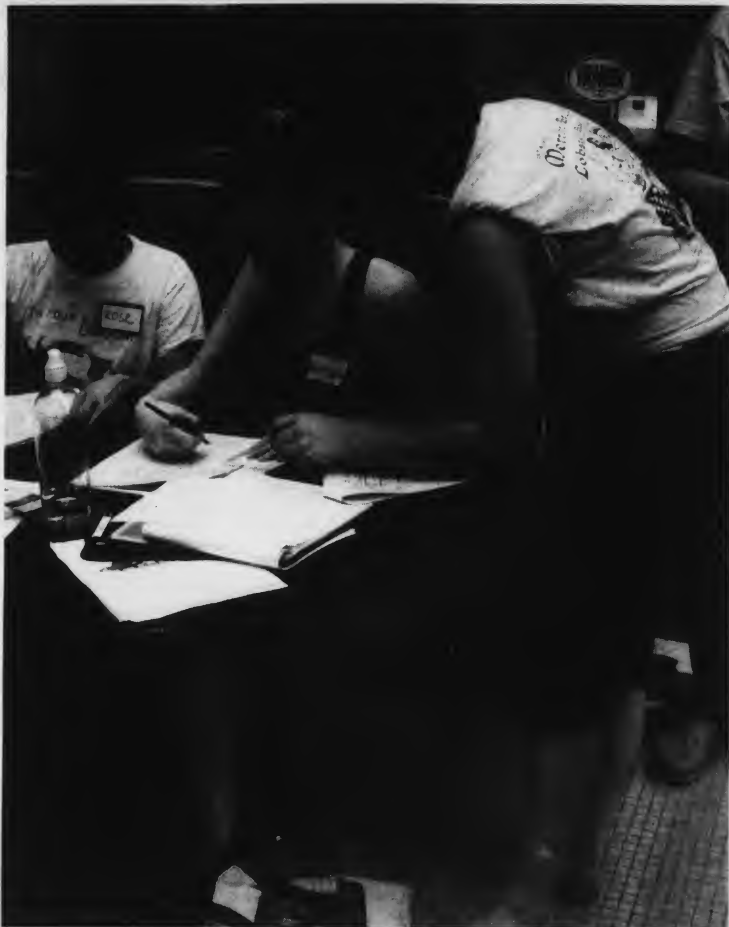
Although Ogden said the awards ceremony is a very important and rewarding piece of the event, she predicted that teams probably held their own ceremonies to celebrate their accomplishments.

The Bowdoin Special Olympics Club is unique among student-led organizations in that it meets just once a year.

"For such a short time commitment, it is so worth it," said Assistant Director of Residential Life Erica Ostermann '06, who helped organize the Special Olympics qualifying round when she was a student.

"There are a good number of athletes who definitely go on to compete in states from here, maybe... because everyone is so positive," Ostermann said.

Anne Riley contributed to this report.



COURTESY OF ALEX CORNELL DU HOUX

TAKING THE PLUNGE: About 30 Bowdoin volunteers organized and directed the state qualifying round for the Special Olympics yesterday. Youth teams, representing towns in Sagadahoc and Lincoln counties, competed in the event at Greason Pool in Farley Fieldhouse.



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STDs do not discriminate



TALKIN'
ABOUT IT

BY LAUREN MCGRATH,
COLUMNIST

Sex makes most people feel pretty good. Plain and simple, it's one of the more amazing things our bodies are capable of doing. In a perfect world, you would only get pregnant when you wanted to, and there would be no such thing as STDs. But if you're careless and don't plan ahead, there can be a dark side to sex.

Ever since my sex-ed teacher in high school showed our class the terrifying images of what STDs look like, I've had a sort of "end-of-the-world" mentality about getting one. Something tells me that totally freaking me out and making me completely afraid of having sex was probably his aim.

I'm not going to go on about all the possible STDs you could contract (trust me, there are a lot), or their symptoms (which would probably leave many of us without an appetite for the rest of the day), but you can educate yourself by picking up a pamphlet at the health center or going online to the americanhealthassociation.com.

I've always found the "STD conversation" to be one of the hardest, most awkward conversations to have. The consensus seems to be that the best way to go about this conversation with new partners is to be as direct as possible. Most people I've talked to have said that this discussion went best when they had it outside the bedroom, in a relaxed setting where it was just the couple. Asking your partner if he or she has been tested in the heat of the moment is not the best idea, as you might not get an honest answer. Some friends said a good way to broach the topic was to suggest to their partners that they both go and get tested, either together or separately, before they start having sex.

It can be embarrassing to admit that you have an STD, but telling your partner you have one, especially an incurable one like herpes, while difficult, shows your partner that you care about and respect him or her, and that you are looking out for his or her well-being and health. Having an STD, even an incurable one, is not the end of the world. For example, herpes, while not curable, is highly treatable and most people are able to have healthy sexual relationships. In the end, if you don't feel comfortable talking to your partner about your status and safe sex, maybe you're not ready to be having it.

So, you might be asking yourself, "What kinds of STDs do people at Bowdoin have?" According to Physician Associate Andree Appel at the health center, the incidence of gonorrhea and chlamydia on campus is relatively low, moderate for herpes and quite high for HPV, as the health center sees a number of abnormal paps and cases of genital warts. HPV is the most common STD with infection rates of as high as 80 percent among sexually active young adults. STDs for college-aged students are on the rise, and one in four college students has an STD. While using a condom or dental dam (I've never heard of anyone using one of these) is the best way to protect yourself from an STD, neither method is 100 percent effective. The only way to definitely avoid STDs is abstinence.

There are lots of misconceptions about STDs out there. One of them is that it's a class thing. One guy friend commented, "There is definitely this prevalent idea that STDs are a trashy lower-class people thing, and that since we are at an elite place like Bowdoin, people don't think they can get them or that there aren't any here, which is definitely not the case. I think that as a result, people use methods of contraception more to prevent pregnancy and less to

prevent STDs." My friend's point is a good one; if you're not protecting yourself because you think you're immune at Bowdoin, you'd better wake up.

When I asked another Bowdoin guy if he used condoms during sexual activity, he told me that he only used them with girls who weren't on the pill or that he "didn't trust." He explained, "Most girls I hook up with, I assume that they are clean, based on them not divulging that they have something. I trust them that they don't sleep with nefarious characters, that they use good judgement." While "trusting" someone sounds nice in theory, you won't get far in protecting yourself from contracting an STD. STDs don't discriminate and it doesn't matter how educated you are, or how "clean" you look.

It seems that one of the reasons people have unprotected sex is because there's a perception that sex is better without a condom, and that guys prefer it. One guy friend said, "There are definitely a lot of people who feel that condoms suck and that they take away the feeling, which they definitely do. Guys particularly don't like using condoms because there is that awkward 30-second fumble between the question 'do you have a condom,' and fiddling with it, trying to put it on right...all while not trying to ruin the mood." While it may be true that guys think sex feels better without a condom, it doesn't mean they prefer it, as it can often mean compromising their health and that of their partners.

The bottom line is: Don't ever let anyone pressure you into having sex without a condom—you could be stuck with a sexually transmitted disease for the rest of your life. In the end, it's really not worth risking your health, which will be with you forever, for someone else, who's most likely just passing through.

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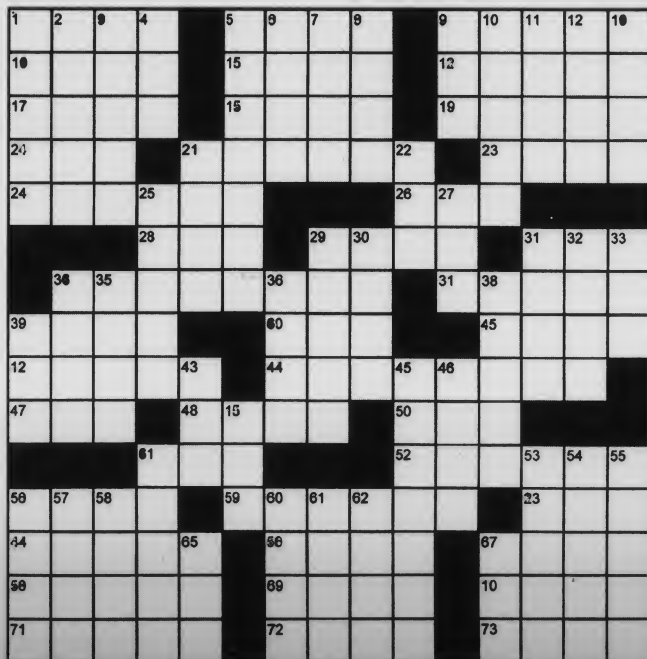
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PUZZLE BY ANNE RILEY

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- 23 Tides
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- 26 Possessive pronoun
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- 29 Am not (slang)
- 31 Infirm
- 34 Mind trip
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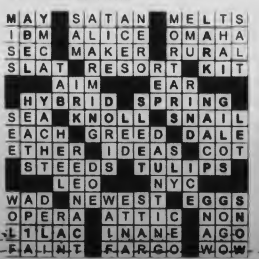
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

HARI KONDABOLU '04 RETURNS TO BOWDOIN



INSIDE THE COMIC'S STUDIO: Hari Kondabolu '04, who recently appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," returned to Bowdoin this week and performed his stand-up comedy show on Wednesday night. The show was part of a series of events during Asian Week.

Author maps unique path to Bowdoin

BY KELSEY ABBRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

Meredith Hall's first attempt at college did not turn out as she planned. In the mid-'60s, she dropped out of Bennington College in Vermont after one semester. The second time around was much more successful, though less traditional: Hall, a mother of three, graduated from Bowdoin in 1993 at age 44.

Hall's memoir, "Without a Map," will be released on April 15 and tells this exceptional, unconventional story. The book received a starred Kirkus Review and was named as a Reader's Pick of 2007 by Elle Magazine.

The story begins when Hall, at 16, became pregnant and was expelled from school. When her mother kicked her out of the house, Hall went to live with her father and gave the baby up for adoption.

After finishing high school and wandering around Europe and the Middle East, Hall finally settled in Maine, got married, and had two more children with her husband at the time. Her first-born son then established contact with her and became part of the family when he was 21.

"It's a story of multiple losses—my childhood, the baby, my mother, and father," Hall said in a phone interview with the Orient. "When my child at 21 became a member of the family, it started a great healing process. I moved

away from griefs and sorrows and moved towards wisdom."

"Everyone has stories of loss and pain," Hall continued. "People reading the book respond to people speaking stories of loss. It hits a vein—they're common stories."

Hall decided to enroll at Bowdoin after she and her husband divorced and she realized, she needed a job to support herself and her children. She sent a letter to the admissions office, which Hall described as "impassioned. I was hungry to learn." She then met with Sam Robinson, who worked in admissions at the time, and was admitted as a member of the Class of 1993.

"I'm profoundly grateful to Bowdoin," Hall said. "They were absolutely wonderful and helped with all my tuition."

Hall was a nontraditional student in more aspects than her age. When most students stayed up until 3 a.m. to finish their papers, Hall woke up at that time to do schoolwork before her children awoke.

"My kids teased me and called me 'the invisible student,'" Hall said. "In the classroom, it was tricky territory to negotiate. I had a lot more life experience and I was a hungry student."

"I was definitely the oddball, the old lady mascot," she continued. "But the students and professors were absolutely magnificent."

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Roll out the red carpet for student film fest



BY MIKE NUGENT
COLUMNIST

Thanks to the pre-frosh, it's a dry weekend on campus. Snow is inexplicably still in the weather forecast. What's a Bowdoin student to do?

Head over to the student film fest, of course.

The revived Third Annual Bowdoin Film Festival will be happening this weekend in Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall, and a record number of filmmakers are participating in the event this year.

"I'm very excited for the show," said Krystle Allen, co-president of the Bowdoin Film Society. "I think there's a lot of talent on campus and I am happy that it can be showcased."

The festival has grown quickly since it was revived two years ago. For this year's festival, organizers (myself included) decided to make it a multi-day event for the first time.

"Last year there was an increase in film entries and a large turnout

at the film fest," said Allen. "I think students not only have a growing interest in film studies, but also filmmaking."

The road to Best Picture is no easy trek. Students first submitted their films for viewing to a nominations committee, which selected the films that would compete for glory in award categories including Best Picture, Acting, and Writing. All these films, as well as a number of films not in the competition, will be screened tonight starting at 6:30 p.m. Plenty of free popcorn will be waiting.

Then, the judging committee will meet to determine the winners in 10 of the 11 categories. But the last one is up to you.

Voting for the Audience Award winner will occur on Friday, when students and members of the greater community get to vote for their favorite film of the year.

The awards show will occur Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Bowdoin faculty and staff will present the awards, with a special presenter for Best Picture. The Longfellows will also perform.

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Slam poet hits campus for teachers

BY CAROLYN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Taylor Mali '87, a four-time national slam poetry champion, will be performing at Bowdoin next Thursday to, according to Mali in an interview with Orient, "delight, instruct, and entertain," and to continue his mission of inspiring 1,000 people to become teachers. A student-run Bowdoin organization, "1,000 Teachers," founded by Tasha Graff '07 and Alex Lamb '07, is sponsoring the event.

Mali called slam poetry "a way of listening to poetry that is competitive."

It is "loud, in your face, hip-hop-inspired poetry," he said.

It puts an emphasis on writing and performance, encouraging poets to focus not only on what they're saying, but how they say it. In poetry slam competitions, poets perform their work and are judged by members of a panel and the audience. Mali was inspired by his father, who was also a poet.

"I knew from an early age that words had power," Mali said.

He has been writing poems since age five and is considered to be one of the most successful slam poets since the art's emergence in 1984. Mali also led six of his seven teams



SLAM DUNK: Taylor Mali '87, a four-time national slam poetry champion, will perform at Bowdoin on Thursday as part of his campaign to inspire 1,000 people to become teachers.

TAYLOR MALI

When: Thursday, 8 p.m.
Where: Kresge Auditorium, VAC.
Admission: Free

word that he's saying."

Mali graduated from Bowdoin with a degree in English and from Kansas State University with an M.A. in English and creative writing. He was a teacher for nine years and said he "want-

ed that you can't understand a

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Senior artists open show of secrets and memories

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

On Saturday, five seniors—Susie Martin, Maya Jaafar, Ivy Blackmore, Erin Furey, and Livy Lewis—will cap their art careers at Bowdoin. Their show, "Where Am I?" will open at 8 p.m. in the Visual Arts Center.

"The title of our show overall is partly inspired by the fact that a lot of us are using material from our study abroad trips, and most of us are looking at ideas of place and where we are," Martin said.

Martin, who created watercolor street scenes for the show, said the topic appealed to her because "I love photographing and painting strangers and trying to catch people before they notice me. I'm also fascinated with the dynamics of strangers and their close proximity with each other. People get so close to each other on crowded city streets, and yet they never meet."

Study abroad experiences also inspired Jaafar's project, a series of gouache paintings (a painting technique using opaque watercolors prepared with gum) that show people in different outdoor scenes, especially with strong outdoor light.

"When I was studying in Tasmania, I was really struck by the sunlight there," Jaafar said. "Because there is no ozone layer above Tasmania, the sunlight shines through the atmosphere unfiltered, creating incredibly strong shadows."

She added, "When I returned to Bowdoin, I was just as struck by the light in Maine and began to notice how our light

SENIOR ART SHOW OPENING

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Visual Arts Center Fishbowl
Admission: Free

plays such a huge role in what we see and how we see it."

Blackmore's project hits closer to Bowdoin's home in Maine, as she wove fabric to resemble seaweed and made two short films.

"A lot of my work has to do with decay, the beauty of decay, and the sense of regeneration that comes out of the process of organic material breaking down," Blackmore said.

"Decay really excites me," she continued. "Well, specifically decay along the shoreline. I love the smell of mud, of salt, and of the life beginning created out of all the decay. I wanted to try and capture this process: death, but also life."

Furey, who did her art with the etching technique of dry points, said that her family and friends were a major influence in her work. She added that memory comes up as a major theme.

"Hydrangea bushes are a strong symbol for memory, and references to literature are a mechanism for conveying childhood memories. You'll see a lot of squares, which basically demonstrates the passage of time," she said.

"In general, I think I want to make things that are beautiful, eerie, complex, dark, and filled with secrets," Furey continued. "I am nowhere near achieving what I want to through art, but I hope this is a start."

Even though they used different me-



COURTESY OF ERIN FUREY

WHERE ARE WE?: Erin Furey's "Hydrangeas #3" is part of the senior art show opening on Saturday. "Where Am I?" Furey's work, along with the work of seniors Ivy Blackmore, Maya Jaafar, Livy Lewis, and Susie Martin, will be on display in the VAC until April 26.

diums and had different goals, all five seniors share the hope that their art will connect with viewers.

"It's just you and these pieces and no one else in the universe," Blackmore said. "From that point people can establish their own reaction or relationship and come to their own conclusions."

"I want people to look at my paintings and then look around themselves and start to notice how powerful our eyes and brain are to be able to piece together blocks of color," Jaafar said. "I also want them to make people eager to spend time outside."

Furey said that she hopes visitors to

the show will "enjoy the work [and] find something beautiful in it, even if it's as tiny as a hidden eyeball in the hydrangea bushes. I want them to get a little bit lost in themselves while they're there."

After the opening on Saturday, the artwork of these five seniors will be on display in the VAC until April 26.

Everyone's favorite distraction



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

THE TOP FIVE ALCOHOL-INDUCED PROCRASTINATION TECHNIQUES
I think I'm going to stop trying to comment on the weather for a while.

It has become pretty clear that Maine is going to take its sweet time arriving at spring, and that time is not today, nor is it likely to be tomorrow. Regardless of how it feels outside, however, the fact remains that this school year is coming to a hasty conclusion. As the days tick off the calendar faster than a snowstorm can drop six inches, the art of procrastination will inevitably become more prevalent in our everyday lives. While many people frown upon such idle dawdling, I think procrastination is merely our body's way of telling us that it's not quite ready to get the job done. So I say listen to your body, grab a Natty Lite, and indulge yourself in The Top Five Alcohol-Induced Procrastination Techniques of "Spring" 2007.

1. The Leftover Beer Taste Test Challenge. This one is great when you and your roommates are all sitting in the living room, TV on, pretending to be doing work while really wondering what those crazy "jackass" guys will do next. Instead of succumbing to MTV, turn off the tube and play a friendly round of this beloved not-so-drinking game. Set up a table, get the blindfold, and test each other on who can identify the most consecutive cheap beers. Think this

sounds pointless? Think again. U.S. News & World Report just published a study that proves closing your eyes for 10 or more minutes makes subsequent reading three times more efficient. And Beer Fever with Weaver just published a study that says everything—especially schoolwork—becomes more efficient after a cheap beer variety pack.

2. The Word Recognition Game. You've all done it. Sit down with your buddies to watch the State of the Union Address, and all of a sudden everyone's taking a sip every time Bush utters the words "war on terror." Or, my personal favorite, putting on "Roxanne" and taking a gulp every time Sting utters that gorgeous name (which, if you've heard the song, comes like machine gun fire for the last two minutes or so). But what about when you're pushing through that dense article or lab report? Reading up on photosynthesis? Try every time you hit the word "chlorophyll." Struggling through some Kant? How about "theory?" Or what about that romantic novel for "class"? Ted tried this technique to fight through the tears by sipping his wine cooler every time he read the word "love." Not pretty. Just remember a rule my roommates and I have embraced all year: You're not drinking until you've hit four—so keep it responsible, will you?

3. Commit to throwing a party on a Friday night. If you're dreading a pile of work that is going to ruin your weekend, why not force yourself to ignore it for another day by registering a party, sending out all the invites, and ordering your keg on Monday morning? This way, come Friday

when you really should be getting that work done, you'll know that you really should be getting ready for that pre-party check up by security even more.

4. When struggling to do work in your room, discreetly set up a game of Beirut and go back to work. Chances are that your roomies are struggling just as much as you are, and if they see six cups lovingly adorned in that familiar triangle (or 10 cups, if things are going that badly), they will no doubt oblige and agree to one "casual" game to take their minds off things for a bit. Ideally, this will lead to all work being abandoned and a spontaneous Wednesday night get-together. But, if not, at least you can get in about 100 half-ounce biops curls before getting back to the books.

5. The last technique is one for only the direst of times in the library. If work is just not happening when it needs to be happening most, tell your friends who are working diligently beside you that you hid a \$5 dollar bill somewhere on the fourth floor of the stacks and you'll buy the first person who finds it drinks for a night at the bar. You, of course, did not do anything of the sort, nor will this help you get any work accomplished, but as you crack the Natty Lite always stashed in the side pocket of your North Face backpack for such occasions, at least you will know that no one else is getting anything done either. I'm pretty sure this will only work once, so use this one wisely.

Your work will always get done, no matter how impossible it may seem. So, I say, if your mind refuses to stay focused on the task at hand, don't force it. As you have seen, there are plenty of ways to take a well-deserved study break. Besides, staying hydrated is essential to staying focused.

BOOK REVIEW

Live like a rock star with Letham novel

BY FRANCES MILLIKEN
STAFF WRITER

Jonathan's Letham's most recent novel, "You Don't Love Me Yet," is nothing if not spunky. At the nucleus, there is a band comprised of four members with a strange array of day jobs; one is a zoo employee with particular concerns regarding the happiness of a kangaroo named Shelf, another works at a masturbation boutique called No Shame. The book begins with two of the band's members deciding to end their recurring romance for good. To reveal that this resolution leads to a steamy encounter in a friend's art installment is only a taste of the mischief that Letham's youthful protagonists enjoy. As the reader, if you do not identify with any of these characters, you will likely find that they do many of the things you wish you could, enacting visions of a rock star lifestyle.

Lucinda's recent emphatic split from Michael leads her to work as a receptionist for a complaint hotline. She is the band's bassist, reckless in her drinking and her interactions with men to a childish degree. It is partly this willful quality that leads her directly from Michael's arms into the hotel bed of a man she knows only from the brilliant complaints that he pours into her ear through the telephone. Eventually repercussions arise, but Lucinda hardly feels their weight as she is protected by her ability to float, often on a sea of booze, from one circumstance to the next.

The band is far from a secondary aspect of the plot. On the verge of breaking into the L.A. music scene, it seems the

quartet needs nothing more than inspiration to boost them to the next level. The lyrics provided by Lucinda's anonymous complainer provide the band's direction. In the complainer's expressive anecdotes about his numerous sexual encounters lie the tools capable of leveling Bedwin's, the band's reclusive songwriter, writer's block. The downfall of the band becomes inevitable, however, when the complainer inserts his presence into their foursome. Impulsive as he is eloquent, the fate of the quartet lies directly in the path of his whim and it is a brief moment before the entire enterprise is ruptured.

The lyrics that Letham writes are playful and ironic, but wind up as both poignant and haunting. As they are all pirated from the complainer's archives of sexcapades, they are consistently titillating and just as frequently paired with dissatisfaction. It is not hard to believe that when set to music, these sentiments come alive. They are undeniably catchy because one reads them and exclaims, "This is about me!" One particularly convincing term arises in an early conversation between the complainer and Lucinda. He speaks, or complains, about people who figure in one's life as "astronaut food." The definition is so universally familiar and applicable that it has since found its way onto urbandictionary.com.

Letham successfully taps into the pool of "adults" who continue to operate with the unthinking impulsiveness of hormonal teenagers. Despite technicalities that dictate graduation from the confusion of teenage years, Letham exhibits it in its strange glory in these music, love, and liquor-drenched pages.

WBOR 91.1 FM

DJs OF THE WEEK



Sam Stack '08 and Willy Oppenheim '09

This week, WBOR 91.1 FM's "Sam and Willy's Great Outdoors" brings you Mad Libs. Just ask a friend to improvise on the word blanks as you go, and then stick 'em in the short blurb below. Be sure to keep it clean and remember to listen to WBOR. All the time.

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2. NOUN:

3. NOUN:

4. VERB:

5. ADJECTIVE:

6. NOUN:

7. NOUN:

8. PLACE NAME:

9. NOUN:

Now insert the words you've selected, in order, in the blank spaces. Read it aloud if you have the courage!

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Note: The above quote from Gyan Prakash of Princeton University has been mangled beyond recognition and therefore has been reattributed to well known plagiarizer "Hot" Kenneth M. Fahy, who appears as a more-than-regular guest star on "Sam and Willy's Great Outdoors." The show airs on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

AUTHOR

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Though Hall lived in East Boothbay and commuted to Bowdoin during her four years, many of her favorite memories reflect residential aspects of the College.

"I loved eating at Moulton and eavesdropping on students' conversations," she said. "I was astonished that they talked about what they were learning. It was incredibly moving."

After graduating with a degree in anthropology and English and a minor in education, Hall enrolled in the University of New Hampshire's master's program and now works as the assistant director of the university's writing program.

Hall decided to write her memoir when, at age 54, she realized that while she was teaching writing, she had not done much writing of her own since getting her master's.

Hall took a workshop to brush up her skills and submitted sections of what later became "Without a Map" to a literary journal. These stories won her the Pushcart Prize, awarded to outstanding literature from small maga-

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MEREDITH HALL '93

zine and book presses.

After receiving a \$50,000 writing grant from the A Room of Her Own Foundation, a foundation for female writers and artists, Hall moved to San Francisco and spent the next year and a half writing her memoir.

"Without a Map" includes a chapter about Hall's experience at Bowdoin, racing across campus on her first day, late for class, because she had to send her own children to school. Hall recalled that the professors and students at Bowdoin made the biggest impression on her.

"What I watched was not just top-notch students, but also students that had their brains on fire," Hall said.

"It was a joyful thing to be around them," she added.

Hall will read from "Without a Map" at Longfellow Books in Portland on April 19 at 7 p.m., and again at Books Etc. in Falmouth on May 2 at 7 p.m.

NUGENT

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Associate Professor and Film Studies Chair Tricia Welsch shares Allen's positive opinion regarding the growth of the event.

"Each year the excitement around this event grows, and the bar for the films entered into competition gets higher. The prize-giving is fun, but the biggest charge comes from seeing students express themselves creatively and in collaboration," she said.

Showcasing the best that Bowdoin student filmmakers have to offer has been standard for the Film Festival, but the event itself has not always been as dependable.

Up until the early 1990s, the Film Festival was a marquee event every year on campus. Bowdoin lore is full of stories of students queuing outside Pickard for hours waiting for tickets, and close battles between students for victory at the awards show. The vestiges of these award shows remain on the walls of Sills.

But film production classes were dropped at Bowdoin and the film festival along with it. This had negative ramifications on the student body as a whole, as well as film aficionados in particular.

Lucas Delahanty, a first year whose film "Styx & Stone" is nominated in a number of major categories, feels the impact of the lack of film production classes firsthand.

"I felt it was really important to try and contribute and to just be a part of it for the sake of keeping film alive at Bowdoin. I think the festival should act as a rallying cry for all of Bowdoin's filmmakers. We need to say, 'Hey! Quit ignoring us! Give us some resources!'"

"Film studies is the only area of the arts here at Bowdoin where students cannot learn how to express themselves through the medium they are studying," said Welsch. "We offer hands-on instruction in music, theater, dance, photography, sculpture, painting, drawing, and creative writing—but no filmmaking courses."

With luck and administrative involvement, however, this could change.

"Just as soon as the college sees fit to authorize a new faculty position in the field, we will be able to offer such courses, to round out the offerings in the minor, and (ideally) to start work on a film major at Bowdoin. This is long overdue," said Welsch.

Supporting the film festival this year is not only great entertainment and a way to cheer on your friends and classmates, but also a way to tell Bowdoin that the growth of film on campus matters. This is how Bowdoin as an institution continues to grow and strengthen its academic environment, ultimately attracting a wider, more diverse student body.

And that, unlike the Best Picture winner, is something we all should be able to agree on.

The Bowdoin Film Festival's Nominations:

Best Picture:

Styx and Stone
Taken (Ironi T-Shirt)
Moving On
Taken (Chris Marotta)

Best Director:

Lucas Delahanty (Styx and Stone)
Ironi T-Shirt (Taken)
Chris Kurose (Moving On)

Best Actor:

Sam Lazarus (Taken by Chris Marotta)
Owen Callen (Styx and Stone)
Anton Handel (Taken by Ironi T-Shirt)

Best Actress:

Krystle Allen (I Love You, I Love You Not)
Christine Carletta (Styx and Stone)

Best Writing:

The Quest for Dan the Can (Sustainable Bowdoin)
Moving On (Chris Kurose)
Taken (Ironi T-Shirt)

Best Editing:

Styx and Stone
Moving On
I Love You, I Love You Not
Taken (Ironi T-Shirt)

Best Cinematography:

Styx and Stone
Splinter
Touch

Best Supporting Performance:

The Peep (After Work Duck: The Musical)
Adam Paltrineri (Ironi T-Shirt)
Dan Yingst (Ironi T-Shirt)

Best Sound:

I Love You, I Love You Not
Styx and Stone
Moving On

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MUSIC REVIEW

'Southern Hospitality' serves music leftovers

BY BOZ KARANOVSKY
STAFF WRITER

"Southern Hospitality" by Anthony Hamilton is a compilation album that is not bad by any means. All die-hard Hamilton fans should own it, despite the fact that it leaked onto the Internet a week ago. It is not a defining statement on soul and does not have the punch of his previous two albums because it consists of leftover songs. They were not good enough to get a spot on his previous records, but they are not at all bad, because they showcase his immense vocal skill.

Hamilton is definitely one of the most talented active male soul singers. The North Carolina-born Hamilton sang in school choirs, moved to New York City, signed a contract with Uptown Records, and released a largely unnoticed (did I say brilliant?) album called "XTC" in 1996.

The record that made him famous was the 2003 "Comin' from Where I'm From." It went platinum in no time, stayed on the Billboard Charts for 26 weeks and won three Grammy awards. In a time when sampled beats and little substance was the norm, Hamilton brought a much-needed soulful revival in the tradition of the great '70s soul legends: Stevie Wonder, Teddy Pendergrass, and others. After being featured in two post-mortem Tupac songs, Hamilton re-released his third and best album, "Soullife" with So So Def Records in 2005, which brings us to "Southern Hospitality."

No jewels can be found in the pond, but the pond looks good nevertheless. Hamilton follows a familiar formula, combining the '90s R&B mentality with classic '70s soul and a lot of gospel thrown in for good measure. The best track is undoubtedly "Don't Say What You Won't Do," a great demonstration of Hamilton's vocal abilities. The record is full of '70s nostalgia and nice beats, but Hamilton's singing is his strongest asset. Each track seems to blend his unique blues voice with incredibly clear back vocals and some powerful choirs.

Every song is emotional and sung from the heart. With powerful lyrics, especially in "Glad U Called," "Please," and "Sailin' Away," Hamilton tries to incorporate some other elements as well. There is a nice guitar riff in "Never Give Up" and pop sound throughout. Sometimes these efforts backfire: in the track "Please," his voice becomes ridiculously high-pitched and has a very comical effect in an embarrassing way.

The only real disappointment in the record is a song titled very self-referentially, "Why." Why really? What is the point of this song? Anthony's vocals clearly missed this one.

All in all, it is a lackluster album from a great artist who is one of the few saving figures in contemporary soul. My advice is to go without this one and wait for another chart-topping, Grammy-winning and jaw-dropping So So Def release.

POET

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ed to teach students who were younger, to catch them before it's too late."

In 2000, he "said goodbye to my last sixth-grade homeroom class" and has since lectured and performed for audiences all over the world and in all but five states.

"I think that between being a professional poet and being a teacher, the poet is the road less traveled. I feel like teaching will wait for me when I'm ready to go back to it. There may never be a time to hit the road and be a poet, so I'm striking while the iron is hot," he said.

He added, "I still feel like I'm teaching in a way. Teaching and poetry have similar roles of instructing and entertaining."

He believes that he's doing "more for the teaching profession out of the classroom than inside it" and that his goal is "to excite people with the power of language," in addition to using poetry to convert 1,000 people to teaching. Mali believes teaching is an "incredibly noble" profession.

As Graff said, Mali wants to get "1,000 people into the classroom through the power of his words."

Nearly 15 percent of Bowdoin graduates enter the teaching profession, second only to business, which is why Graff and Lamb started the Bowdoin chapter of

"1,000 Teachers" in honor of Mali and his goal.

Graff said that the group aims to "connect people who are interested in teaching, but not necessarily in the program," and "serves as a network because there are so many Bowdoin grads who are teachers."

Mali's poems also provide a kind of network to inspire would-be teachers. The poem "Miracle Worker," for example, reads, "Education is a miracle, I'm just the worker. But I'm a teacher. And that's what we do."

Another poem, "What Teachers Make," is a response to a question that someone asked Mali: "I make kids wonder, I make them question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them write, write, write. And then I make them read," and "Let me break it down for you, so you know what I say is true: I make a goddamn difference! What about you?"

Mali will perform Thursday

"I still feel like I'm teaching in a way. Teaching and poetry have similar roles of instructing and entertaining."

TAYLOR MALI '07

at 8 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. Admission is free. He performed at Bowdoin's 2003 homecoming, but Graff said that Thursday will be his "first full-fledged performance" on campus.

He will conduct two workshops; one for students interested in becoming teachers, and the other will be a poetry workshop for "anybody who's interested in writing," Mali said. E-mail Tasha Graff (tgraff@bowdoin.edu) for a spot; space is limited. The Bowdoin Bookstore has also put together a Taylor Mali display so students can buy his book and CDs. Visit www.taylormali.com for more information about Mali and his work.

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SPORTS

Women's tennis breaks wins record

BY KERRY D'AGOSTINO
CONTRIBUTOR

The recent triumph of the women's tennis team over Colby was only the latest in a string of victories that combined to make Bowdoin history. After beating Tufts on Friday and the Mules on Wednesday, not only are the Polar Bears undefeated this season, but they have also broken their previous record of 13 wins, a record last set in the 2002-2003 season.

The tone of Wednesday's 8-1 victory over the Mules was set with Bowdoin's impressive sweep of all six singles matches. Kristen Raymond '08 defeated Colby's Tracy Nale 6-0, 6-4, and co-captain Kelsey Hughes '07 defeated Ginny Raho 6-0, 6-0. Co-captain Christine D'Elia '07 bested Nicole Veilleux with final scores of 6-2 and 6-1, while Sarah D'Elia '09 was successful in a close match with Colby's Allison Dunn with final scores totaling 7-5 and 6-4. Brett Davis '10 and Rachel Waldman '09 defeated Julie Achenbaum and Audrey Jacobsen, respectively, in pro sets with decisive 8-0 scores.

The doubles matches were closer, but Bowdoin still emerged victorious. Davis and Waldman led the Bears with an 8-0 conquest over Colby's Achenbaum and Jacobsen. Closely following them were Bowdoin's Hughes and the older D'Elia, who defeated Colby doubles Raho and Veilleux 8-3. Raymond and the younger D'Elia, however, lost in a tight set against Dunn and Nale, with Colby winning 9-8.

The women's home match against Tufts on Friday resulted in a 7-2 victory, consolidated by a doubles sweep by partners Sarah D'Elia and Raymond, Hughes and Christine D'Elia, and Davis and Waldman. Although the singles matches started on a less optimistic note, with Sarah D'Elia sitting out due to illness, teammates Hughes, Christine D'Elia, Davis, and Waldman stepped up to secure the 13th Polar Bear victory of the season.

During the 2001-2005 seasons, the women's tennis team contended in the NCAA Regionals; last year's 2006 season saw the squad make its way to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. Armed with the year's dedicated and talented Polar Bears, as well as with a so-far undefeated record and a Division III No. 7 national ranking, the team's chances of bettering last year's accomplishment are strong.

The women will play ninth-ranked Middlebury on Saturday and fourth-ranked Amherst on Sunday. Both games are in Brunswick.



MAKING A RACQUET: The women's tennis team is off to a 14-0 start. Above, Brett Davis '10 practices Thursday afternoon.

TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

Men's tennis beats MIT and Tufts

BY HELEN PU
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's tennis team earned back-to-back wins this weekend in its matches against MIT and Tufts University.

Bowdoin started out slowly against MIT on Friday as Tyler Anderson '10 and Alex White '09 fell at No. 1 doubles to a tough MIT team. Andrew Fried '08 and Andrew McDonald '07 also lost a challenging doubles match, but the situation improved as Garrett Gates '08 and Armin Drake '08, playing together for the first time, won their pro set 8-4.

This was followed by a tough three-set singles battle by Gates for another win and some easier wins by White, Anderson, and Adam Davis '10. Bowdoin's domination during the single matches led it to an early 5-3 win.

The last match of the day, played by Drake and Manuel Rivera from MIT, ended early with Drake leading 6-1 and 4-1. The Polar Bears left early so they could rest up for the next day's match against Tufts.

"The bottom of our lineup simply outmatched MIT while the top of both the singles and doubles struggled to get the points necessary for a victory," said Gates.

The win in Cambridge was followed by a tight match back in Brunswick against the Tufts Jumbos on Saturday. The first two doubles matches were easily won by the Polar Bears with matching scores of 8-2.

The last to finish, Fried and McDonald fought hard during their No. 1 doubles match, but ultimately lost in a tiebreaker 9-8(4). Bowdoin won overall 5-4 with singles wins from Gates, Alex Caughron '09, and Anderson, though Tufts kept it close by defeating Davis, White, and Drake.

Injuries factored into the close score: Jamie Neely '10 missed out due to illness and Sam Bitetti '07 is currently nursing a sprained ankle. Neely should return this weekend to face off against perennial powerhouse Middlebury on Saturday.

"The absences...made things significantly more difficult," said Gates.

Men's lacrosse gets back on track with two victories

BY JEREMY BERNFELD
STAFF WRITER

The men's lacrosse team heads into its meeting with league-leading Tufts with momentum and a winning mentality on Saturday. The Polar Bears ripped off two wins this week and shook off a three-game losing streak.

Bowdoin improved to 5-4 on the season with a much-needed win over Springfield College on Wednesday night at North Andover High School in Massachusetts.

"It feels great to finally play like we are capable of playing and come out on top with the victory," said senior quad-captain Dave Donahue. "We knew we

had it in us and it was just a matter of us having the confidence to play well for four quarters."

The Polar Bears jumped out to a 5-1 first-quarter lead, and eventually scored a season-high 12 goals, cruising to an easy 12-6 win over a hungry Springfield team. Senior quad-captain Kevin Mullins had three points for Bowdoin, scoring twice and notching one assist. Senior Alex Weaver and junior Thadd Welch also tallied two goals each.

"The offense did a great job of possessing the ball and keeping pressure on the Springfield defense and out of the defensive zone," Donahue said. "As long as Springfield didn't have the ball, they couldn't score."

On Saturday the team picked up a crucial NESCAC win, improving to 2-2 within the conference, behind stellar play from Mullins. Mullins was all over the field, scoring a career-high four goals, while also notching two assists in the 9-7 Polar Bear win.

"It feels great to break our losing streak," said Mullins. "Going into Saturday's game the team lacked confidence. More important than winning the game, we showed that when we play together as a team, focus on running our systems, and play fundamentally sound lacrosse, we can beat any team in the league."

For his stellar performance in the win over Trinity, Mullins was named both

the New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and NESCAC Men's Lacrosse player of the week. Mullins is currently second on the team with 16 points.

The Polar Bears challenge Tufts in a game vital to Bowdoin's success on Saturday. The Jumbos (8-1, 4-0) are currently ranked sixth in the latest laxpower.com national poll and are flying high after a 12-10 win over No. 20 Endicott.

"Tufts is one of the most important games of the year," Mullins said. "Tufts is undefeated in NESCAC play and have been playing with a lot of confidence."

Bowdoin will face a tough uphill struggle tomorrow and the defense will

more attackman Clem McNally and senior attackman Mark Warner. The terrific duo lead the team with a whopping 28 points each on the season, and are two of the top players in the NESCAC.

The game is set to start at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Ryan Field. After winning their last two games the Polar Bears are confident that the team can bring home a win and put themselves among the NESCAC elite.

"The win streak feels good," said Donahue. "It just feels good to put two solid games together going into one of our toughest games of the year...I would say that the two wins have given us some confidence in ourselves that I think we have been missing up until this point."

Closing Time: Respect baseball's firemen



COLUMN LIKE
I SEE'EM

BY CHRIS ADAMS-WALL
COLUMNIST

Oakland A's General Manager Billy Beane once said in the critically acclaimed book "Moneyball," by Michael Lewis, that relief pitchers are relief pitchers because they aren't good enough to be starters. And seeing how Beane, arguably baseball's brightest mind, has managed to compile the fifth-best record in the majors since 1998 (when he took over his current position with the club) despite having one of the lowest payrolls, my gut says he's right.

Take Mariners' lefty-special-ist/King-of-bling (just ask Omar Vizquel) Arthur Rhodes who recently landed himself on the disabled list, versus the other King, young-gun Felix Hernandez, who one-hit the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night. So if we stay with Beane's theory, then the most prominent of all the relief pitchers—closers—must be the worst, or at least the most insignificant, considering that upon entering any one game all they really have to do is get three outs, right? Beane's sentiments exactly.

How to determine just how good a closer actually is can be measured in countless ways: earned run average, strikeouts per innings pitched, groundball outs, but, principally, saves. According to Wikipedia (a more veritable source than the actual MLB rulebook apparently), a save is credited to a pitcher who is the last, but not the winning pitcher in a game won by his team who fulfills at least one of the following three conditions: No. 1. He comes into the game with a lead of

no more than three runs and pitches for at least one full inning; No. 2. He comes into the game with the potential tying run either on base, at bat, or on deck; No. 3. He pitches for at least three innings after entering the game with a lead.

So if the closer can follow these precise step-by-step instructions, then at the end of the day we give him one gold star in the save department. Simply put, again, it's basically the number of times a pitcher gets three outs, right?

Just last week, I was discussing this issue with a friend who is knowledgeable in this field of study. Prior to that talk, when it came to closers, my feelings had resonated with Beane for most of my baseball life. Especially when guys like Toronto's B.J. Ryan were being awarded some of the richest contracts in history—\$47 million over five years to be exact—for spending all of three minutes in the field per game if that. When The New York Times first reported Ryan's signing his colossal deal, which may or may not have been in Canadian dollars, Blue Jays' General Manager J.P. Ricciardi (a former Beane assistant) immediately denied it, to which I in turn thought, "Wow, it's a good thing he denied it, because that would be a ridiculous amount of money to spend on B.J. Ryan." Taking the liar-liar-pants-on-fire approach never crossed my mind, because quicker than you could say "Joe Carter," Ryan was headed north of the border after all.

"Closers are the most overrated players on the field," I went on to tell my friend. "All they have to do is get three outs, and any average pitcher could do that night-in-night-out." My buddy shook his head with a smirk on his face, then retorted with one of the most blatant, yet concealed truths that momentarily threw my world askew: "You're just saying that

BASEBALL	NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Tufts	3	0	13	6
BOWDOIN	4	1	9	8
Trinity	4	2	18	3
Colby	0	2	2	10
Bates	0	6	2	11

SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/7	v. Colby (at Falmouth, Mass.)	W	5-2	
Sa 4/7	v. Colby (at Falmouth)	W	11-1	
Th 4/12	v. St. Joseph's (at SMCC)	L	5-4	

SCHEDULE				
F 4/13	at Tufts	3:00 P.M.		
Sa 4/14	at Tufts	12:00 P.M.		
Sa 4/14	at Tufts	2ND GAME		
M 4/16	v. St. Joseph's	4:00 P.M.		
Tu 4/17	v. Brandeis	4:00 P.M.		

SOFTBALL	NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Trinity	4	1	14	3
Tufts	2	1	13	9
Bates	2	3	4	7
Colby	0	0	8	2
BOWDOIN	0	3	14	6

SCHEDULE				
F 4/13	at Tufts	4:30 P.M.		
Sa 4/14	at Tufts	11:00 A.M.		
Sa 4/14	at Tufts	2ND GAME		
Su 4/15	v. Husson	2:00 P.M.		
Su 4/15	v. Husson	2ND GAME		
Th 4/19	at Southern Maine	3:30 P.M.		
Th 4/19	at Southern Maine	2ND GAME		

because you have Mariano Rivera. If you were a Devil Rays fan, you'd be thinking otherwise." Besides mistaking me for the owner of the New York Yankees, his statement was right on point. Having been a fan of the Bronx Bombers since 1995, and having witnessed four World Series Championship teams during that timeframe, not to mention never seeing them miss the playoffs in that 12-year span, it seemed as though I had forgotten the little things that I had to be grateful for—the biggest of these little things being Yankees closer Mariano Rivera.

Somewhere between when the future Hall of Fame hurler was first introduced at Yankee Stadium by Metallica's "Enter Sandman," and his whining (with good reason) about a new contract extension this spring, I had somehow forgotten about his 2.28 career ERA, seven all-star game appearances, 413 saves, and affable personality. But most of all, I had forgotten about when Rivera had mattered most: in the playoffs. Over

WOMEN'S LACROSSE	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Middlebury	4	0	6	1
Amherst	4	1	6	2
Williams	4	1	5	2
Trinity	3	2	6	3
Wesleyan	3	2	6	3
Tufts	2	3	6	4
Bates	1	3	6	4
BOWDOIN	1	3	5	4
Colby	1	3	5	3
Conn. College	0	5	2	6

SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/7	at Trinity	L	8-6	

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/14	at Tufts	12:00 P.M.		
W 4/18	v. Colby	7:00 P.M.		

MEN'S TENNIS	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
F 4/6	at MIT	W	5-3	
Sa 4/7	at Tufts	W	5-4	

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/14	at Middlebury	2:00 P.M.		

112.7 innings pitched in 73 post-season appearances since '95, Mo Money has an 8-1 record, with 34 saves, and a jaw-dropping 0.80 ERA. Sure, he's had his problems over that stretch (2001, 2004), but what superstar hasn't? And suddenly I realized that I had been taking for granted this icon and his impeccable service record all along; and the more I thought about it, so had Billy Beane, who has had the luxuries of shut-down men Keith Foulke, Billy Koch, and now Huston Street. How else could you explain the safety, security, and comfort that I derive from a Yankee lead entering the ninth inning? We all know that 99 times out of 100, Rivera will enter and slam the door shut with that filthy cutter, even when everybody knows it's coming. But what if New York had been sans Mo during all those historic playoff runs? And that's when it really hit me: Closers must be the most valuable players in baseball.

Sirens are going off in your mind right now, I know. But see if you can't clear the mechanism at least for another couple of minutes so that I might try to explain myself as best I can.

At the conclusion of the regular season, closers are buried beneath everyday, five-tool position players in MVP voting for the obvious reason that the former normally plays every third day for about one inning, while the latter plays almost every day for nine innings or more. Hence, closers are very nearly forgotten, or position players grab most of the spotlight. Either way, we lose sight of their importance to our team...that is, until October rolls around.

Take Tigers' reliever Jose Mesa for example. In the bottom of the ninth in Game 7 of the 1997 World Series between the Cleveland Indians and the Florida Marlins, Mesa was brought in to close out a 2-1 game in what would have been the Tribe's first title since 1948. But the husky right-hander couldn't get it done,

MEN'S LACROSSE	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Tufts	4	0	8	1
Wesleyan	4	1	10	1
Middlebury	3	1	6	2
Williams	3	1	5	2
Trinity	3	2	6	3
BOWDOIN	2	2	5	3
Amherst	2	3	4	6
Bates	1	3	4	3
Colby	1	3	2	5
Conn. College	0	7	1	8

SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/7	v. Trinity	W	9-7	
Tu 4/10	v. Springfield (at No. Andover, Mass.)	W	12-6	

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/14	at Tufts	1:00 P.M.		
Tu 4/17	at Colby	7:00 P.M.		

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Sa 4/14	at Middlebury	11:00 A.M.		

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/14	at Middlebury	11:00 A.M.		

Compiled by Adam Kimmel. Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC

surrendering the tying run on a Craig Counsell sacrifice fly, diminishing Jaret Wright's (yes, the Jaret Wright) stellar performance, while enabling Charles Nagy to give up a walk-off single to an infantile Edgar Renteria in the bottom of the 11th. Had the Indians had a better closer, they, and not the Marlins, would have won the series. Similar horror stories include Byung-Hyun Kim of the Arizona Diamondbacks, Brad Lidge of the Houston Astros, and Mitch Williams of the Philadelphia Phillies.

The side where the grass is greener? The best example is clearly Rivera and his exceptional postseason performances, but how about Adam Wainwright of the defending champion St. Louis Cardinals? Or Bobby Jenks of the 2005 champion White Sox? Troy Percival was terrific in shutting down the Yankees, Twins, and Giants for the Angels in '02 as well. And even though it wasn't the playoffs, Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon's performance against the Rangers on Sunday removed all of my previous doubts about the flame-throwing sophomore; then I saw his grace, now I'm a believer.

Closers come in a variety of forms. Some are Cy Young winners like Eric Gagne, while others are irascible convicts like Ugueth Urbina. But no matter what qualities or characteristics they possess, each of them is harnessed with one of the most difficult responsibilities in sports: preserving a lead. It's one thing to take it, but keeping it is another story. They may not be as good as starters, but they are just as, if not more, valuable, especially when the pressure is on to secure that win when failure is not an option, each closer repeating in their respective heads to their victims the batters, that it's closing time and you don't have to go home, but you can't stay here. And plus, there'll be plenty of time for blowing saves when you're living in a van down by the river (or pitching for the Devil Rays).

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TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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GENTLY DOWN THE STREAM: The second women's novice boat braves the 7 a.m. chill on Wednesday to practice for Saturday's regatta.

Baseball searching for consistency

BY TOM LAKIN
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Baseball Team continued its frustrating up-and-down play this week.

Fortunately for the Bears, at least this week there were more ups than downs as they prevailed in both games of a Saturday doubleheader against Colby, then dropped a tough game to Thomas College on Wednesday.

Bowdoin began the week with an impressive sweep of Colby, 5-2 and 11-1. In both games the Bears were solid at the plate and on the mound. Game one saw three different Bears—Pat Duchette '08, Jon Kopermiak '07, and Joe Berte '09—contribute two hits each, while tri-captain John Lawrie '07 had a huge game with three hits and two runs scored. Joe Pace '10 provided five solid innings on the mound to pick up the victory, and Carter Butland '10 and Tyler Turgeon '07 sealed the win with one relief inning each.

"It's always good to beat a rival," Lawrie explained, "and we need to keep coming up big against NESCAC teams, especially in a year this closely contested."

The second game was all Bowdoin. The Bears, who won 11-1, were simply dominant at the plate. Reid Auger '10 went 4-5 with two RBIs, Nick Lawler '07 had two hits and two runs scored, and junior Frank Prieto picked up a double and an RBI. Ryan Turgeon '08 was masterful on the mound, tossing six scoreless innings to improve his record to 3-0. The Bowdoin win

marks the team's seventh consecutive victory over Colby since 2005.

On Wednesday, the Bears headed to South Portland to take on a 5-7 Thomas College squad. The game was tight all day, with both teams playing well. Bowdoin took a 4-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth, but then everything fell apart for them. Thomas's Matt Paulis reached first on a walk and ended up scoring on the next play, a Bad News Bears-esque sequence: What looked to be a game-ending double play turned into a disaster when the throw to second ended up in right field and the right-fielder then overthrew third base. Paulis scored and the batter, Jim Pierce, found himself standing on third base with only one out. Thomas's Tim Costa then struck out, Mike Chamard was intentionally walked, and Nick Schwecker stepped to the plate and promptly scorched a first-pitch game winner into left field. The bright spots for the Bears were Berte and Pace, who had two hits and two RBIs, respectively, in the 5-4 loss.

Bowdoin's recent stretch takes them to 9-8 with a 4-1 NESCAC record. The Polar Bears head to Medford, Massachusetts, today to take on a 13-6 Tufts squad in a three-game set over the weekend.

"Tufts is a good team," tri-captain Chris McCann '07 explained, "and we're going to have to perform at the plate and on the mound if we want to have a good weekend."

With one game today and a doubleheader Saturday, Bowdoin looks to continue its solid NESCAC run.

NO REST FOR STATUES



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

FROZEN SOLID: The statue outside Farley Field House, frozen in mid-stride, braves Thursday's snowstorm. Poor field conditions this week led to the postponement of Wednesday's softball game against Maine-Farmington.

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Bowdoin Student Government Statements of Candidacy Officer Elections



President

Dustin Brooks '08

My name is Dustin Brooks '08 and I am running for BSG President. In my first year, I served on the BSG and experienced it when it had many flaws. For the past two years I've been the Vice President for BSG Affairs and have been part of the team that guided the BSG from transition to stability. Throughout this process, I have gained a sense of what the next steps for the BSG are and what it should aim to achieve.

While we have made progress in our outreach to the campus, we can do better. If I am elected president, my primary goal will be to make sure that every student can feel connected to the BSG's activities. We can do this with better-publicized meetings, a regular presence in the dining halls and visits to dorms. We can't be sure what students want or need until we ask them.

I will also strive to improve connections between the students and the faculty and staff. The community in which we live and work is one of the attractions of our Bowdoin experience. The BSG is uniquely positioned to enhance this communal experience by providing opportunities to build relationships with faculty and staff.

Finally, if elected president I will continue pursuing the issues that we worked on this year. Discussions about upper-class housing, improvements to Credit/D/Fail, and academic advising will continue and the BSG must be a strong advocate for students.

I am excited about the possibility of leading the BSG through these challenges.

VP for Student Organizations

Will Donahoe '08

If elected this spring I will have been on BSG for three years. In the two that will hopefully proceed my final year at Bowdoin and as member of the BSG, I have done my best to provide the Student Body with valuable programs and a voice to the administration. My programing has included discounted movie tickets; scheduling the airport shuttle; a cheap local shuttle; and a brand new student gateway. I've also handled all BSG communications for the past two years: I send every campus wide BSG email within which I try to communicate information on events and services in a relevant and entertaining way. I also know who exactly to talk to about student concerns. This year, however, I want to move from my current position as VP for Facilities and revitalize the Student Organizations Oversight

Committee as its chair. I was behind designing the online charter process and have worked closely with the SOOC chair for the past two years. I feel more than confident that I can bring the same efficiency and effectiveness to the SOOC as I did Facilities. You'd be hard pressed to find someone who is as committed to BSG as I am. I hope I have affected your experience at Bowdoin in a positive way and that you grant me the opportunity to provide a new direction for club support next year. Check out my agenda for next year online at bowdoin.edu/~wdonahoe.

Lynzie McGregor '09

Hello Everyone!!! My name is Lynzie McGregor and I would love to be your next BSG Vice President of Student Organizations. As VP of Student Organizations, my roles would include chairing the Student Organizations Oversight committee, managing all BSG activities relating to club life at Bowdoin, serving as a liaison from BSG to club leadership and from clubs to the administration. Having been a part of and a leader of many clubs on campus, I believe that I understand essential elements of club stability and development; I recognize the need for structure and blossoming leadership in organizations. I believe that it is high time for a club leader, having the knowledge and understanding of operations of student organizations on campus, to become VP of Student Organizations. It makes sense! My role as Freshman Class President last year, BSG Residential Life Rep and co-VP of the African American Society this year has allowed me to further appreciate the time and effort it takes to be a successful and flourishing leader on the Bowdoin College Campus. My character as an individual not only attests to the leadership that I've experienced and benefited from, but also to the humanity and hospitality that I bring to any given role here at Bowdoin College. I look forward to working with many of you to further strengthen the particular clubs that you all participate in or either to create a club that you've always dreamt of leading. Vote for me and you'll be pleased!!!!

VP for BSG Affairs

Kata Solow '10

My name is Kata Solow '10 and I am running for Vice President of BSG Affairs. This past year, I served on the BSG as a representative and was a member of the Academic Affairs Committee, on which I worked to create a better Credit/D/Fail policy. I also worked with the BSG Affairs Committee to craft the Community

Response Committee proposal. This committee has potential to provide a gateway for student activism and involvement in school policy. In order for this Committee to fulfill its potential, it must have a productive first year to establish this precedent and its role in the Bowdoin Community. As the Vice President of BSG Affairs, I will oversee the Community Response Committee in its first year. I am confident that I will be able to be an effective guide for the Committee, as I understand its intended role and scope in the Bowdoin Community.

Also, I intend to be an advocate for the students. I will continue to work to change the Credit/D/Fail policy and to have discussions with Res. Life about better upperclassmen housing. Finally, I will improve both the relationship and the communication between the BSG and the student body. While the BSG has made enormous strides in this past year, it is still an unknown entity. The BSG will provide increased publicity and public forums, but the student body must make an effort to be involved. After all, this is the Bowdoin Student Government. I look forward to working with you.

VP for Academic Affairs

Sam Dinning '09

The position of Vice President of Academic Affairs is one that has done significant work in the past, but also has room to do much more in the future. As a member of BSG for each of the past two years, I have been a part of many of the successes of the body but have certainly not been blind to its failures.

One of the causes that I have been devoted to this year has been reforming the current Credit/D/Fail system. Among the changes that I have fought for is a policy under which professors could not see which students are taking a course Credit/D/Fail. Additionally, I have sought to create a system in which students could receive a letter grade instead of merely "credit" if they performed well in a Credit/D/Fail course. Continuing to work towards these goals would be a priority of mine as Vice President of Academic Affairs.

This effort towards Credit/D/Fail reform has also provided me with the opportunity to work with faculty, staff, and other students in a number of different ways. I hope to use these unique experiences to address other issues such as academic advising, faculty/student interaction, and access to administrators.

There is certainly a lot of room to improve the overall academic experience at Bowdoin and I believe that my

experiences have put me in an excellent position to do this.

VP for Facilities

Michael Dooley '10

As a candidate for the position of Vice President of Facilities on the Bowdoin Student Government, I believe that I possess the qualities necessary to successfully lead in this office. During this past year, I have served as an At-Large Representative on the BSG. Through this time, I have gained valuable insight and experience as to the workings of the BSG, and of Bowdoin College as a whole, which I know would be of value in a position such as Vice President of Facilities. As a rising sophomore, I will bring a fresh perspective to the BSG officer team, as someone who has been a member of the BSG, yet who is still able to innovate on new and different levels. I believe that one of the most key elements to completely fulfilling the role of Vice President of Facilities is the capacity for the voice of the student body to be heard. If elected, I pledge to actively seek, and work to resolve, student questions, concerns or suggestions that fall under the auspices of the VP of Facilities. Several projects that I believe strongly in include improved upperclass housing and increasing student input on a new fitness center. In essence, a vote for me is a vote for you.

VP for Student Affairs

Ben LeHay '08

No statement was received.

Tony Thrower '09

Now is YOUR chance to make an impact on the issues that impact YOU as a student! My fellow Bowdoin College community, my name is TONY THROWER AKA T-THROW FA SHO and I want to represent YOU on the BSG. There are so many issues concerning you individually, as a member of this campus, that need to be addressed (i.e. the Credit/D/Fail policy). I want to make sure that they are addressed how YOU want them addressed. For the chem.-free students, wouldn't YOU like to see more chem.-free activities on weekends that actually have big attendance, rather than levying everything on Howell House, which is so distant from the center of the campus? Wouldn't YOU like an open forum available every week, for YOU to voice YOUR ideas? How about addressing the BSG Presidential election? Isn't it about time that any member of the student body be able to, at least, run for the Presidential office? I am 100% confident that my experience as a class officer, my strong

desire for improvement, and my inquisitive nature has prepared me with the necessities to ensure that YOU are represented the way YOU should be—not to mention that my creativity and enthusiasm will prove to be a valuable asset to creating great events for YOU! This election, make YOUR decision about YOU! I am here to represent the people! Let's start making changes for the better right now! So, remember VOTE TONY THROWER aka T-THROW FA SHO for VICE-PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS!!!!

Treasurer

Clark Gascoigne '08

My name is Clark Gascoigne and I am running for BSG Treasurer. I believe that I have unique qualifications, which make me qualified for this position: I am the only candidate in recent history that has been on both sides of the SAFC table.

In my first few years here at Bowdoin I have served as a club leader and presented budgets to the SAFC for a number of different clubs on numerous occasions, and therefore I understand how stressful the situation can be for club leaders. That is why I am committed, if you choose to elect me, to making this process even more comfortable for club leaders: I will hold regular weekly office hours, ensure that several examples of good budgets are published on the website, return your emails/calls at all hours of the day, and be happy to sit down to talk with you whenever.

Furthermore, after serving as a club leader for years, I have had the opportunity to serve this semester as a member on the SAFC. I understand that this is not a protracted period of time to serve on a body, nevertheless it was long enough to become familiar with the ins-and-outs of the SAFC and to understand the tough decisions that are made from this position. I believe that my experiences both as a club leader and on the SAFC will give me the unique opportunity to balance budgetary responsibility with club-friendliness. I hope you will grant me this opportunity.

John Masland '08

Why you should vote J-Maz for Treasurer:

- 1) If elected, I owe you \$540,000. That's more than Barry Mills makes.
 - 2) I stand for an approachable Student Activities Funding Committee; after all, the money belongs to you.
 - 3) I have experience. I served as the Class of '08 Treasurer and on the SAFC this year and will continue to manage the fund responsibly.
- Vote John Masland for Treasurer so we can win this thing.

STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PRINTED AS RECEIVED BY THE ORIENT.

Voting is open from 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18 until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19.
All students, including seniors, can vote at flattop.bowdoin.edu/vote.

OPINION

THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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New attendance policy

Required academic engagements should be scheduled on a course's syllabus during the first weeks of the semester. Most required activities should take place during the day. The course should have a clearly written attendance policy included on the syllabus. These ideas are hardly radical, but to some here on campus, they seem to be: The Student Affairs Committee has spent the last academic year reworking the College's attendance policy, and it remains to be seen whether the faculty will approve it.

The proposed policy aims to ease the strain on students' schedules by mandating that no event, be it a lecture, test, film screening, or field trip, be deemed obligatory *ex post facto*—that is, if it does not appear on the course's original syllabus. For students who feel stretched in all directions by academics, athletics, volunteer activities, and extracurriculars, such a policy would provide them the opportunity to prioritize their commitments well before any conflict ever arises. By knowing that a certain class has Tuesday evening film screenings, for example, a student could choose from the start whether his schedule could accommodate both the course and his non-academic commitments. Such a policy would help ensure that no one wears himself too thin, a fate that we all risk at an institution with such rigorous standards for both academic and residential life.

We commend the intentions of the proposed policy as it seeks to simplify our schedules and help us better divide our days. However, we believe it should be far stronger, specifically surrounding the difficult decisions student-athletes face when forced to choose between their place in the classroom and their loyalty to their team. We've found that this week, a total of six athletic competitions were scheduled to take place at a time that would require athletes leave 2:30 to 3:55 p.m. classes early—or not show up at all—in order to make it to the field before the starting whistle. They are made to constantly negotiate their roles as both students and athletes, and the newly proposed policy does little to alleviate this tension.

While we support the increased communication that this policy would bring between faculty and students, we wonder whether it only tackles a fraction of the issue at hand. Communication between professors and students is indispensable, but we suspect that students will continue to feel the pressures of conflicting interests that this proposed policy only begins to address. We urge the faculty to approve the proposal and use it as a start for discussions about academics and student life on campus.

The editorial represents the majority view of The Bowdoin Orient's editorial board, which comprises Bobby Guerette, Beth Kowitz, Anna Karass, Steve Kolowich, and Anne Riley.

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Strive to improve disability awareness



THE FLIP SIDE

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
COLUMNIST

Last Friday, Students Embracing Disabilities (SED) sponsored a viewing of "Mind Games," the story of a former Bowdoin student, Dr. Thomas French, who succumbed to Lou Gehrig's disease. The documentary followed his family and how it struggled and coped with the illness. It was powerful. Hours put in to athletic training and honors projects pale in comparison to the perseverance exemplified by the family as they stood by and cared for their loved one. As Bowdoin continues to improve its facilities, it is becoming increasingly important to be aware of the struggles our peers and others who deal with disabilities encounter in their day-to-day living.

The cliché, "you can't really know someone until you walk a mile in their shoes," pertains to disabilities. Although, I would argue one cannot really know someone, but can better one's understanding of the difficulties that their disabilities pose. I took

the cliché's advice and spent a day in a wheelchair. With handicap access license plates, bathroom stalls, door openers, etc., it was very easy to deceive myself into thinking that it was not that hard to get around. However, before the actual experience, I was completely ignorant to the little things that make wheelchairs difficult.

I began my day at the mall, which, I must admit was initially not too bad. However, as my trip went on, little things began to irk me. Generally speaking, the main door to the buildings automatically opened, but all of the doors inside lacked that feature. This difficulty was typically exacerbated by the decrease in space to maneuver. Another example occurred at the CVS counter, where the debit card machine did not move, and I could not get at the numbers to punch in my PIN.

My eyes were really opened to the extent of difficulties that could arise when I moved from the mall to the downtown area. On all of the hilly side streets, every single store had at least one to two steps to enter, making them completely inaccessible. I could only enter about a third of the

stores. The stores that did not have stairs all had a two-inch lip on the bottom which, in some cases, made it impossible to enter. Also, as I noticed sidewalks are made at an incline to meet the road, I assumed there were no problems changing surfaces or crossing streets. However, rarely is the road and sidewalk adequately connected. Often there is considerable gap in between the two, where the wheel or foot rests become stuck. At the end of the day, I was stunned about how difficult things were that I would never guess would pose the least bit of inconvenience.

While there is no official disability awareness week, SED are sponsoring a speaker next Friday, April 20, who will speak about how ADHD affects students' college experiences. As not all disabilities are physical, many can go unnoticed to any given community. ADHD is an example of such "hidden disabilities," and has greatly increased on college campuses over the past 30 years. Bowdoin is not isolated from similar disabilities, and I would encourage all to become aware of the difficulties many of our peers face which can very easily be taken for granted.

OP-ED CHART

Is it possible to have an intimate relationship without having sex?

BY JORDAN KRECHMER AND
WILL VOINOIT-BARON

As many of you have noticed, a white sheet has been hanging in Smith Union over the past month. Typically, a new question will be hanging each week. Though responses are initially written, it is our hope that the sheets will engender verbal discourse among students, faculty, and staff and that discussion will move beyond the sheet to the classroom, the dining halls, and even to the dorm room.

We aim to choose questions that are provoking, that encourage response, and that are not framed in a biased manner. That being said, we are posing questions that we feel deserve discussion and that we feel reflect issues important and pertinent to the Bowdoin College community. Ultimately, through these questions, it is our goal to spark healthy and respectful discourse within our community. For only when we begin talking with each other, and, more importantly, listening to each other, can we foster relationships that are not based on judgment and misunderstanding. And only when we begin to understand the opinions, feelings, and emotions of others can we truly know ourselves.

Yes, but sex changes everything.

I think it depends on how you define "intimate." Romantically intimate? I think intimate (non-sexual) friendships can also exist.

Yes! 'Cause sex is just one expression of intimacy.

Sex does not equal intimacy.

No, what is the largest distinction between intimate relationships, and close friendships/soul mates is the physical side of the emotional connection.

Yes, but it is a very different type of relationship.

Yes, and it is amazing.

Yes, humans need discipline; your body and your emotional, spiritual, and intimate connection become greater. Sex is supposed to be a vehicle to display those deep connections physically.

No, I don't think a relationship would be as fulfilling without sex. When can you be closer to someone?

Actually, I feel much closer to my boyfriend when we are sitting on the couch...walking the dog...sometimes even talking on the phone...there are millions of ways to feel close.

Yes, I think you can.

If you go through life believing that it's not possible, you will get an interesting thing called an STD.

Yes, I've tried too and it works wonderfully...just takes a little self-control.

Yes, but it sucks—I do it all the time unfortunately.

Yes, but why would you do that to yourself? You have to be considerate of your reproductive organs.

Yes, but that's not the relationship I want.

Mind your own business, giant white sheet.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 13 - APRIL 19

FRIDAY

LECTURE

Common Hour with Dr. Peter McGuire

Dr. Peter McGuire '62 will give a lecture titled "What Are You Going to Do About It? The Problem of the Uninsured." McGuire is the founder and director of Oasis Health Center, Brunswick's medical clinic for uninsured residents. Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FILMS

Film Festival

Bowdoin's third annual student film festival is made up of 11 student-written and directed pieces. Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 6:30 p.m.

EVENT

Laser Tag

The Campus Activities Board will sponsor rounds of free laser tag. Morrell Gymnasium. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

"On Thin Ice—Arctic Climate Change and Its Global Impact"

NASA fellow Leigh A. Stearns will lead this discussion on how climate change impacts our day-to-day lives. This event follows Taste for Change. Ladd House. 7 p.m.

FILM

"VeerZaara"

This hit Bollywood production stresses the power of love to overcome obstacles. Sponsored by Anokha. Room 315, Searles Hall. 7 p.m.

DANCE

Salsa Dance Party

This campus-wide, chem-free party offers Salsa dancing and music. Sponsored by LASO and the African-American Society. Baxter House. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SATURDAY

RALLY

STEP IT UP

In a nationwide attempt to stop climate change, this rally will include an address by Rep. Tom Allen, a march into downtown Brunswick, and a statement for Congress asking it to decrease carbon emissions. Morrell Gymnasium. 1 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Fashion Show

Organized by the Asian Students Association, this annual event gives students a chance to strut their stuff on the runway while wearing cultural or innovative dress. Morrell Lounge, Smith Union. 8 to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY

CONCERT

Music of India

George Ruckert and Jerry Leake will give a performance combining various genres of music. Open to the public. Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Sunday Mass

Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 9 to 10 p.m.



WARM-UP: The Bowdoin Longfellows enjoy the acoustics of the latest renovation on campus—the Recital Hall.

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MONDAY

FILM

"Bioterror in Kazakhstan"

After making several visits to Kazakhstan, which is home to the world's largest bioweapons facility, documentarian Kirk Wolfinger has made a film that reveals the unknown details of U.S. and Soviet warfare programs during the Cold War. Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

LECTURE

Harry Spindel Memorial Lecture

James Carroll, former Catholic priest and National Book Award winner, will give a talk titled "No War is Holy: Constantine, Crusades, and the Present Crisis." Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

OFFICE HOURS

President Mills's Office Hours

Students are encouraged to stop by with questions or comments. Smith Union. 3 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Margot Livesey Reading

Livesey, Bowdoin's writer-in-residence, will read a portion of her novel, "Banishing Verona." Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

VOLUNTEER

Blood Drive

There is an urgent need for donors. Sign up in Smith Union. Morrell Gymnasium. 3 to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

VOLUNTEER

Blood Drive

Morrell Gymnasium. 3 to 8 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Poetry Reading

V. Penelope Pelizzon and Patrick Rosai will read in celebration of National Poetry Month. MacMillan House. 7:30 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Taylor Mali '87 Poetry Reading

The four-time national slam poet will share his new work. Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 8 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Spring Dance Concert

The Department of Theater and Dance presents the 36th annual Spring Dance Concert. The show will be made up of performances by courses and student groups. Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 8 p.m.



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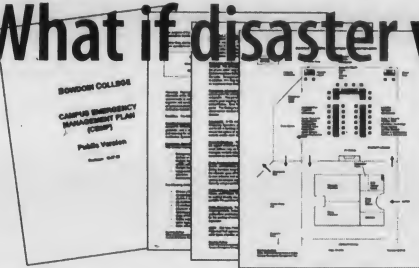
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What if disaster were to strike here?



RESPONSE PLAN: The College's public emergency plan details emergency response procedures, including the College's chain of command in such a situation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Extensive communication procedures for contact with students and others are in place.



Authority: Plans offer a chain of command for communication. The response's team leader and a public information officer lead communications.



Landlines and cell phones: A message is broadcasted to campus phone voice mail boxes and student and staff cell phones rapidly.



E-mail: Text and voice messages are sent to student's e-mail boxes. Students received the first glimpse of this system during a test this week.



Internet portal: The Bowdoin homepage re-routes to a special emergency portal. The server is mirrored in California, so a local outage would not impact it.



Television: Updates can be made on the Bowdoin Cable Network and on the large-screen television in Smith Union.

SOURCES: RESPONSE PLANS AND ORIENT INTERVIEWS

MORE INFORMATION ON THE WEB AT ORIENT.BOWDOIN.EDU

Audio messaging: Check this story on our Web site to hear a sound file that demonstrates the system that the College will use in the event of an emergency. The file was sent to students in a test broadcast this week.

Bowdoin's emergency plan: Go to this story's page for a link to the public emergency plan.

Following Monday's tragedy in Virginia, we check in with officials to learn about Bowdoin's planned response to disasters of all types.

BY NAT HERZ
ORIENT STAFF

In June 2005, Bowdoin Security officials discovered that a suspicious white van had crashed near Dayton Arena. At the time, Brunswick police were on the lookout for a white van, and as they were investigating, two gunmen were reported to have entered Dayton Arena. As the situation escalated, Bruce Boucher, the director of security at the time, walked through a supposed plume of toxic gas and was pronounced dead on the scene.

Overseeing this scenario was a group of administrators and staff gathered in Daggett Lounge, adjacent to Thorne Hall. The group constituted Bowdoin's emergency management team, and they were working to keep the situation under control as events unfolded.

The situation was a test—a mock

scenario that gave officials experience with Bowdoin's emergency response protocols. The lessons learned from the scenario have helped the College improve its elaborate strategy for responding to emergencies. And the College is now just beginning to phase in a powerful communications tool that can reach the entire campus in seconds.

The public version of Bowdoin's emergency response plan, refined after the 2005 scenario, is a terse, 18-page document that contains guidelines for "emergency preparedness," "first response," "crisis management," and "recovery." The document could be used in a crisis situation similar to Monday's tragedy at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

According to Mark Fisher, manag-

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BSG PRESIDENCY

Yaffe bid falls flat at polls

Not enough students vote for referendum to become binding; Brooks set to be president

BY ANNE RILEY
ORIENT STAFF

Ian Yaffe '09 will not be running for Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) president this year, all but guaranteeing that Dustin Brooks '08 will become the student body's next president.

A referendum question, which would have allowed any member of the student body to run for president, failed on Tuesday and Wednesday. The referendum was initiated by Yaffe.

Brooks is the body's vice president for student government affairs and will be the only candidate on the ballot.

Brooks said that his No. 1 priority for next year's BSG is increased communication with the student body.

"My primary goal is finding out what students want," Brooks said. "I think it's a problem that President Mills and Dean Foster have office hours, but the BSG doesn't."

Yaffe, who has never served on BSG and is therefore ineligible to run, gathered enough signatures over the weekend to propose a constitutional amendment that would have made any student eligible to run. The pe-

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College planning switch to Internet telephoning

AHEAD OF THE CURVE

Information Technology (IT) plans to install an Internet phone system that will offer many new features. IT is also working on:

- Online on-demand videos for courses and Bowdoin Cable Network.
- Technology that will connect the Office of Student Records and cell phones.
- Clocks that adjust automatically.

BY BOBBY GUERETTE
ORIENT STAFF

The College will soon trade its 1970s-era telephones—which Bowdoin buys for 58 cents a piece off eBay—for a swanky new system that will allow students to stay connected nearly everywhere on campus.

According to Chief Information Of-

ficer Mitch Davis, the College expects to switch to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system this summer. The \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million upgrade will bring new phones, new calling features, and a new phone server to campus.

Phone calls will be converted to digital signals and transmitted over the College's existing data network—the

same network that students use for computer Internet and e-mail. A data network upgrade was completed two-and-a-half years ago and provided the College with what may be the fastest campus network in the United States.

Davis said consolidating systems saves money and gives the College the

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Wintry weather wreaks havoc on spring sports, campus life

According to Ward, softball and baseball have been hit hardest by recent storms

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
ORIENT STAFF

Unrelenting rain and snow have continued to interfere with spring sports and frustrate athletes.

Of all the 11 varsity sports played during the spring at Bowdoin, Director of Athletics Jeff Ward said that the baseball and softball teams have had it the worst.

"There have been cancellations and postponements all over the place," said Ward. "They have had to play games away that were supposed to be home, and neither one has been able to practice outside."

"It's been really frustrating, espe-

cially as a senior," said men's baseball captain Jon Koperniak '07. "A sport like baseball is meant to be played outside in the warm weather."

Rather than canceling games, the baseball team has traveled to Connecticut; Cape Cod, Massachusetts; and the Boston area to play.

Ward said that compared to other teams, the effects of the weather have been least disruptive to the men's and women's lacrosse teams.

"The turf field has been very valuable," said Ward. "Facilities management has been wonderful about clearing the field."

Ward said that the indoor facilities have also permitted outdoor track and field and the tennis teams to play games indoors.

"It's been terrible," said men's ten-

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COURTESY OF MORGAN MACLEOD

DOWN AND OUT: Mayflower Apartments lost power on Monday when a tree fell on nearby power lines. The dorm remained without power until Thursday evening.

BY ANNA KARASS

The nor'easter that blew through Brunswick on Monday left Mayflower residents in the dark. Power was restored to Mayflower Apartments Thursday afternoon after three days without electricity.

At 1:22 p.m. on Monday, a student reported that the power had gone out and that a tree had fallen. According to Director Safety and Security Randy Nichols, Security was "down there immediately" to assess the situation. Although the tree broke a wire support at the top of the pole, the wire never touched the ground. The power lines were de-energized so that they were not a safety hazard.

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tion he submitted to the Elections Commission included 364 signatures of students on campus, as well as two e-mails from students abroad.

The Elections Commission met on Monday night and decided to hold the referendum vote to amend the constitution on Tuesday, so as not to move Thursday's and today's previously scheduled BSG elections.

BSG constitution mandates that 30 percent of the student body must vote in a referendum election for it to be valid. The referendum did not pass since only 458 students voted, instead of the required 547.

According to Class of 2007 Representative Emily Hubbard, 297 students voted in favor of the amendment that would have made all students eligible to run for BSG president, while 161 students voted against the amendment.

"I regret to inform you that the referendum did not pass because it did not achieve at least 30 percent of the student body voting in it," wrote Yaffe in a Facebook message to all members of the Facebook group "Hasta la victoria siempre! Yaffe for President."

"Once again, the BSG presidency will go without contest," he wrote.

According to Yaffe, there were a number of issues that may have impacted the referendum vote.

For example, the referendum was posted at 8 a.m. as part of a different referendum from the previous week, meaning that students who had already cast a ballot on the first referendum were unable to vote on the second until the issue was resolved some three hours later.

In addition, no announcement of the new referendum was made to the student body until 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, even though polls opened at 8 a.m. that morning. The e-mail was sent late due to a "glitch in the campus wide e-mail system," according to an e-mail sent to all students later that night.

"Due to issues with the list servers, no announcement has been made yet about the election taking place," Yaffe wrote in a Tuesday afternoon e-mail to the Orient.

"According to the BSG, I am not allowed to use the list servers or the digest to announce this referendum,"

"It's clear that a majority of people in that election did favor this [amendment], so it's clear that this discussion is not over.

This is only the beginning."

IAN YAFFE '99

he said, referencing officials' decisions to apply election rules to the referendum. Instead, Yaffe turned to Facebook and publicized the referendum through that Web site.

To correct the list and polling problems, BSG decided to extend voting until 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Shortly after voting closed, Yaffe was informed that the required 30 percent of students had not voted.

"A lot of people I know that supported this were confused. They didn't know it was happening even though they wanted to vote," Yaffe said.

"It is clear that a majority of people in that election did favor this [amendment], so it's clear that this discussion is not over. This is only the beginning," he said.

Yaffe said that he hopes to see this issue brought up again in the fall. He said that if the new BSG does not entertain a discussion about making all students eligible for BSG president, he plans to mobilize efforts again.

"I think a discussion and a referendum would be in order again—with a lot more time for discussion and a lot more mobilization of the entire student body," he said.

Brooks said that he will make sure that the issue of BSG eligibility is on next year's agenda.

"I don't think it's been adequately resolved," Brooks said. "I think there needs to be a campus dialogue about it."

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 commented on the election to the Orient Wednesday night.

"I have faith in the process, especially because as an institution, we were structurally, wholly unprepared. There are very few rules governing this process and we worked really closely with Ian to make sure it was done in good faith. It was an unprecedented sign of student activism, which I appreciate."

Yaffe said that although the amendment failed, his efforts were not in vain.

"The message was sent to the BSG that if you don't include students in the process, we're going to force them to," he said.

Team is scheduled to play a double-header against Wesleyan University on Saturday as its first home game.

"All the guys are really excited to play at home, and hopefully we will have a good presence from the student body," said Kopeniak.

"Everyone just wants to be outside," said Ward. "And I don't think that's just limited to the athletes."

CORRECTIONS

Eligibility error

"Yaffe to petition for BSG eligibility" (4/19) stated that candidates for the BSG treasurer position must have served previously in the SAFC. In fact, prior experience is not necessary. The information was incorrectly provided to the Orient by election officials.

Production error

Due to a production error, some sentences in "Student affairs addresses attendance policy" (4/19) were duplicated later in the article. A corrected version of this story is available in the Orient's online archive.

The Orient strives to be accurate in all of its reporting.

If you believe a correction or clarification is needed, please email the editors at orient@bowdoin.edu.

Students reimbursed for thefts

BY NICK DAY
ORIENT STAFF

Two students who had money stolen by a Bowdoin employee in Coles Tower have been reimbursed by the College. Currently, they do not plan to press charges.

David Soohoo '08 and roommate Cody Wyant '08 had a total of \$340 and \$100, respectively, stolen from their rooms in a series of incidents that began last month.

Soohoo told the Orient last week that he discovered a housekeeper had been stealing from his wallet when he caught the employee on a motion-activated camera.

The employee, who also admitted to the previous acts of theft, was subsequently fired.

Though Soohoo and Wyant have been reimbursed for their losses, the College—and not the former employee—has returned the money to them.

Associate Director of Facilities Operations Jeff Tuttle explained that the College decided to reimburse the students because of the "timeliness of it."

"We just felt this would take a while [if the employee was forced to pay back what he owed the students]. We decided to show some good faith

and some good will," said Tuttle.

Soohoo, who received restitution last Friday, wrote in an e-mail to the Orient that reimbursement "was in the works immediately after I had it reported" last Monday.

He added that, "the College took it on their own to right a wrong, which I believe was really not theirs, and reimburse me out of its own pocket for the time being."

Tuttle expected the former employee to pay back the College.

"He was very firm about paying back the money he owed," Tuttle said.

Though Soohoo and Wyant could press criminal charges, it is unlikely that they will do so. Since the thefts of the employee total less than \$5,000, Soohoo explained that the employee could not be charged with a felony.

"The effort needed to merely blemish this guy's record is not currently something I'm actively pursuing," Soohoo wrote.

He also stressed that the College did not try to persuade or dissuade him from filing criminal charges.

"I can't emphasize enough that the College did not persuade me not to take legal action. They in fact warned me of all possible lines I may walk in doing so and even offered me to help with the process."

Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols said he believes that the former employee was involved in at least one other theft on campus.

In December, Michaela Wallin '08 had about \$60 stolen from her while she was staying with a friend in the Tower after a semester abroad.

"It was stolen out of the common room overnight or in the morning when I was in the apartment or in the bedroom," she wrote in an e-mail.

Wallin was hesitant to report the theft, but did so at the behest of her friends who lived in the room.

She said that Nichols called her to report that the case had been "cracked," and that she would be reimbursed.

In addition to the case involving Wallin, Nichols is "interested in pursuing a couple other incidents" that may be related to the employee who was recently fired.

Tuttle expressed his optimism that the thefts would be recognized by the student body as isolated, and that the community would continue to trust housekeepers.

Despite preventive measures like pre-employment screenings or background checks, Tuttle said members of the community must realize that "there are certain acts of randomness you can't prevent."

Nichols talks Ivies at BSG meeting

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

Following this week's shooting at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols attended Wednesday's BSG meeting to address members' questions and concerns about potential crisis scenarios at Bowdoin.

Members also commented on the recent updates and referendum held for the positions of BSG treasurer and president.

As someone who has seen difficult scenarios before, he said that he felt for the security and police officers at the university, adding that such a rare event could have happened anywhere.

Nichols announced that Bowdoin recently implemented Connect-ED, an emergency notification system.

Through collaboration with Information Technology, the College has been working to institute the program since October and sent out a campus-wide test e-mail on Wednesday (see story, page 1).

Members also discussed how Bowdoin would handle situations

with media interaction, how the College would work with police forces, how students could receive brief training about prevention, and other measures of notification.

Nichols said that in the regularly scheduled emergency drill this June, the College will be incorporating some scenarios encountered during the Virginia shooting, such as a full-campus lockdown.

Nichols also added that Security is preparing for upcoming Ivies Weekend, preparing the staff and talking to Brunswick police about goals and expectations. He said that Ivies went "very, very well last year" and commended Bowdoin for the student-Security relationship.

"Ivies will fail or succeed depending on how well students work with Security. We need students to really buy into that, to watch out for each other. Security really can't do it alone, though we try really hard," he said.

In other business, BSG briefly discussed recent events with elections, including the eligibility for the BSG treasurer position.

BSG President DeRay McKesson

'07 explained that when a certain section in the BSG constitution was reformed last year, one section was omitted, which now grants all students eligibility for the BSG treasurer position (see story, page 3).

The body also discussed the failed movement initiated by Ian Yaffe '09 that would have permitted any student to run for the BSG presidency (see story, page 1).

In reference to discussions prior to the student petition, Vice President of Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07 said, "I think we did take this issue and spend a good amount of time on it, but it's hard to express that to the student body."

Also, BSG had a discussion with the visiting president of Bates College student government and identified differences between the systems.

The president said Bates's government has two different branches, legislative and executive, with a total of 77 people between the two. As a result, while high attendance is rare, the system is very inclusive, but may need to undergo some changes to reduce membership in the future.

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Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli said students coped well with the situation.

"Students have been remarkably patient, good humored, and calm regarding the power outage," Pacelli wrote in an e-mail.

Emily Remillard '07, head residential assistant at Mayflower, said that most residents "slept at home, but stayed at the library or with friends really late."

During the outage, the Office of Residential Life took a number of steps to accommodate residents.

Generators were set up to provide the apartments with hot water and heat.

The office also provided students with industrial-sized flashlights and glow sticks to make up for the lack of light in the apartments. In addition, affected students were given 24-hour keypad access to Reed House and Chamberlain to shower, charge electronic devices, and cook.

"Facilities very quickly got a generator set up to keep the heat and hot water up and running, which obviously makes it much easier and more comfortable to stick it out," Pacelli said.

The efforts made by Residential

Life to help students did not go unnoticed.

"The College did a pretty good job of making everyone happy," said Mayflower resident Nick Crawford '09.

In addition to the power outage at Mayflower, the Department and Safety and Security responded to incidents caused by falling limbs and trees.

According to Security, the high winds also knocked down a tree in the parking lot behind Russwurm house, causing damage to a student's car.

A car in the Farley Field House parking lot was also damaged by falling limbs.

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nis captain Drew McDonald '07. "Matches take longer indoors. I just want to play tennis outside."

Teams, including baseball and softball, also practice indoors.

"We can accommodate several team practices throughout the day in the field house," said Ward. "We have to put several teams in for hour-and-a-half blocks either really early in the morning or at night. Sometimes practices run quite late, until about 10:00 or 11:00. But there gets to be a point inside where you can only do so much."

While Ward said that this spring is among the worst that he has seen, it is not the worst.

"Three or four years ago we didn't get to play outside until the 24th of April," he said.

Since the forecast for this weekend shows sun and temperatures nearing 60 degrees, Ward is hopeful.

"Our fields drain incredibly well. They are among the best in the country and become playable very quickly," said Ward, citing the sandy soil.

Student athletes are hopeful as well. The Bowdoin Men's Baseball

Error opens treasurer election

BY ANNE RILEY
ORIENT STAFF

Due to an oversight, all students are now eligible to run for the position of BSG treasurer in this spring's election cycle. Juniors Clark Gascoigne, John Masland, and Nicole Willey have all submitted petitions to run for the position.

According to Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) President DeRay McKesson '07, a clause in the BSG constitution mandating that all treasurer candidates have previous experience on the Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC) was unintentionally removed last year while the document was being revised.

The Elections Committee received a complaint from all voting members of the SAFC, including Masland, on April 10 asking whether Gascoigne met the qualification stated on election materials of having served on SAFC previously. When the commission turned to the constitution for a decision, it found that the clause had been inadvertently removed.

"Last year in reforming the overall BSG relationship with the SAFC, we changed that whole part of the constitution," McKesson said.

"In rewriting that section, someone took out that qualification," he said, noting that the change was an oversight.

According to McKesson, it is possible that the qualification will be written back into the constitution in the future, but that it will

not be a factor in this election cycle.

Once the Election Commission realized that there was no clause in the constitution mandating previous SAFC experience, BSG reopened the petition process for the position of treasurer and held new information sessions for interested candidates.

"I think that [opening up the elections] was a smart move for this race; however, I am disappointed in the BSG for overlooking the fact that their revisions to the constitution unintentionally changed the election rules," Masland said in an e-mail to the Orient.

"[T]he long-standing requirement that the chair [of SAFC] must have previously served on the SAFC ensured that he or she had institutional memory," Masland wrote.

"It wouldn't surprise me if the BSG reintroduced the clause, but ultimately the students will get to decide," he said.

Masland, who has a year of SAFC experience, said that his platform for treasurer is three-fold.

First of all, "the money belongs to the students," he said. "My second point is that I stand for an approachable SAFC."

Masland's third point is that he is the only candidate with a full-year of experience on the SAFC.

Gascoigne, a Class of 2008 representative to BSG, said that he is the best candidate for the position since he has been both a club leader and a member of the SAFC. Clark has served a semester as a non-voting member of the SAFC

as BSG's Student Organizations Oversight Committee's representative to the SAFC.

"I know what it's like to be on both sides of the table," he said.

"I know it's very intimidating [to present a budget] and I want to make it as easy as possible," he said, noting that he would aim to make more than one sample budget available online.

"I also want to be proactive and check in with the clubs to make sure that they are on the right page about it. Often time, you get people switching up treasurers and they don't really know what's going on," Gascoigne said.

Willey, who entered the race once BSG announced that all students were eligible, agreed with Gascoigne that experience on "both sides of the table" is an important trait for the future treasurer.

A co-leader of campus organization Safe Space, Willey said that presenting a budget to SAFC can be a "frustrating process."

"It seems that we've forgotten that that money they're allocating is for the students," she said. "I want to reward and respect the people who are putting in the time to fill out these sheets."

"Some organizations have figured out the system, which is fabulous for them and they get the money they want, [but] I get the feeling that it doesn't matter what I say when I sit at that table—I feel like the SAFC has already made up its mind," she said.

Elections for treasurer have been postponed until Wednesday and Thursday.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

HI-TECH: With the College's upcoming switch to a Voice over Internet Protocol phone system, students will be able to virtually connect their cell phones to the phone system for use as their four-digit extension.

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flexibility to offer new high-tech features.

"Your computer could be your phone," Davis said, referencing one possible feature. "You could actually just have your voice mail messages on your computer."

Students will also have the option of connecting their cell phones to the phone system, so that they can just hit four digits on their phone to reach the College's four-digit extensions. Room phones will also be able to forward incoming calls to cell phones.

Residences will feature new telephone sets, which will likely include a digital screen and a port in a back for the computer connection. Davis said he expects that each student will be offered an individual phone extension number.

William Donahoe, Bowdoin Student Government's vice president for facilities, serves on Davis's student advisory committee. Donahoe said the committee provided Information Technology with feedback on the system's features.

"Being able to access our phone from anywhere will be extraordinarily convenient," Donahoe said, noting that the system will allow students an easy way to check voice mail from anywhere on campus.

He said he also appreciated the ability to call directory service 411 and other campus extensions from a cell phone.

Davis said he expects the system will be installed by fall. The College is now waiting to make sure that the technology's contractor can meet the budgetary boundaries.

Bowdoin currently uses a traditional PBX phone switching system that was installed about 25 years ago.

"It just needs to be upgraded," Davis said. "It's struggling."

Davis said that if the current switch were to have a major failure, it would take the College at least two weeks to

fix the system and reinstall phone extensions. That would leave college residences and offices without telephone service.

Even though VoIP systems create digital signals, they are still able to call traditional telephones. According to the Federal Communications Commission, the digital signal is converted back to a traditional voice signal when reaching a non-VoIP phone user.

The College's data network expansion is also allowing for the introduction of other new technologies.

Davis said seven courses at Bowdoin are piloting an online video system where course films are offered via streaming video. He said that students and faculty members have praised the concept.

"We can't do it fast enough," he said. Thirty movies are currently in the system. The College's current technology cannot quickly convert the videos, but Davis said his department has been in communication with vendors about a new system.

Eventually, Bowdoin Cable Network could offer movies on demand over the system, he said.

Davis said his department is also talking with representatives from technology companies Cisco and Ericsson about acquiring chips that students can place in their cell phones and use to provide an unlocking signal to proximity readers that permit access to dormitories and computer labs on campus.

Other technologies in development include a student information system that will allow students to use their cell phones for course scheduling. Microsoft Windows Vista software may also be available at the end of the academic year, he said.

Davis said that while all students may not use every technology innovation that the College provides, he wants to provide choices to students.

"At least there are those options, and that's what we are more about creating right now," he said.

SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT

APRIL 12 TO APRIL 19

Thursday, April 12

• A security officer escorted at student with a cut finger from Pine Street Apartments to Parkview Hospital.

Friday, April 13

• Two underage students entered Appleton Hall carrying four bottles of wine. When the students saw a security officer approaching they hid the bottles in a women's rest room. The officer found it and flushed.

Saturday, April 14

• A student at Smith reported hearing footsteps and someone trying to open the front door. An officer responded and checked the area.

• A student reported the theft of a women's Specialized Hardrock mountain bike from outside the Brunswick Apartments L-section. An officer on patrol recovered the bike on Tuesday and returned it to the owner.

• An officer found a GPS III Plus in a snow bank near the Farley tennis courts. The item was later claimed at the Safety and Security Office.

Sunday, April 15

• An officer responded to a Harpswell Street private student residence to check on the wellbeing of an intoxicated student.

• An officer checked the wellbeing of an intoxicated student who had consumed too much hard alcohol at Coles Tower. The student was taken to Parkview Hospital by Brunswick Rescue.

• An officer brought a student with a foot injury to Parkview Hospital.

• An officer confiscated two swords from the first floor common room/library of MacMillan House.

• Two Baxter House students reported that their room door had been vandalized.

• A smoke alarm was activated by burnt popcorn on the first floor of Coleman Hall.

• An officer transported an ill student from Coleman Hall to Parkview Hospital at the request of a parent.

Monday, April 16

• The large cedar tree behind Russwurm House was blown down during a wind storm. A student's vehicle parked on Tower Drive was damaged.

• A college-leased van that was parked in the northeast corner of the Coffin Lot was damaged by a fallen tree.

• A local resident's vehicle parked near the Lubin Squash Courts was damaged by a falling tree limb.

• A biology department staff member reported downed trees and power lines blocking access to the Coastal Studies Center.

• Flooding was reported at the McLellan Building.

• A large tree in the front yard of Mayflower Apartments was uprooted during a storm, knocking out power to the neighborhood.

• A suspicious person was spotted by a patron at H-L library. Security officers identified and questioned the person. The person was given a criminal trespass warning and ordered to leave campus.

• A student using a crosswalk at the intersection of Park Row and

Longfellow was struck and injured by a car driven by another student. The pedestrian student was transported to Parkview Hospital with minor injuries.

Tuesday, April 17

• A carbon monoxide alarm was activated at Mayflower Apartments. The alarm was determined to be related to a power outage.

• A student reported the theft of a white video i-Pod with a black cover. The property was stolen following a registered event early Sunday morning at Stowe Hall.

• A local resident reported that he misplaced his wallet at WBOR on Sunday night. The wallet is a brown leather bi-fold containing cash, a driver's license and other items. If found, please contact Safety and Security.

Wednesday, April 18

• A delivery truck backing into the Thorne loading dock struck and damaged a parked Dining Service truck.

• A gray Huffy Stone Mountain 18-speed mountain bike was found on Maine Street.

• A window on the first floor of Howard Hall sustained damage from a BB or pellet strike.

• An intrusion alarm at Banister Hall was inadvertently activated.

• An officer transported an ill student from Coleman Hall to Parkview Hospital.

Thursday, April 19

• A fire alarm at Sargent Gymnasium and Smith Union was apparently triggered by a water flow pressure alarm. The Brunswick Fire Department responded and checked the system.

BOWDOIN BRIEF

Allen '67 expected to declare Senate run

Rep. Tom Allen '67, D-Maine, will likely announce his candidacy for the U.S. Senate within the next month. The Hill reported Wednesday. The Washington, D.C.-based newspaper attributed the news to Allen's campaign manager.

Allen has been a frequent visitor to the Bowdoin campus, most recently visiting the College on Saturday as part of the Step It Up afternoon of climate change-advocacy events. The campus falls within the state's First District, which Allen represents.

Allen's candidacy would challenge Sen. Susan Collins, a two-term Republican. According to the Hill, Collins currently holds an \$800,000 to \$1.2 million advantage in cash-on-hand.

Initial searches of Federal Election Commission data by the Orient showed no donations to Allen from Bowdoin-employed individuals since Allen was re-elected to his congressional seat in November 2006.

After graduating from Bowdoin, Allen attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He later earned a degree from Harvard Law School.

-Bobby Guerette

Students take oath of silence

BY GEMMA LEGHORN
ORIENT STAFF

On Wednesday at 7 p.m., a group of students who had been participating in the National Day of Silence gathered at the flagpole, and, on the count of three, let their voices be heard again.

The event's mission statement reads, "The Day of Silence is an annual event held to bring attention to anti-LGBT bullying, harassment, and discrimination in schools."

According to a national event Web site, the Day of Silence "is one of the largest student-led actions in the country," taking place on high school and college campuses all over the country.

At Bowdoin, students could choose to be silent for the entire day, or for as long as they felt comfortable. Shalmi

Rivera '10, who coordinated the event with her sister, Shamir Rivera '10, stressed that any participation was encouraged.

"If you just want to be silent for part of the day, that makes a difference," she said.

Those participating wore rainbow ribbons and carried badges that explained the reason for their silence. Some students and faculty who did not participate in the silence showed their support by signing banners in Smith Union throughout the week.

Though the Bowdoin Queer-Straight Alliance is very active this year, Shalmi Rivera expressed concern about the fate of the club next year, noting that she knew of only two first-year students who are openly gay on campus—the rest are seniors.

"Big gay '07 is graduating...their class is the most out group of kids," she said.

Organizers hope that this will spark more awareness of LGBT presence on campus. The goal of the day, according to Shalmi Rivera, was to both draw attention to the voices that are not being heard, as well as to emphasize to students the importance of being sensitive to LGBT issues.

"Certain things are said [that] could potentially make students not voice their opinions, and students might continue to be quiet about it," she said.

"It's a very crude imitation of what it's like to hide something about yourself," said Mary Kelly '10, "but it gives you some idea of what it might be like to be [in] that position."

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er of environmental health and safety, the plan uses the specialized knowledge of different departments and divisions within the school, "managed through this core document."

The response plan uses a system developed by the government, the National Incident Management System, that provides a structure within which unique protocols for specific situations are followed.

For example, the health center has an epidemic response policy, Dayton Arena has response procedures for ammonia leaks (related to the rink's cooling system), and Dining Service has protocols for issues with food service.

"It plays to and utilizes the strengths of each part of the team for an efficient and effective response," said Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols. "What the plan does is bring the components together in a coordinated fashion."

"I like to call it an 'all-hazards' plan," Nichols added.

According to Fisher, the response plan has never been implemented outside of mock scenarios, although the College came close to using it in response to severe weather and this fall's staph infection diagnoses.

The College is also just beginning to implement a new emergency notification system, Connect-ED.

According to Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis, Connect-ED allows campus officials to send mass e-mail, phone messages, and text messages in seconds. Every student, faculty, and staff member will have up to six phone numbers and two e-mail addresses stored in Connect-ED's database, and in the event of an emergency, officials can send messages to each one.

The system is remotely hosted, so the College doesn't have to protect or maintain a server. In the event that campus computers are inaccessible, Connect-ED is accessible by cellular phone.

The system is currently operational (students received a test e-mail on Wednesday), though Information Technology (IT) is currently working to update its databases, and ultimately students will be able to choose their primary telephone number and e-mail address. Parents' contact information will also be incorporated in the future, Nichols said.

Nichols demonstrated the power of Connect-ED by instructing the system to send a pre-recorded telephone message to an Orient reporter. It took 15 seconds between when Nichols clicked "confirm" on his computer screen's Web browser, and when the cell phone started ringing.

According to Davis, the College has also entered into an agreement with Loyola Marymount University

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TIM FOSTER
DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

in Los Angeles that would provide backup for each College's important electronic operations, and allow them to continue even if an emergency disabled computers and servers on campus.

Bowdoin will provide the same service for Loyola Marymount.

He said that the project would be completed in two years, and that the collaboration would save the College thousands of dollars each month in contrast to a remote hosting system.

Though emergency response and planning make up an important component of the College's preparedness, officials said crisis prevention—especially preventing situations where a psychologically disturbed student undertakes violent action—is also important to ensuring that emergencies never occur to begin with.

"It's just a place where there are so many points of connection, and the environment is such that it's hard to be anonymous and fall through the cracks," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster.

"I think this is the type of tragedy that can happen anywhere...though it's less likely to happen at a place like Bowdoin," he added, referring to Monday's shootings at Virginia Tech. "I'd like to think that if someone was as troubled as this young man was that we could have connected with that person, and decided whether that person really was a threat."

In terms of balancing an intervention with privacy and confidentiality, Foster said that "our approach on this is a clear line: Is the person a threat to themselves or others?"

"Because we're small, we're able to be nimble...The anonymity is so much less, and the communications pathways are not as encumbered," he said.

Nichols stressed that members of the community should always feel comfortable to voice their concerns.

"It's all about the alertness and vigilance on the part of every member of the Bowdoin community," he said. "Communicate about things that don't seem right. Never hesitate to pass on those feelings to either a supervisor or someone you trust."

Nichols said that there had been numerous incidents where students had come to Security after noticing suspicious behavior, and that often these hunches were confirmed.

"We're here to respond, but we have to know where and when," Fisher, the environmental health manager, said.

Fellowship applicants recognized

BY SAM WAXMAN
ORIENT STAFF

In many situations, the journey is much more important than the goal. Such is the case for this year's fellowship applicants, who were honored by the Career Planning Center (CPC) on Wednesday.

The CPC held a Fellowship Reception in Cram Alumni House to recognize students who have applied for any academic fellowship this year.

According to Anne Shields, director of the CPC, the focus of this reception is "celebrating the efforts of the students who choose to participate in these competitions."

"We invite every student who participated in the process," she said.

Faculty, staff, and students said that applying for a fellowship is a rewarding experience, although by no means easy.

"I congratulate you for putting in that kind of effort. It is a tribute to this college that you do such great work," President Barry Mills said.

Mike Igoo '07 said that he was "very happy" with the process of applying for a Watson fellowship, since it taught him about "convinc-

ing someone what you think is important actually is important."

"It makes people think carefully about their future [and be] more aware of their choices," said Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy Thomas Baumgartner, who is currently a member of the Faculty Fellowship Committee.

The fellowship committee and the CPC want to increase the public knowledge of fellowships, of which students are often unaware.

"I don't think enough students realize the number of scholarships out there," said Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett.

Due in equal parts to faculty and staff efforts and student enthusiasm and perseverance, a large number of Bowdoin students have won prestigious fellowship awards this year.

They include four Fulbright research grants and two Fulbright grants to teach English abroad, two Watson fellowships to travel and study for a year, one Goldwater fellowship for further study in mathematics and the sciences, and one Keasby fellowship to study at Oxford for two years.

The Fulbright research grant recipients are Karen Tang '07, who

will study the divorce rate among middle-aged adults in Japan; Mara Partridge '05, who will travel to Mexico to study business; Dawn Riebeling '07, who will travel to Europe to investigate international cooperation in the United Nations; and Jaelyn Lee '05, who will research the Korean immigrant community in Argentina.

"I wanted to push myself outside of my comfort zone...[and have] experience abroad to fill things out before grad school," said Riebeling.

"International cooperation is at the core of my interest, and at the core of the Fulbright mission too," she said.

Jordan Krechmer '07 and Hilary Pietricola '07 will both travel to Germany to teach English there.

The Watson fellowship winners are Nikolai Von Keller '07, who will travel to South America, the Caribbean, and Japan to study non-Western poetry, and Cotton Estes '07, who will study the rehabilitation of urban industrial structures, mainly in eastern Europe.

Johannes Strom '09 is the recipient of the Goldwater fellowship, and Mary Hartley Platt '07 was awarded a Keasby.



COURTESY OF COLIN BECKMAN

FOR THE BEARS: More than 400 people attended Saturday's Step It Up rally to push Congress to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050. Rep. Tom Allen, D-Maine, spoke at the rally, as did an aid to Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

More than 400 attend Step It Up rally

BY EMILY GUERIN
ORIENT STAFF

More than 400 members of the Bowdoin and Brunswick community attended Saturday's climate change rally on campus.

Clad in "Polar Bears Against Climate Change" T-shirts, the participants in Step It Up marched through downtown

Brunswick. They also took a photo of themselves in front of the Hyde Plaza polar bear to send to the U.S. Congress. More than 1,500 signed letters were sent to five different Maine politicians.

The event was "a historic moment for Bowdoin, Brunswick, and for the nation," said Colin Beckman '07, one of the event's organizers.

Beckman said he hoped that the

event would "be an inspiration to current Bowdoin students to carry on the work of campus-based action."

Polar Bears Against Climate Change co-heads Ruth Morrison '07 and Nastasha Horvath '07 said in a letter to the Orient that Bowdoin "can (and should) become a true leader in the movement to save the polar bear and fight climate change."

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FEATURES

Alumnus puts Bowdoin in the spotlight

Cole Harris '74 shows his Bowdoin pride in his work with Hollywood stars

BY CATI MITCHELL
ORIENT STAFF

Alumnus Cole Harris, a member of the Class of 1974, has been working to get Patrick Dempsey's character on "Grey's Anatomy" to wear Bowdoin gear. While Harris is not on Bowdoin's payroll, he promotes the College's name in Hollywood out of sheer school pride. But had it not been for Harris's perseverance in gaining admission to Bowdoin as a student, Dempsey might have been asked to sport the name of another alma mater.

"I was rejected at Bowdoin twice," said Harris.

Harris, who grew up in Boston and Portland, applied to Bowdoin—and only Bowdoin—as a senior in high school.

"It was my dream to go to Bowdoin and swim there," he said, noting that Joshua Chamberlain was a childhood hero of his.

But Harris was flat-out rejected. Not one to give in to a challenge, Harris called the dean of admissions a number of times, without any luck, before driving up to Brunswick. After waiting all day, Harris finally got in to see the dean.

"I just want to tell you, I'm coming to this school," Harris told him. "I just need you to tell me how."

"He laughed, but I think he kind of liked my directness," Harris recalled.

The dean recommended that Harris do a post-graduate year at a prep school. Harris took his advice. He reapplied to Bowdoin from Hebron Academy, along with 21 other students in his class there. He was deferred early decision, but there was a handwritten note attached to the letter: "If you keep this up, I may give you the nod in April."

Harris was the only student from his class to get accepted that spring. "I felt so determined to prove that I was worthy that I nearly killed myself at Bowdoin," said Harris, who was an economics major and a member of the swim team. He also participated in chemistry research that was later published.

After graduating, Harris began working in the business of school products. In the early 1990s, he proposed an idea to his bosses at Jostens, Inc. If Jostens put its products, which range from yearbooks to class rings, on television and in movies, business would boom. The company told him to go for it.

Harris began working on the project, calling various people who were "low down on the totem pole." Soon enough, a prop master from "Beverly Hills 90210" called him for wardrobe items and yearbooks. After working with the staff on a high school graduation episode, Harris got a call from the executive producer.

"We're going to do four years in college, and I want to know we're doing it right," he told Harris, who stuck with them until the end of the show's run.

During the show's California University commencement, audience members held programs that were copies of Bowdoin's commencement

program. The commencement speech was also based off "The Right to Fail," given by Pat Mian '74 at Harris's commencement from Bowdoin.

Jason Priestly, an actor on the show, "wanted it to be ours," Harris said.

"I think Bowdoin ought to be a household name. I don't think there's any place like Bowdoin," notes Harris, whose wife also graduated from Bowdoin.

Harris does not leave out any details in his goal of promoting Bowdoin's brand name, noting that Bowdoin is the only NESCAC school whose name is not in Microsoft Word's spell check.

After "90210," Harris's own name spread throughout Hollywood, and he was able to work on a number of other projects, including "She's All That," "13 Going on 30," "The Benchwarmers," "Gilmore Girls," "Joan of Arcadia," and "Roswell."

Harris's office in Falmouth is covered with memorabilia from his work, everything from pictures of his daughter with the cast of "90210" to signed photos of the cast of "The O.C." But despite his apparent popularity in the Hollywood school niche, Harris is very modest about his work.

"I'm at the property, set design level. I'm not high-level," he says.

But not all of the work Harris does is in Hollywood. He also works with a number of high schools and colleges, including Bowdoin, on their yearbooks. He wants to help students "record the history of the College."

"I really love being the yearbook guy," says Harris. "It allows me to talk with students that were just special."

Along with his work at Jostens, Harris did some work in the beverage business. He says he is "obsessed with cola." So obsessed, in fact, that a few years ago he decided to create his own cola, one that is a little less sweet than others on the market. Although the deal to mass-market the soda fell through, Harris spent a few years developing a cola in various flavors, which was tested in high schools.

"The students were addicted," says Harris. "They couldn't go back to regular cola."

Sitting in his office across from two Bowdoin chairs, sipping a Diet Coke, Harris discussed the possibility of "McDreamy" wearing Bowdoin clothes on "Grey's Anatomy." After having trouble getting to Dempsey through the people at ABC, Harris contacted former Buckfield High School Principal Jim Anastasio.

Both Harris and Amanda Dempsey, Patrick's mother, worked under Anastasio—Harris as the yearbook advisor, Amanda Dempsey as a school employee. This contact allowed him to go directly to Amanda Dempsey, who mailed the petition to the actor.

"I took it to Patrick's momma," jokes Harris.

Ultimately for Harris, who maintains contact with the College through his work with the yearbook and a relationship with President Barry Mills, Bowdoin is just a place worth promoting.

"I've really carried the Bowdoin thing with me," says Harris. "It's been a religion for me."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF COLE HARRIS

ABOVE: Cole Harris '74 snaps a shot with Jennifer Garner on the set of "13 Going on 30." Harris creates school paraphernalia for props in various television shows and movies.

RIGHT: Harris and Jason Priestly take a break on the set of television show "Beverly Hills 90210." For a college commencement on the show, Harris provided copies of Bowdoin's commencement programs as props, and a speech at the ceremony was based on the one given at Harris's commencement at Bowdoin.



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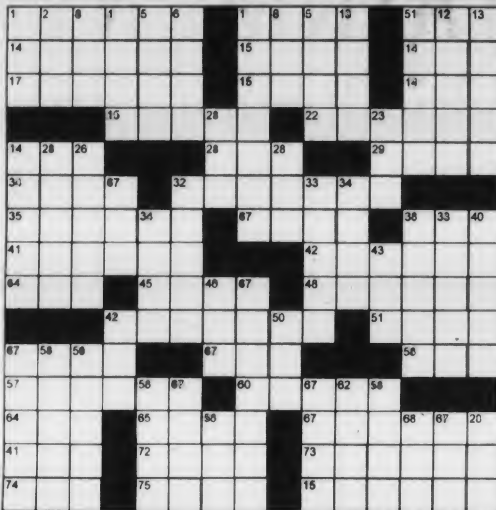
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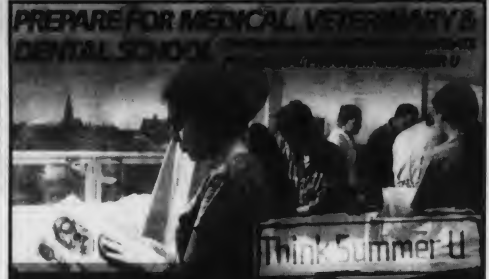
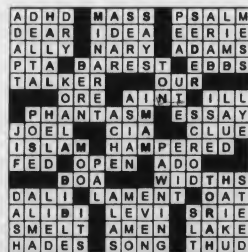
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Dance springs into step with multicultural variety



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

STRIKE A POSE: VAGUE, one of Bowdoin's jazz dance groups, performs at the Department of Theater and Dance's Spring Dance Concert Thursday night in Pickard Theater. The show will also take place today and Saturday at 8 p.m.

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

This year's Spring Dance Concert offers a taste of everything: martial arts-inspired capoeira, onstage improvised choreography, and a tap solo to Justin Timberlake's "SexyBack."

Lecturer in Dance Performance and concert producer Paul Sarvis cited the variety and multiculturalism in this year's show, which also includes Bowdoin's Unity Step Team, jazz dance groups Obvious and VAGUE, Asian dance troupe Anohka, and pieces by the various dance classes.

Sarvis's own choreography class will perform real-time improvisational choreography, where a caller refers to each dancer onstage and directs their movements.

"They're painting the picture as it happens," Sarvis said. "It opens the choreography perspective to the audience and they play the game of the choreography in their minds. It's suspenseful and potentially playful."

In addition to the choreography class, Sarvis's advanced repertory class will perform "A Complete Illustrated History of the Roman Empire." The piece, which lasts 13 minutes, uses a "wide-ranging sound," according to Sarvis, by including a Stevie Smith poem and "It's a Man's Man's World."

Sammie Francis '09, who also tap-danced in last semester's dance concert,

SPRING DANCE CONCERT

When: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Pickard Theater, Memorial Hall.
Admission: Free. Tickets at Smith Union.

choreographed a tap solo to "SexyBack" for this spring. She has tap-danced to various artists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Dave Matthews in the past, and said that the beat and liveliness of Timberlake's song inspired her to dance to it.

"It's also ironic that one would be tapping to a dance called 'SexyBack' just because one doesn't normally associate 'sexiness' with 'tap dancing,'" Francis said. "But it totally works and I'm proud of it."

Francis said that the technical staff at Pickard set up microphones on the floor so that the audience will be able to better hear her feet while she taps. But, even with the "patient and thoughtful" staff, Francis said, "It's been a challenge to get a proper balance working because the beat of the song is so loud and persistent."

This year is the first that the show will include capoeira, a type of Afro-Brazilian dance that incorporates martial arts, and defense maneuvers that will be performed by Omar Aquino '10, Max Goldstein '07, and Dennis Lim '07.

Laura Budhai '07 and Naomi Strum '08 will perform "Against Interpretation," a duet that combines modern dance techniques and African dance

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Keep your inner child happy with Blackberry



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

LONG TRAIL BLACKBERRY WHEAT—\$7.95 for a six-pack at Uncle Tom's Market

When I was little (by little, I mean before I graduated from high school), I approached each night's family meal like a general going into battle. As my mom prepared the meal, I would slink around the kitchen, scouting out what villainous vegetable dish was destined to make my otherwise glorious meal miserable. After I was done with the good stuff, I spread the remaining vegetable medley across my plate as thin as a pancake, in hopes that my mom would not notice and instead think that there had been a new, rainbow-colored plate added to her collection.

It never worked. Instead I spent the duration of my childhood, like most of you, resentfully choking down damned cauliflower and asparagus. So, I developed a keen fondness for fruit, both because it was the healthy alternative to those greens I so utterly hated and because it happened to be the key ingredient to one of my favorite desserts: Mom's homemade apple pie. Thus, as my highly developed palate has

grown to include the much-refined world of barley and hops, I can't help but give fruity beer a chance. Call it spite, but I'm glad that Sun-Dried Tomato Lager never caught on, and instead we can enjoy tasty treats like Long Trail Blackberry Wheat.

I know what you're all thinking: Beer Fever has gone soft. Let me assure you, I am still as much of a man as I ever was. Why, just this morning, after showering in the rain and

shaving with a butter knife, I set the new (albeit only) Orangina chugging record at Express Lunch. That's right; I'm the man. But even a guy's guy can enjoy a good fruit cup once in a while (just peek inside Ted's Powerpuff Girls lunchbox for proof). While I'd still rather give a free

six-pack of blueberry beer to my sister rather than drink it myself, I think the gender gap of fruity beer has become a little smaller these days. So guys, put your pride aside and belly up to a Long Trail Blackberry Wheat.

When you chew a piece of Bublicious, you want to feel like you're biting into that juicy summer watermelon. The same can be said for that Snapple or bag of beef jerky (just keep telling yourself that's teriyaki). But fruity beers are not bubblegum, and they shouldn't try and act like

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Students flock to Film Festival



BY MIKE NUGENT
COLUMNIST

The Third Annual Bowdoin Film Festival had a successful event last weekend with a packed house for the screening of the student films, continuing the momentum from previous years.

On Friday night, people had to sit in the theater aisles to glimpse what Bowdoin filmmakers have to offer. The crowd reacted audibly to the films, especially to the horror films and the film "Taken" from the always popular Ironie T-Shirt. Those present voted for the winner of the Audience Award.

Though the weather kept some away on Sunday, the festival capped off with a very successful awards show. President Barry Mills presented the Best Picture award, and other professors and staff judges were on hand to present.

After the film clips were shown, Hari Kondabolu '04, a stand-up comic who recently appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," screened a short film. He reiterated the call for a new film professor that was made by many throughout the evening, including by host Sean Kleier '09 and Martin Scorsese, who made a surprise appearance during the show's opening.

No one film swept the awards. Instead, the wealth was spread among three films.

Lucas Delahanty '10 picked up two technical awards, sound and cinematography, for his excellent horror film "Styx and Stone." Delahanty had no previous filmmaking experience, a surprise for anyone who watched this film.

Ironie T-shirt members Adam Paltriner, Dan Yingst, Anton Handel and Nick Von Keller and their film "Taken" were the biggest winners of the night, taking home



TOMMY WELLOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE: Adam Paltriner '07 accepts the award for Best Supporting Performance from Associate Professor of Film Studies Tricia Welsch at Sunday's Bowdoin Film Festival awards.

a total of six awards. The film won for editing, writing, the Audience Award, and a special judges' award for Best Campus Crimeford, given to Elie Mechoulam.

The film also picked up two acting awards, with Paltriner garnering the Supporting Performance win and Anton Handel for Actor, playing a total of four different roles. As for Best Actress, Krystle Allen won for her role as a deceitful girlfriend in "I Love You, I Love You Not."

The judges also awarded "Touch" a special prize for original concept, and Andreas Riedel the Rising Star award.

But the big prizes of the night, Best Director and Best Picture, went to Chris Kurose for "Moving On." As she awarded him the director award, Associate Professor of Film Studies Tricia Welsch said his film demonstrated true promise and a budding mastery of the craft. "Moving On" takes place in Prague and details a man struggling to take the next step in his life.

I was extremely happy with the festival and the increasing interest in filmmaking I saw at Bowdoin, not only from filmmakers but also from the general campus community. Film at Bowdoin is growing more every year and this event certainly strengthens it. But this trend can only continue with your contributions. Time's a-wasting! Get cracking for next year!

If you didn't get a chance to attend the Film Fest, the movies will be screened on BCN in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for exact times and dates.

Also, wrapping up its Earth Week events this weekend, Frontier will be playing "Pole to Pole," the first segment of the BBC/Discovery Channel's acclaimed "Planet Earth" series. If you haven't seen "Planet Earth," prepare to be mesmerized.

Nature documentaries have always been fascinating, but the Planet Earth series

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Pianist improvises weekly jazz sessions

BY CAROLYN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Every Friday or Saturday night for the past three weeks, strains of improvised jazz have floated out of Gibson Hall. Hassan Muhammad '10, a jazz pianist, has started a "weekly jam session" in Gibson 101.

Every week, he bands together "seasoned musicians" from the University of Maine at August, Mount Ararat High School, and Waynflete High School for a free performance open to the public. He sees it as an "opportunity for the Bowdoin community to get out and hear a form of music that they might not be particularly familiar with."

"I bring in different musicians to accompany me from outside the school," said Muhammad. The ensemble performs a few songs together, but then invites members of the audience to participate in their improvised jazz conglomerations.

Muhammad calls the performances "very informal" and only requires that audience members wishing to participate "have played their instruments before."

The concerts provide a way for "musicians, especially Bowdoin jazz musicians, to broaden their horizons," but above all, it's "a group of musicians getting together and having some fun," Muhammad said.

Muhammad hopes that "musicians of this caliber will inspire Bowdoin musicians." He believes that "it's not enough to simply listen to recordings."

"To really become inspired, you



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

PIANO MAN: Hassan Muhammad '10 performs at the Little Dog Cafe in downtown Brunswick. Muhammad has organized weekly improvised jazz sessions on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in Gibson Hall 101, inviting audience members to join the music with their own instruments.

have to experience it on a personal level," by either playing the music, or "seeing people play it right in front of you," he said.

Muhammad said that in fourth grade, he almost quit piano until he heard jazz.

"What it took for me to become inspired was a group of musicians who came to my school and performed for my class. From that moment on I didn't want to play anything but jazz," he said.

He continues to be "very serious

about music and jazz."

The jazz series will continue through the end of the year and begin again next fall "without a doubt," said Muhammad. He added that "interest is growing every week."

The audience includes professors, students, alumni, and community members—some musicians, others not. He encourages people to bring their instruments. The concerts take place on either Friday or Saturday nights in Gibson 101 at 7:30 p.m. Because the group has to plan its

schedule around other events occurring in Gibson, Muhammad said that the best thing to do is check Bowdoin Student Digest, where he will post weekly updates.

A seasoned piano player, Muhammad said that he feels "like every student at Bowdoin has something unique and different to offer." He performs at the Little Dog Cafe twice a month and also with the Bowdoin jazz band, whose next performance will be during the inaugural weekend for Bowdoin's new concert hall.

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ries takes them to the next level. One reason is the film's cutting-edge technologies, such as a new system that keeps a camera stable on a helicopter and a lens four times more powerful than any used before.

The film's producer, Alastair Fothergill, said, "With the new system, we can fly at 400 [meters], even higher, and still get a perfect close up. The animals on the ground don't even know we are there, and yet we are keeping up with the action in ways we never have been able to before."

"Planet Earth" has been a labor of love for the filmmakers, taking nearly five years to complete. But in many ways it seems perfectly in tune with the times and humanity's growing awareness of climate change. The film's message is clear: this is what we stand to lose if we don't do something about carbon emissions.

And there is so much to lose. From a pack of leopards bringing down an elephant at night to Amazonian piranhas and our beloved polar bears, the wonders of the natural world are dazzlingly front and center.

"Pole to Pole" introduces viewers to the series and looks at the planet as a whole, considering macro events that have shaped Earth's history as they travel from the North Pole to Antarctica. Mass migrations are tracked, and polar bears are featured prominently.

Do whatever it takes to see "Planet Earth"—you'll thank me later.

"Pole to Pole" is at the Frontier Café + Cinema + Gallery on today and Saturday at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., with a matinee at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. Frontier is located in Fort Andross at the end of Maine Street. Tickets are \$5. For more information, check out www.explore-frontier.com.

BOOK REVIEW

Novel's Americans live 'In Persuasion Nation'

BY FRANCES MILLIKEN
STAFF WRITER

Imagine walking around Times Square and being visually assaulted by advertisements that are tailored to your age, sex, previous purchases and personal preferences. Grandfathers see Gene Kelly advertising the latest amenities while 5-year-olds see Babar. George Saunders takes the principles of consumerism that are already deeply rooted in the American consciousness and amplifies them in his novel "In Persuasion Nation." Paying close attention to the trajectory of American dependence on material goods, he follows it upward with comic results. But within these illustrations of American absurdity lies a terrifying truth about the proximity of a world in which the only mode of existence is in compliance with the manipulative extremes of consumerism.

Saunders's collection of eerily jocular short stories runs so quickly and is written in such plain language that it is very easy to miss the warped atrocities with which the author washes these pages. This tone complies with a jaded view that prevents normal, empathetic human reactions to the upsetting aspects of life that have become everyday events. Saunders does not write seriously and this serves to emphasize the ease with which his audience stomachs the corpses and severed appendages that so regularly appear between commercial breaks in his stories.

Although these vignettes are never infected with the severity of George Orwell's "1984," they are nevertheless built upon the same foundation of mass manipulation and control. In one story, the reader enters

a facility where orphaned children lead contextually happy lives as highly medicated product testers. In another, the stars of a reality TV show use any sensation, no matter how disturbing, to keep their audience hooked on their imitations of real life. While the worlds Saunders gives his readers are frightening, filled with material obsession and consumer manipulation, Saunders's stories have within each one of them someone who is resisting. Loyal Bowdoin fans will be happy to hear that one of the heroic characters who rejects the constraints of his role in the consumer machine is a polar bear. With the recurrence of those who are willing to step outside the comforts provided by living an insular consumer life, even if it means a gaping though not fatal hole in the neck, the reader is left with the sentiment that doom is forthcoming but not inevitable.

These stories are deeply rooted in the truth of American dependence on material goods. Despite the grandiose techniques of exaggeration Saunders employs, the fundamentals of every bizarre story are glaringly familiar. Through his satirical engagement with his subject, Saunders brings into focus the weirdness of a pervasive obsession with advertisement, material pleasure and the way these things become more important to a person than human connections. While he does not provide his readers with an "easy" button, he does tune them in to some of the absurdities of modern life that have visible comforts but carry with them discreet subversions of freedom through their ability to enslave one to a certain brand or a persistent want for more.

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it. This, I think, is the downfall of most fruit-flavored beers. When I have a glass of blueberry ale, I don't want to feel like I just shotgunned a crate of blueberries. One Cherry Wheat ale is fine now and then, but any more than that and I wish I'd just sprung for the martini. But Blackberry Wheat is different. The acuteness of the aroma combined with the subtlety of the flavor and light body make it a great ale for any outing—whether in your living room, at dinner, or down at the local watering hole.

One more note: the alcohol by volume (ABV) of Blackberry Wheat is one of the lowest I've seen in a

Before you instinctively gravitate toward the King of Beers, why not give your taste buds a break, embrace your inner child, and bite into a nice juicy blackberry? After all, you're going to need something to wash those vegetables down.

while, at an even 4.0. While this would normally be grounds for a thorough verbal shelling, I think this actually adds to the attractiveness of this beer. Since any ABV under five means it doesn't qualify as an alcoholic beverage, you are safe to substitute one to two Blackberry Wheats for any meal's first serving of your choosing. My personal favorite is scrambled eggs, bacon,

toast, and a 12-ounce serving of Vermont Blackberries: breakfast of champions, baby.

It's 2007 now folks, and the gender divide of alcohol consumption is steadily breaking down. Women across the country are dropping the wine coolers and flocking to full-bodied beers, men are turning to more flavorful brews between beer-can crushing contests, and Ted—well, Ted is still ordering White Zinfandel by the case. But the one thing that we can all agree on is great taste, no matter what form it takes. So before you instinctively gravitate toward the King of Beers, why not give your taste buds a break, embrace your inner child, and bite into a nice juicy blackberry? After all, you're going to need something to wash those vegetables down.

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steps Sarvis described the duet as "an intimate story about their friendship."

Sarvis also called Dance 212's piece, "Foreign Exchange," an exercise in "European foreign language." Dance 112 will perform a piece called "Fast Asleep" which incorporates children's songs and even some Tom Waits. Both classes are taught by Lecturer in Dance Performance Gwyneth Jones.

"There are so many upbeat and lively dances, and they come in great variety and style," Francis said. "What makes it so exciting is that both the department dances and the student groups that perform are wonderful. I wish I could sit in the audience every night and watch instead of waiting backstage."

The Spring Dance Concert is today and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Pickard Theater. Admission is free and tickets are available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

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SPORTS

Men's lacrosse loses to Tufts, drops to 5-5 overall

BY JEREMY BERNFELD
STAFF WRITER

With one week left in the regular season, the men's lacrosse team is practically in playoff mode. The upcoming week will decide the outcome of the team's entire season. It features four NESCAC games, two of which are against in-state rivals Colby and Bates.

The Polar Bears (5-5, 2-3 NESCAC) suffered a disappointing but encouraging loss to fifth-ranked Tufts in Brunswick on Saturday. The team was on the short end of a 9-7 score, but gave the Jumbos (9-1, 5-1 NESCAC) quite a scare. Senior Alex Weaver found the net to tie the game at 4-4 midway through the third quarter, but a Tufts three-goal rally put the game out of reach. Weaver scored three times in the game, while senior Matt Chadwick had three assists.

"I thought that our team played very well against Tufts," said senior quad-captain Charlie Legg. "If one or two things bounced our way instead of theirs, we would have gotten the win."

Bowdoin benefited from stellar play in the net, as Legg stopped 15 shots in the loss.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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A JUMBO LOSS: Senior Kevin Mullins runs around a Jumbo defender in Bowdoin's 9-7 loss to Tufts on Saturday. Bowdoin (5-5, 2-3 NESCAC) now holds seventh place in the NESCAC.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

FLEXIBLE FLIER: Cliff Webster '10 jumps over the high-jump bar. The men's track and field team finished third of four at the meet.

Men's track takes third at Coast Guard

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
CONTRIBUTOR

On a picture perfect day at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, the Bowdoin Men's Outdoor Track and Field Team, with 43 points, placed third among talented Springfield (78), Coast Guard (58), and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) (24). It was difficult to place in the meet, as only the top-four finishers scored.

However, several Bowdoin athletes found success on the bank of the Connecticut River after a Day's Inn night's sleep and Dunkin' Donuts breakfast. After last week's cancellation at the

University of New Hampshire, the Polar Bears were more than ready to compete.

Notable performances in the sprints include sophomore Damon Hall-Jones's third-place finish in both the 100- (11.14s) and 200- (22.85s) meter dashes. In the 400, the junior tandem of Lamont White (51.57s) and Brendan Egan (51.60s) placed third and fourth, respectively.

In middle distance action, Tim Katlic '08 placed fourth in the 1500m in 4:07.62s. Another junior pair, Tyler Lonsdale (15:42) and John Hall (15:55), placed second and fourth in the 5K. Bowdoin's biggest point production came from its hurdlers.

In the 100m hurdles, senior captain Joe Adu, after hitting the first hurdle and falling to last place, overcame the pack and crossed the line in second (15.78s). Sophomore Mike Krohn ran a personal record, finishing close behind Adu in third (16.05s). In the excruciatingly painful 400 hurdles, sophomore Ike Irby placed second in 58.05s. The hurdles appear to be a promising event for Bowdoin, as Irby's time tied Adu's personal record.

In the only race appearing more painful than the 400 hurdles, a first-year tandem met success in the steeplechase. In Thompson Ogilvie's first

Women's tennis serves Lord Jeffs and Panthers

The women's tennis team is now 16-0 after weekend wins over Amherst and Middlebury

BY KERRY D'AGOSTINO
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Women's Tennis Team sustained its winning streak over the weekend, even in the face of highly ranked opponents Middlebury and Amherst. Having broken the previous school record of 13-0 in a season last week with its match against Colby, the team continues to set the standard for the history of Bowdoin women's tennis, advancing from a 14-0 record to an impressive 16-0 total.

Saturday's match saw the seventh-ranked Bears set against the challenging ninth-ranked Middlebury. The match opened with a solid doubles sweep by Bowdoin.

In the first doubles set, Sarah D'Elia '09 and Kristen Raymond '08 "came together in fine fashion and played unstoppable tennis," said Assistant Coach Kristina Sprout.

The pair finished with a decisive final score of 8-0. The match played by the team's captains, Christine D'Elia '07 and Kelsey Hughes '07, was considerably closer, but Bowdoin gained the edge through a tiebreaker in the 9-8(5) match. Brett Davis '10 and Rachel Waldman '09 also closed their match with a dramatic, yet ultimately triumphant, tiebreaker.

In the singles rounds, Sarah D'Elia lost two straight sets against Middlebury's Amy Roche, who is ranked as the No. 1 player in the Northeast. Raymond, on the other

hand, easily defeated Claire Smyser in two sets. On the third court, Hughes had somewhat of a slow start, but after losing her first set she was able to win the next two, securing Bowdoin's lead at 5-1. Fourth on the lineup, Christine D'Elia, struggling with a leg injury, lost her match to Middlebury's Elizabeth Emery. However, Waldman and Davis regained Bowdoin's upper hand with their final two matches.

"I knew that this women's team was going to be special this year after they had such a successful fall," said Head Coach Colin Joyner, referring to the squad's success in the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament, where Bowdoin finished as the top team.

The team entered Sunday's match against Amherst riding high off of its victory over Middlebury, but facing an even greater challenge in the third-ranked Amherst. Bowdoin took two of the three doubles matches, with Sarah D'Elia and Raymond coming out triumphant with a final score of 8-4 and Christine D'Elia and Hughes similarly victorious, defeating Amherst's Katie Hudson and Monica Snyder 8-5. In the third match, Davis and Waldman were outplayed by Laura Stein and Jennifer Murphy of Amherst, losing 8-5.

Thanks to the strong performances in the doubles matches, Bowdoin was up 2-1 going into singles. The women immediately won three out of the first four sets. Hughes, in the third spot, was the first off the court after losing her first two sets against Amherst's Monica Snyder and thus

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Jumbos take two of three from Bowdoin baseball



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: The baseball team practices on Wednesday. The Polar Bears are third in the NESCAC East Division, behind Tufts and Trinity.

BY TOM LAKIN
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin baseball had a rough weekend in Medford, Massachusetts, losing two out of three hard-fought games to the Tufts Jumbos. The losses drop Bowdoin to 10-10 on the year, and 5-3 in the NESCAC East.

Both teams played well in the first game of the series on Friday, but Tufts was able to pull out an 8-3 victory, largely on the strength of a breakout fourth inning. Bowdoin couldn't get anything going at the plate, scraping together just six hits and three unearned runs all day.

Meanwhile, Tufts starter Adam Telian excelled on the mound, tossing seven strong innings with five strikeouts. The first three innings were close, but Tufts pulled away in the fourth, bringing 10 batters to the plate and scoring four. The Bears did get two hits from Joe Berte '09 in the DH slot, but in the end there just wasn't enough offense for Bowdoin to make any noise.

Saturday was up and down for the Bears. The first game was a nail-biter throughout, ending with a dramatic Tufts flurry in the bottom of the ninth. Much of the scoring was done in the third inning, with Bowdoin tacking on three runs in the top of the frame after RBI doubles by KJ Kozens '08 and Chris McCann '07.

Tufts then came back with four runs of its own in the bottom half, with Corey Pontes and Chris Decembrele contributing consecutive RBI singles. Bowdoin quickly returned fire, tying the game at four with a leadoff homer from slugger Berte in the fourth. The Bears then reclaimed the lead when Jordan Golberg walked Jon Koperniak '07 with the bases loaded in the sixth, forcing home the go-ahead fifth run. Tufts then brought in reliever Brian Casey, who promptly shut the door on Bowdoin's threat and then came through with a game-tying RBI in the bottom of the sixth. He remained dominant on the mound,

mowing down nine-straight Bears through the top of the ninth.

With the score still tied, Tufts first baseman Bryan McDavitt stepped to the plate to lead off the bottom half. He dug in and immediately ripped a wall shot to left field that had triple written all over it. The Bowdoin throw to third came in off target, bouncing into the dugout, and McDavitt strolled home for the 6-5 win.

"It was a tough blow to lose the first game," Koperniak said. "We definitely had our chances to win and were even up 5-4 late in the game, but walks and errors determine close games and that's what happened."

Bowdoin quickly rebounded in game No. 2 of the doubleheader, however, jumping out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first after two RBIs from Pat Duchette '08 and a two-run bomb from Nick Lawler '07.

"I figured the best way to come out and win the third game was to land a knockout punch early," Lawler explained.

From there it was all Bowdoin.

Berte jacked another homer in a three-run third, and Duchette (3-4, three RBIs, two runs scored) continued his offensive tear in the fourth to bring the lead to 9-1. Bowdoin's Ryan Turgeon '08 (4-0) tossed five strong innings and picked up his fourth win of the year. Tufts would score once more but to little effect, as Bowdoin picked up its 10th win 9-2.

Koperniak was pleased with the team's resilience.

"I was proud of the guys in the second game," he said. "It shows a lot of heart to come back 30 minutes later and put a hurting on the Jumbos."

"They are a good ball club, but not better than us," he added.

Bowdoin has a big weekend coming up, with a home doubleheader against Wesleyan on Saturday beginning at noon, and a single game versus Brandeis on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The team plays again on Monday at St. Joseph's, and then again on Wednesday at Husson.

UMaine may consider Pemper for vacancy

Maine newspapers speculate that Orono may want Bowdoin's Stefanie Pemper

BY ADAM KOMMEL
ORIENT STAFF

The Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team's head coach, Stefanie Pemper, may be considered for the recent head coach opening at Division I school University of Maine at Orono, according to newspapers across Maine.

Articles in the Lewiston Sun Journal, the Bangor Daily News, the Portland Press Herald, and the Kennebec Journal all mentioned Pemper as a possible replacement for UMaine's Ann McInerney, who resigned from her head coaching position last week.

Pemper did not want to comment on the development.

"I'm not interested in talking with the media about my employment status," she told the Orient in an e-mail.

"The only thing I'd like to report is that I'm very happy at Bowdoin

and excited for next season," she added.

Assistant Athletic Director for Public Relations for UMaine Brent Williamson also declined to comment about the school's interest in Pemper.

"At this point all I can tell you about this search is that we have begun a national search for a women's basketball coach," he said in a phone interview with the Orient. "We're still laying the groundwork for that search to begin."

UMaine announced on April 11 that its women's basketball coach resigned after two mediocre seasons (the Black Bears went 23-34 during her tenure).

Williamson did say that UMaine is looking for "someone with previous college experience," suggesting its minimum required service on the collegiate level will likely be three years.

Williamson would not comment on UMaine's interest in Pemper.

"We have not contacted anyone at this point," Williamson said, adding, "At this point we can not comment on any particular candidate."

Cross-country ski coach Hall resigns

BY MARESA NIELSON
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Department of Athletics has announced the retirement of the College's Nordic ski coach, Marty Hall.

Hall had been the head Nordic coach at Bowdoin since 2000. Prior to his career at Bowdoin, Hall coached the U.S. national team for 10 years and the Canadian national team for 11 years.

During his time with the U.S. team, Hall coached Bill Koch, the country's only Olympic medalist in Nordic skiing, to the silver medal in the 1976 Olympics. Hall also commented for the 1994 Olympics and the 1995 World Championships on the Canadian Television (CTV) network. In addition, he designed the American Birkebeiner Trail, as well as the trail and stadium complex for the 1995 World Championships in Thunder Bay.

Hall is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and was recently inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame for his excellence in football, Nordic skiing, and track.

During his years coaching at Bowdoin, Hall built the team from a

group of eight to a group 16-strong. Hall's innovative techniques and devotion to his skiers increased student interest in the sport, and have created a more developed team than ever seemed possible seven years ago.

This year's team produced some of the best results the program has ever seen. Though Hall struggled about whether to leave the team, after heavy consideration he said he decided it was in the best interest of the team and himself that he retire.

Hall emphasized self-motivation, both physically and psychologically, as well as sportsmanship and focus. He never failed to shout encouragements on the race course to his own athletes and those from other teams. Hall's knowledge of the sport and dedication to his skiers were only some of the qualities that made it possible for him to develop the Bowdoin team to what it is today. Hall said he hopes that the team will continue to grow as it has for the past several years.

Hall is excited to begin both training and racing again with his new free time. He will retire to his home in Ottawa, where he lives with his wife, Kathy, and their dog, Sweetie.

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brought the total score to 2-2. But Sarah D'Elia and Raymond re-established Bowdoin's lead by winning tight second matches, each in tiebreakers. Christine D'Elia, up fourth and still battling a leg injury, was not able to capitalize on her victorious first set and lost after two more sets, final scores 2-6, 6-4, and 6-1.

For the last two matches, the stage was tense and set with a standing score of 4-3. If it won both matches, Amherst would take the victory. Bowdoin's Davis and Waldman, however, were not about to let this happen. Davis defeated opponent Katie Hudson in two 6-4 sets; similarly, Rachel Waldman overpowered Amherst's Laura Stein with two sets of 7-5, making the final score of the match 6-3.

"Brett Davis and Rachel Waldman have been absolute rocks at the bottom of our lineup combining for a 29-0 singles record in dual matches," Joyner said.

"At this point, I am convinced that this team has the talent, depth, and leadership to win a national championship, which is very exciting as we move into postseason play," Joyner said.

The Bears face a Saturday away match at Williams and a Sunday match at Hamilton.

Women's lacrosse falls to Colby after beating Tufts

The women's lacrosse team is now sixth in NESCAC

BY EMILEIGH MERCER
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin College Women's Lacrosse Team (6-5, 2-4 NESCAC) battled NESCAC rival Colby College (7-4 2-4 NESCAC) but fell to the Mules 13-8 under the lights at Ryan Field on Wednesday night.

In the first half, Bowdoin came out strong and led 4-2 before Colby scored five consecutive goals for the lead. Despite many offensive charges in the second half, the Polar Bears could not regain the lead for the rest of the game as Colby's defense held them off. Bowdoin got two goals a piece from juniors Bridget Keating and Grace Moore, but it was not enough.

On Saturday, the Polar Bears needed overtime, but they were able to beat Tufts 8-6 on the road.

"We put a lot of things together during the Tufts game," said senior Meghan Tanguay. "Our team played with a lot of poise and used defensive stops to transition all the way up the field to scoring drives. We went into over time with a lot of confidence in each other and that's how we got the win."

Bowdoin raced to a 4-0 lead to start the game, but Tufts was able

to cut the lead by two before half-time. The Polar Bears depended on senior tri-captains Kate Donoghue, Jill Steigerwald, and Taylor White for offense. Junior Bobbi Dennison and Keating also scored for the Polar Bears.

After the half, goals by junior Lyndsey Colburn and first-year Ashley Peterson put the Polar Bears up 6-3, but Tufts was able to make a comeback. The Jumbos scored three unanswered goals, including one in the last minute of play, to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, the defense held strong and White led her squad to a win by putting away two unanswered goals. Sophomore goalie Stephanie Collins-Finn was the key to the Polar Bears' success—she made 23 saves including point-blank stops and intercepted five passes.

"The game against Tufts was a great team effort, with some new faces contributing in big ways, and some old faces—especially Steph Finn—really stepping up when we most needed it," said White. "It was nice to see our team play with such unyielding confidence and composure for a solid 66 minutes of play."

Now, with only three contests left, the Polar Bears hope to find NESCAC success against Amherst this weekend as the postseason approaches.



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BREAKAWAY: Sophomore Libby Barton races past a Mule as she attacks the goal. The 11th-ranked Bears lost to the 15th-ranked Mules 13-8.

Women's rugby ready for Elite 8

BY ELISE SELINGER
CONTRIBUTOR

Bowdoin women's rugby traveled to Williams College on Saturday after the Maine State Tournament in Portland was canceled due to heavy rain and snow.

The team has had only one practice on its field this spring and has otherwise been relegated to the field house and the turf field. The game with Williams was hastily scheduled to get in one last opponent before nationals and was played on Williams's turf field without the uprights.

In the first half, Bowdoin came out strong after a four-and-a-half-hour car ride. Kalyb Bickerman '07 and Vanessa Vidal '08 each scored one try while Williams answered with just one. In the second half, Jessica Walker '09 scored two tries, one of which was a clean, well-executed play, and Krystal Barker '08 added the final try of the game. The final score was 25-5.

This weekend, the team will travel to Sanford, Florida, for the Division II Elite Eight. The team is part of Pool A, which includes the College of Charleston in South Carolina, the University of California-Santa Cruz, the University of Arizona, and could be characterized as the "warm" bracket. Bowdoin plays the University of Arizona on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

"We have been anticipating this weekend since November and after all of the indoor training, we can't wait to get back outside and show the University of Arizona how strong our team is and see our preparation pay off," said Hannah Larson '10.

Depending on the outcome, on Sunday the team will play the winner of the UC-Santa Cruz and College of Charleston matchup as one of the Final Four games, or will play a consolation game. Should the team win both games this weekend,

it will travel to Stanford University in California on May 4 for the championship against the top team from Pool B.

Pool B includes Western Oregon University, Norwich University, Mary Washington University, and Iowa State University. If Bowdoin reaches California, it may encounter a rematch situation with either Mary Washington, which the team played over Spring Break, or Norwich, which the team played twice for the New England Championship as well as the Northeast Rugby Union Championship.

"We are starting to get focused, mentally and physically, on Saturday's game and are very excited about the level of play that has been sustained from the fall to the spring," said co-captain Margaret Griffith '07.

"This is a great opportunity for us as players and has increased awareness of the team around campus," she added.

Women's track second

BY LAURA ONDERKO
STAFF WRITER

After having its first meet of the season canceled because of snowy weather, it looked like the women's outdoor track team would miss its second meet scheduled at Middlebury for similar reasons. To avoid the wintery weather, Bowdoin traveled south to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy instead. Joining in on a three-team meet, the Polar Bears finished second, ahead of third- and fourth-place Coast Guard Academy and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, but behind Springfield College.

Continuing her success from the indoor season, senior co-captain Louise Duffus led the women in the throwing events, taking first, second, and third in the shot put, hammer throw, and discus. Following her example, Kelsey Borner '09 grabbed four top-five finishes, taking second in the shot put, discus, and javelin and fifth in the hammer throw. Joining Borner and Duffus, Shemeica Binns '09 threw to a fourth-place finish in shot put and sixth in the discus.

Molly Seaward '09 added to the Polar Bear total in the sprints and jumps, taking second in the long jump, fourth in the triple jump, and ninth in the 100m, while teammate Kate Krosschell '09 took seventh and eighth in the long and triple jumps, respectively.

Chinoye Onyebuchi '10 sprinted and jumped her way to 11th and ninth in the 100m and triple jump and fellow first-year Libby Wilcosky represented Bowdoin in the high jump, clearing 4'9" for seventh place and coming back to take sixth in the long jump.

The track's location right next to the ocean gave the athletes a beautiful view, but also challenged the runners with gusty winds on the backstretch. First-year Haley MacKeil fought off the wind and a Spring-

field competitor to take first in the 400m with Alison Pilon '09 grabbing third. Teammate Erin York '09 garnered another third place for the Bears with her finish in the 200m. First-year Sarah Lord took 10th.

Laura Onderko '08, Alex Knapp '07, and Elizabeth Onderko '08 brought in a trio of second place finishes in the 800m, 5k and 400m hurdles, with Knapp and Laura Onderko getting personal bests. Laura Onderko snatched first place in the 1500m, while junior Sarah Podmaniczky ran her first track race of the year after playing squash in the winter, taking ninth and posting a personal best in the event.

Lindsay Schickner '09 added to her sixth-place finish in the 1500m, with a fourth place in the 800m. Courtney Eustace '08 also completed the tough double, getting eighth- and 12th-place finishes.

The 800m boasted Bowdoin's largest contingent with five more women joining Onderko, Schickner, and Eustace in the event. Senior co-captain Gina Campelia finished strong, right behind Schickner in fifth, Kristina Dahmann '10 got sixth, Jess Sokolow '09 eighth, Ashley Conti '07 13th, and Courtney Bell '10 14th.

In the most challenging race of the day, the 3k steeplechase, Katie Mevorach '09 and Lindsay Hodge '10 hurdled their way through the wind and water pit to fourth and fifth, while in the longest race, the 5k, Jamie Knight '07 tied her personal best for a fourth-place finish.

In the relays, Bowdoin captured second and first with the 4x100m relay team of Seaward, Pilon, MacKeil, and York, and the 4x400m relay of Pilon, York, Campelia, and MacKeil.

The Bowdoin women will be home for their next meet, playing host to Colby, Bates, and the University of Southern Maine for the annual Aloha Relays on Saturday at the outdoor track starting at 11:30 a.m.

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time running the race, he won the event, wasting the competition with a time of 9:54. Colman Hatton followed with a remarkable finish, coming from behind to beat a Springfield runner by only four-hundredths of a second to capture fourth place.

In the 4x100, a Tim Fuderich '10 to White to Eric Lee '08 to Hall-Jones resulted in a Bowdoin second in 43.62s.

"The hand-offs were smooth, everyone ran strong, and our anchor Damon ran a great leg to bring us neck and neck with the leader," said Fuderich.

Egan and Adu joined White and Lee in the 4x400 to finish in 3:25, also gold for second place.

"I was particularly impressed with

the 4x400 relay team," said Head Coach Peter Slovenski. "For Brendan, Eric, Joe, and Lamont to run a 3:25 this early was terrific."

In the field events, Fuderich claimed first place in the long jump with a leap of 6.37m. For perspective in standard measurement, that is approximately the height of two basketball hoops and three small rabbits. Colin Hay '08 placed third in the triple jump, bounding just over the 40-foot mark. Luke Fairbanks '09 threw the shot put 14 meters, taking third. First-year Ben Weimont finished third in the javelin, launching it a distance of 52.17m.

The story of the day came from senior pole vaulter Robey Clark. He finished fourth (3.89m), but in quite an unconventional fashion. With the bar at 13'6", Clark's step was slightly off, and he had already bent the pole by the time he took off. The recoil shot the pole out of his hands, and the pole

itself cleared the bar.

"Too bad I wasn't along for the ride," Clark noted.

On the way up, the pole took off part of Clark's elbow, and he was transported to the hospital for stitches.

Overall, Bowdoin was very pleased with its performance.

"The newcomers were really impressive," said Adu. "Weimont (javelin) and Ogilvie (steeple) competed well to spearhead a string of admirable first-year performances."

"It was good to get on an outdoor track after practicing most of the time on an indoor track," said Slovenski. "I think the team did well for an early season meet."

The suburban Polar Bears returned to snowy Maine ready to prepare to break Bates's four-year streak as Maine state champions this weekend in Lewiston.



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A HIT AND A MISS: Tyler Anderson '10 competes in Saturday's match against Middlebury. Bowdoin fell to the Panthers 7-2, but defeated Colby on Wednesday.

Men's tennis takes out tough Colby team, 6-3

BY HELEN PU
CONTRIBUTOR

The Bowdoin Men's Tennis Team had an up and down week, beating rival Colby while falling to Middlebury.

Colby on Wednesday proved to be a challenge, but Bowdoin prevailed with an overall score of 6-3. Things looked shaky as the Polar Bears began with a weak doubles game against the Mules. The team of Andrew Fried '08 and Garrett Gates '08 lost 8-5 at No. 1 doubles. Similarly, Alex White '09 and Tyler Anderson '10 lost 9-7 at No. 2. James Neely '10 and Andrew MacDonald '07 fought a prolonged battle against the Colby team of Tom Gildersleeve and Nick Rosen-Wachs, rising to victory in the tiebreaker with a final score of 9-8(2).

Running with this win, the Polar Bears overshadowed their first two losses with a dominating show in the singles matches. Anderson and Adam Davis '10 made their matches look easy with wins of 6-3, 6-0 and 7-5, 6-1 for the No. 5 and No. 6 singles, respectively. White dominated his first set with a 6-0 score, but his opponent, Alex Chin, was not about to let him win without a fight. After a fierce second set, however, Chin was ultimately forced to capitulate, dropping the second set 7-6(3).

Gates, Neely, and Alex Caughran '09 all played long and difficult three-set matches with varying degrees of success. Gates, playing No. 1 singles, had flip-flopping scores of 6-4, 4-6, and 6-4, which resulted in a win for Bowdoin. Caughran started

out strong with a first set score of 6-4, but was unable to keep up the momentum, dropping the match to Colby with scores of 6-2 and 6-0.

Neely's match was a cliffhanger until the last point. The first set was lost 4-6, but Neely was not discouraged. He rebounded with a 7-6(6) second set and won a close third set with the same score.

"The match was long and tiring, but the team prevailed," said Gates.

However, this strong showing by the Polar Bears came after a less encouraging 7-2 loss to Middlebury on Saturday. Going into the game against third-ranked Middlebury, the team felt that "if we played good tennis we could still win," said Neely. Unfortunately, Middlebury proved to be an opponent they could not beat. Bowdoin lost all three doubles matches and Nos. 1, 2, and 5 singles.

Neely (coming back from a week-long illness) and White won their Nos. 3 and 4 singles matches 6-4, 6-2 and 6-3, 6-2, respectively. However Bowdoin was down 6-2, and with only one match left, the two teams decided that Anderson and his opponent would play a pro-set. Anderson lost 8-4.

"If we had him we would have had a better shot," said Neely of the injured Sam Bitetti '07. After recovering from a sprained ankle, Bitetti should return to the team this weekend in away games against Williams and Hamilton.

"The team has done a great job battling the injury storm and [we] are looking forward to getting back to full strength for the final stretch," said Gates.

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"The last few games Charlie has really stepped it up in net," senior quad captain Dave Donahue said. "It's nice knowing that if you make a mistake defensively, Charlie will be right behind you. I still think we haven't seen the best from Charlie and with four league games next week, I think he will really do well."

Legg, however, credited the Bowdoin defensemen for his own recent personal success.

"I had a high number of saves on the stat sheet because, just as they have done all season, my defense didn't allow Tufts to get very many good looks at the goal," said Legg. "Our defense does an excellent job of disrupting the opposing player's shot by getting a stick on their hands, and making me look good in the process. In all honesty, most of the credit should go to them."

The Polar Bears begin the most important week of their season on Saturday. The team will face off in an away game at Amherst, which stands at sixth place in the league, one spot ahead of Bowdoin.

"Amherst has a potent offense but might be vulnerable defensively," Legg said, "so we will have to possess the ball and shoot wisely."

On Monday, Bowdoin will travel to Waterville to play Colby for a game that was rescheduled due to weather. The contest between the two rivals will be extra intense because both teams will need a win in order to ensure a spot in the playoffs.

"No matter what their record has been the past three years, Colby always gives us everything we can handle, and this is their best squad since I've been here," said Legg. "As a team we will have to take advantage of their aggressive defense and keep playing as hard as we have been."

"We need to beat Colby in order to stand a good chance of making the playoffs," Donahue added.

The Polar Bears will play at Bates on Wednesday and finish the regular season by playing host to Williams next Saturday.

"I think it's a realistic goal for the team to win the last four games and possibly host a NESCAC game next Sunday after Williams," said Legg. "The league is wide open, anybody can beat anybody. We are in control of our own destiny."



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

FIGHTING FOR THE WIN: Polar Bears and Jumbos fight over the ball on Saturday. Bowdoin will play away at Amherst, Colby, and Bates this week.

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Crosby, Skills, Nash & Young



COLUMN LIKE
I SEE 'EM

BY CHRIS ADAMS-WALL
COLUMNIST

Most Valuable Player (MVP), noun—and that's as far as I got. Not even Daniel Webster himself, nor his successors at Merriam-Webster.com, could give me a clear-cut definition of one of the most prestigious honors in professional sports: "The word you've entered isn't in the dictionary," I read on my laptop's screen—"Nor should it be," I thought to myself.

Since I was born in August of 1987, a grand total of 77 MVP awards have been handed out in the four major professional sports, which does not include quarterback Tommy Maddox's lone trophy from the NFL while playing for the Los Angeles Xtreme in 2001. Needless to say, however, I have had various reactions to each occasion in which a player receives the award. Some have left me surprised (Alex Rodriguez in 2005), some left me confused (Peyton Manning and Steve McNair in 2003), and some just left me down right furious—an emotion that still lingers in my soul to this day (Barry Lamar Bonds...all seven times). But the reaction that I have always found to be most satisfying is when a prediction I have made many moons prior to the AP's selection comes to full fruition (Justin Morneau in 2006, which I prophesized last June). By writing this article, I am hoping to keep my hot streak of one alive by forecasting the MVPs for the recently completed NHL/NBA regular seasons, my focus centering on the respective games' two most important players: Sidney Crosby and Steve Nash.

We will begin with Crosby, who, if you haven't heard of him yet (thanks again ESPN for replacing the NHL with Arena Football; I can't wait for the next live broadcast of a Georgia Force game) is just your average 19-year-old boy who just became the youngest player in league history to win the Art Ross Trophy—not the award for best painting of the year—leading in points (that's goals plus assists for you math majors) with 120 by season's end with his Pittsburgh Penguins. He's only a sophomore, and already he's an assistant captain, making the No. 87 jersey look cool, and personifying what it means to be a humble, albeit soft-spoken commander-in-chief, leading by example.

Before his rookie season last year, Sid-the-kid had been playing junior hockey in Canada, and by age 15 was already drawing comparisons to Hall-of-Famer and legend Wayne Gretzky. Now that he's been in the pros for two years, countless fans are already beginning to tout Crosby as the second coming of the Great One, especially after he recently broke Gretzky's previous record of being the youngest player in history to score two 100-point seasons. While I'm not yet ready to crown Crosby with that title, it is impossible to deny just how good this guy really is right now, and what he is capable of doing in both the immediate and later future, particularly when you consider that this could just be the nadir of his career—who knows when he'll peak.

If you can find VERBUS on your digital cable box, or spend a night at a

Motel 6 in the greater Pittsburgh area and watch Crosby play, you will be astounded at what you see. He is a magician on the ice, making the crispest of passes to compliment a laser of a wrist shot, always exhibiting pure finesse and grace. Last year, the Penguins failed to make the playoffs, finishing dead last in the Eastern Conference with a mere 58 points in Crosby's first season—what a difference a year makes. The Pens finished this season tied for the third-most points in the East with 105, losing the four seed, but ultimately clinching the five seed on a tie-breaker to Ottawa. And even though, going into Thursday night, Pittsburgh was facing elimination against the Senators, Crosby deserves most, if not all the credit for the sudden turn-around, and of course, the MVP (Hart Memorial Trophy).

First there's the 180: 58 points to 105 points in one season (again, for you math majors, that's an increase of 47). So how did they do it so quickly? Take Crosby and his 36 goals and 84 assists, and put him at your team's nucleus, placing alleged "washed-up" veterans like Sergei Gonchar and Marc Recchi, along with inexperienced youngsters like Evgeni Malkin and Colby Armstrong around him, and watch as Sid-the-kid galvanizes each and every one of them, all of this without whispering a peep. He took an unfavorable roster and transformed it into a powerhouse, in a little less than nine months. He is their catalyst, and without him—hands down the best player in the game—the Pens would be lost, sinking to Florida Panther-like status. And although Tampa Bay's Vinny Lecavalier and Vancouver's Roberto Luongo have both had tremendous seasons, the choice is indisputable: it's Crosby.

I was hesitant at first to combine two different sports into the same article, but it had to be done, despite hockey and basketball being as polar subjects as soccer in America (not that I don't love MLS Thursday Primetime on ESPN 2). And we can't talk about MVPs and basketball without mentioning Steve Nash: starting point guard for the Phoenix—Oh, wow, you're already firing back with that repetitive, indestructible, and entirely false argument that never ceases to annoy me that Kobe Bryant should be (and should have been) the MVP? Fine, Burger King. Have it your way.

Whenever someone brings up this argument with me, I first usually take the Vince Vaughn "I'm-not-gonna-say-anything-but-you-know-I'm-upset" approach, because it gets tiring after a while having to explain this to everyone over and over again. But now, I'm finally getting it down on paper, so, for the last time, here it goes: yes, Kobe Bryant is the most talented player in the NBA—by far. He led the league again in points per game this year (31.6), crossovers, and miraculous/clutch shots. But for every pound of dexterity that he possesses, there is an equal, counterbalancing factor in Kobe that brings him down more than most superstars in his severe inability to make the players around him better; I'd say Nash has that covered. At this point in the debate, Kobe-lovers will usually throw out this gem for their rebuttal: "but if you were to remove Kobe from the Lakers (seventh seed in the West), they would be one of the league's worst teams!" True, but if you say that, then the same has to

BASEBALL				
NESCAC EAST			OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Tufts	5	1	15	7
Trinity	7	2	21	3
BOWDOIN	5	3	10	10
Colby	0	5	2	13
Bates	0	6	2	11

SCOREBOARD				
F 4/13 at Tufts			L	8-3
Sa 4/14 at Tufts			L	6-5
Sa 4/14 at Tufts			W	9-2

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/21 v. Wesleyan (2)		12:00 p.m.		
Sa 4/22 v. Brandeis		1:00 p.m.		
M 4/23 at St. Joseph's		6:00 p.m.		
W 4/25 at Husson		7:00 p.m.		

SOFTBALL				
NESCAC EAST			OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Trinity	7	1	17	3
Tufts	5	1	16	9
Bates	2	4	4	8
Colby	1	3	9	5
BOWDOIN	0	6	14	9

SCOREBOARD				
F 4/13 at Tufts			L	4-0
Sa 4/14 at Tufts			L	8-0
Sa 4/14 at Tufts			L	12-2
Th 4/19 at Southern Maine			W	5-4
Th 4/19 at Southern Maine			L	10-2

SCHEDULE				
F 4/20 v. Husson (2)		3:30 p.m.		
Sa 4/21 at Brandeis (2)		12:00 p.m.		
Sa 4/22 at Wesleyan (2)		11:00 a.m.		
M 4/23 v. Maine-Farmington (2)		3:30 p.m.		
Tu 4/24 at Colby (2)		4:30 p.m.		
W 4/25 at Colby (2)		3:00 p.m.		

WOMEN'S LACROSSE				
NESCAC			OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Middlebury	6	0	8	1
Amherst	5	1	8	3
Williams	4	2	5	4
Trinity	4	3	8	3
Wesleyan	4	3	7	4
BOWDOIN	2	4	6	5
Colby	2	4	7	4
Tufts	2	4	6	5
Bates	1	4	7	5
Conn. College	0	5	3	7

SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/14 at Tufts			W	8-6
W 4/18 v. Colby			L	13-8

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/21 v. Amherst		1:00 p.m.		
Tu 4/24 v. Bates		7:00 p.m.		

MEN'S TENNIS				
SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/14 at Williams			W	25-5

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/21 Division II Tournament (at Sanford, Florida)			TBA	

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK				
SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/14 Coast Guard Invitational		2nd of 4		

SCHEDULE				
F 4/20 Aloha Relays (at Bowdoin)		11:30 p.m.		
Sa 4/21 Aloha Relays (at Bowdoin)		11:30 p.m.		

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK				
SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/14 Coast Guard Invitational		3rd of 4		

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/21 State Meet (at Bates)		1:00 p.m.		

MEN'S LACROSSE				
NESCAC			OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Wesleyan	6	1	12	1
Tufts	5	1	9	2
Middlebury	4	2	7	3
Williams	4	2	6	3
Trinity	4	3	7	4
Amherst	3	3	5	6
BOWDOIN	2	3	5	5
Bates	2	4	5	4
Colby	1	5	2	7
Conn. College	0	7	2	9

SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/14 v. Tufts			L	9-7

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/21 at Amherst		2:00 p.m.		
M 4/23 at Colby		7:00 p.m.		
Tu 4/25 at Bates		7:00 p.m.		

MEN'S TENNIS				
SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/14 v. Middlebury			L	7-2
W 4/18 at Colby			W	6-3

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/21 at Williams		2:00 p.m.		
Su 4/22 at Hamilton		11:00 a.m.		

WOMEN'S TENNIS				
SCOREBOARD				
Sa 4/14 v. Middlebury			W	7-2
Sa 4/15 v. Amherst			W	6-3

SCHEDULE				
Sa 4/21 at Williams		10:00 a.m.		
Su 4/22 at Hamilton		9:00 a.m.		

Compiled by Parag Khandewal.
Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC.

apply to the eighth-seeded Orlando Magic and center-piece Dwight Howard, as well as the seventh-seeded Washington Wizards and superstar Gilbert Arenas, who should both be considered, if not favored as equally or even more so than Kobe.

The fact is that Steve Nash is the best player in the NBA (notice I said best and not the most talented). Since signing in 2004 with the team that originally drafted him, Nash has led the Suns to one of the best records in the NBA, 177-69 over the three-year span. Compare that to the dismal 109-137 record in the three-year span prior to Nash's return to the desert under the horrific guidance of point guard Stephon Marbury, who had the same two key players that Nash has now: Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudemire. Nash has resurrected the careers of Boris Diaw and Kurt Thomas, made the best sixth man out of Leandro Barbosa, got Joe Johnson a more undeserving contract than Mike Hampton, made Quentin Richardson an enticing trade-target for Knicks GM Isiah Thomas (well, it's not like that's hard to do), and is about to win a nearly unprecedented third-consecutive MVP award. Yes, if Nash left, Phoenix would probably still be a playoff team, but they would be like the Lakers and get bounced in the first round. Nash, like Sidney Crosby, is the Suns' catalyst and he gives the team a chance to win the Finals each year, whereas Kobe does not. So when the two MVP candidates square off in the first round for the second-straight year, you tell me who's more valuable when the dust settles. I won't tell you anything except that his last name does not begin with "B."

And how could we forget the final piece of our puzzle, quarterback Vince Young of the Titans, who, although recently named the Madden '08 cover boy, led Tennessee to an 8-5 record after taking over as starter earlier in the year? And if he doesn't get injured as a result from that video game's unforgiving curse, heck, he could be a legitimate MVP candidate as well (that is, if he can score higher than Tom Brady and Peyton Manning on the infamous Wonderlic test of course). Good call, NFL scouts (and Kobe-lovers).

Softball wins first game, splits USM doubleheader

BY MIKE BARTHA
CONTRIBUTOR

The Tufts Jumbos dominated Bowdoin on both sides of the ball this weekend in a three-game series in Medford, Massachusetts, outscoring the Bears 24-2 and winning all three games. But the Polar Bears bounced back Thursday and notched their first win of the regular season, splitting a two-game series against the University of Southern Maine (USM) Huskies.

On Thursday, the Polar Bears won their first game of the season against the Huskies, 5-4. Bowdoin's offense was strong as Allison Coleman '09 pounded a three-run home run in the top of the first; Emma Powers '09 and Clare Ronan '10 each tallied two hits. On the mound, Julia Jacobs '10 pitched a strong game, allowing only one run in the first five innings.

But the Bears dropped the second game to the Huskies, 10-2. Again, the team's offense hit the ground running, notching two runs in the first inning. However, USM ran away with the game thanks to an explosive six-run third inning. Bowdoin pitcher Karen Reni '09 had a tough outing, giving up at least 10 runs for a second consecutive game.

In the first two games against Tufts, on Saturday and Sunday, the Bears had a difficult time getting on the board, as the strong pitching of the Jumbos limited Bowdoin to only seven hits and no runs. The Bears dropped both games by scores of 4-0 and 8-0.

The Bears would continue to struggle in game three as Tufts pelted Bowdoin with 15 hits, scoring 12 runs and dominating the game 12-2. Shavonne Lord '10 and Ronan did manage multi-hit games for the Polar Bears.

Despite being swept, many of the women still felt that the team played strong in the opening series.

"I think that for the most part, we played well," said Coleman. "We com-

peted with Tufts for all of Friday's game and the first four innings of the first game on Saturday. Also, they are a very good team."

Due to the past weeks' rain and snow, the softball team has not played a single game in Brunswick this season.

Besides disrupting the team's game schedule, the conditions of the field have forced the softball team to practice indoors.

"It's just really hard going from the fieldhouse to outside—we are much more conservative just to make sure that no one gets hurt," said Coleman. "Playing inside also tends to bring team morale down. There's just something about playing in the sunshine and on dirt that makes you feel good."

The women's softball team has a busy week ahead, with 11 games scheduled—six of those on the road. The Polar Bears face off against Husson College in a doubleheader today at 3:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Bears will travel to Waltham, Massachusetts, to play a two-game series against Brandeis University. The first game starts at noon.

On Sunday, the team will then play another doubleheader against Wesleyan, starting at 11:00 a.m. During the week, the Polar Bears will face University of Maine-Farmington in a two-game series on Monday starting at 3:30 p.m. Finally, the Bears will finish off the week with a three-game series against the Colby Mules. The first game of the Colby series is scheduled for Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Brunswick. The team will then hit the road once again to finish off the series with a doubleheader on Wednesday, starting at 3:00 p.m.

"Thanks to the weather, we are playing the majority of our season's games in a span of two weeks," said Coleman. "This is an extremely daunting task, but we've been waiting all year for this, so hopefully, we'll all enjoy it."

OPINION

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President Brooks

Although he is all but assured the student government presidency, Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) elections probably have not gone the way Dustin Brooks '08 would have hoped. Brooks is the only candidate for the presidency, voting for which ends at 8:30 p.m. today. But his seemingly smooth road to the office was made rocky by sophomore Ian Yaffe's decision last week to contest a requirement in the BSG constitution that presidential candidates have served previously in the student government. Yaffe gained enough petition signatures to have the question put to the student body through online referendum, but too few students participated in the referendum vote for the results to even matter.

As it stands, Brooks, the vice president for student government affairs, will be our next president. The constitution's presidential requirement is supposed to ensure that candidates have experience, and Brooks has it. He has served admirably as vice president of student government affairs and seems genuinely to care about the effectiveness and credibility of student government. Brooks should not let the events of the past week restrict the aggressiveness with which he begins his term in office.

Student governments best serve as advocacy bodies that have the power to make noise when noise is necessary. BSG offers students 26 individuals who choose to assemble for a few hours each Wednesday night and for countless other hours each week for committee meetings and conversations with administrators. They assemble for the sole purpose of making this institution better for the students who go here today and the students who will go here tomorrow. As he begins his tenure, Brooks would be wise to place the more trivial aspects of campus politics in the backseat—and focus attention on policies and programs that will enrich and improve life and work on campus.

On the top of Brooks's agenda for his term of office is academic advising, a worthy issue that certainly deserves BSG's full attention. The Orient used this page last April to urge the College to re-evaluate its current advising system in which some students are assigned enthusiastic advisers while others, left to make difficult decisions with virtually no guidance, seem to fall through the cracks. While we have noted a lack of consistency in the current academic advising system, we have yet to see a strengthening in this area. We trust that if Brooks is to take on this issue, he will see it through.

When BSG convenes in the fall, it will have to tackle the presidential eligibility issue once again, due to the student movement of the past week. While Yaffe's amendment ultimately failed at the polls, his efforts mobilized a substantial effort to re-open an important campus discussion, one that we hope will be re-addressed with Brooks at the helm. That's a healthy debate to have, and BSG should consider whether uncontested elections are worse than relatively inexperienced candidates. But this debate shouldn't take away from Brooks's mandate. Should he keep his focus squarely on important policies that affect students, we suspect that the memories of the rocky road of the past week will be preserved only in the Orient's archives.

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Consider the 'radical' ideas laid out in the Treaty of Tripoli

To the Editors:

Consider the following: "As the Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion... it is declared by the parties, that no pretext arising from religious opinions, shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries."

This radical proposition unpacks a wealth of associations. Religious justifications are irrelevant regarding declaration of war. Remarkably, from the same justification—the government is not religious—you must grant equal restrictions on all government action. As it is immediately apparent that atheistic arguments for embryonic moral standing are decrepit at best and as likely as a geocentric worldview at worst, it would be clear from this that the government should raise no objections to abortion. So who is responsible for this deplorable

statement? That is Article XI of the Treaty with Tripoli, ratified by the Senate in 1797. There was no debate raised about that statement. Notables such as John Adams touted the treaty.

By all means, use religious justifications for government action. While you do so, recognize that you are implicitly stating that every member of the Senate in 1797 was grievously mistaken about how our government ought to be structured.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Alger '09

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OP-ED CHART

Does Bowdoin value queerness?

BY JORDAN KRECHMER AND
WILL VOINOIT-BARON

As many of you have noticed, a white sheet has been hanging in Smith Union over the past month. Typically, a new question will be hanging each week. Though responses are initially written, it is our hope that the sheets will engender verbal discourse among students, faculty, and staff and that discussion will move beyond the sheet to the classroom, the dining halls, and even to the dorm room.

We aim to choose questions that are provoking, that encourage response, and that are not framed in a biased manner. That being said, we are posing questions that we feel deserve discussion and that we feel reflect issues important and pertinent to the Bowdoin College community.

Ultimately, through these questions, it is our goal to spark healthy and respectful discourse within our community. For only when we begin talking with each other and, more importantly, listening to each other, can we foster relationships that are not based on judgment and misunderstanding. And only when we begin to understand the opinions, feelings, and emotions of others can we truly know ourselves.

We chose this question because of the importance of discussing issues surrounding sexuality on campus. Sexuality is an important part of identity, and we feel that engaging in discussions of sexuality will help promote greater understanding and tolerance of difference within the Bowdoin community. Further, we feel it is a topic that is not discussed as frequently or as pervasively as it should be on campus. We hope that posing this question will change these trends.

We appreciate all those who have responded thus far, and we encourage your continued enthusiasm.

- Value? What about welcome? Support? What does value mean?

- In theory = Yes In Practice = Not Always

- Yes, a lot more than many places...

- In theory and practicality, it shouldn't, just as we shouldn't value straightness...instead we should value just being human.

- I know I do!

- No, they tolerate it.

- This is Bowdoin, NOT Bob Jones University.

- Maybe we're underrepresented because many queer people don't expect Bowdoin to be welcoming.

- What defines Queerness?

- Yes, there is a whole month dedicated to it—Gaypril.

- Yes—it looks good on the Web site.

- The crew team does! ...and so does lax.

- As a gay prof, I'd say NO.

- What is "queerness?" Is it acting fruity if you're a guy or butch if you're a girl? If that is so, I think that there are a few "queers" to begin with at Bowdoin. Still, I think they are accepted, but who knows about valued...

- Queer doesn't = gay, Queer = Not straight

- Where are the transgendered kids?

- Like as a currency? 4 Gay to the Dollar?

- To an extent.

- I think the administration tolerates it when it comes up, and students only address it when there are rainbows in the union.

- Too bad the whole campus does not.

- No, but neither does society....so good luck!

- Tolerance is different from Accepting.

- Bowdoin has potential, but not there, yet.

- This is a hard question...

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Election issues not solved

BY IAN YAFFE

By now you have already found out that the revolution was dealt a crippling setback Wednesday evening as our proposed amendment to Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) failed due to lack of participation in the vote. Given how rapidly things have moved this week, I want to sit back and offer a few comments on my motives and where we will go from here.

Why now? The underlying reason for my decision to bring up this issue at this time was that for the second year in a row, only one person was running for BSG president. I believe that BSG concluded its discussion of this issue on campus without seeking significant student involvement. Without the Orient's reporting on this issue, we wouldn't even know they had voted against putting this issue to the student body. Even then, we were only informed retroactively of BSG's actions, once the discussion had ended. I believe fundamentally that as a body that stands to gain some advantage by not opening the presidency to all students, BSG is fundamentally biased toward making a decision on this issue and should have put it directly to the test of the student body. If BSG does not believe that the student body is capable of electing a president at-large, it should elect the president from its own membership after general elections have been held. It should not, however, pretend that the current president is elected from the student body, much less in an actual contest.

Why should everyone be able to run for BSG president? Democracy, as I see it, rests on the idea of "government for the people, by the people." Everyone can run for office because we're all expected to have a basic idea of how

the system works. It's up to the voters to decide if a candidate's experience, character, and vision provide them with enough qualifications to win his vote. You don't have to be a career politician to run for mayor, governor, or even U.S. president. Why should BSG (a body with a built-in safety net in the administration of the College) be any different?

To me, this issue represents a fundamental lack of trust in the student body. To those who fear this will be a popularity contest—do you not trust us to make the right choice? This is Bowdoin College. If we can't elect our own leader for student government and decide if he or she is the best candidate, I fear for the role we'll play as leaders of democracy in the United States. Still, I'd rather have a popularity contest than no contest. And if a person garners the most support of the student body, then he or she does best represent the student body.

Where to go from here? This discussion is not over. I encourage BSG to take up this issue as it begins the new year and to put an amendment back to the student body before Fall Break. BSG should not waste as much time debating with itself and instead hold open forums with the student body. Furthermore, if BSG does not change the way it operates and becomes both more transparent and inclusive, the revolution will only continue to raise its objections and as we did this week, take the power of the government back into the hands of the people.

Hasta la victoria siempre! The revolution will endure as it has endured until we achieve our goal of bringing basic democratic principles to student government at Bowdoin.

Yaffe is a member of the Class of 2009.

A new dorm tradition: Silent parties?



A SOJOURN IN CIVILIZED LIFE

BY YANNICK MONJAR
COLUMNIST

This past week's weather has served as a reminder to many students just how much a roof over your head can do to enhance your Bowdoin experience. Those of you who wish to continue to have this comfort for next year's "April showers" have probably noticed that the 2007-2008 housing lottery is happening.

So, now that some of your best friends aren't speaking to each other and you're seriously considering saving the time and stress and simply hauling a mattress into the atrium next year, I offer you this bit of housing humor. I've heard it said that Residential Life is fixing to make Moore Hall a "quiet" dorm next year. As in a "silent," "calm," "peaceful," or "inactive" first-year college dormitory.

This is not to say chem-free, mind you; you can use all the chemicals you want, as long as you do so in silence. There will be somber Beirut games, conducted with civility and discipline (anyone know sign language for "elbow"?). Kings will have to be fused with charades (making the "10 Fingers" component likely to result in some harassment charges). The party scene will consist of only the waving of arms, grinding minus actual music, and the quiet cracking and hissing of opening cans.

This would make Moore Hall a drastically different place from when I was there. When I lived there, men were men, women were women, and the stealing of towels from the bathroom made it clear which was

The very usage of the words "quiet" and "Moore" in the same sentence is enough to send any former resident of the dorm into loud and obnoxious (read, Mooresque) shrieks of laughter. This, primarily, is my concern for the Class of 2011's Moore experience.

which. We didn't have any of these new-fangled "painted walls" and "clean floors." Night after night, as paint chipped off the ceiling into my eyes and I listened through sturdy walls to the kids next door talking, watching TV, clearing their throats, and blinking, I was grateful for these lullabies to lull me to sleep. The vomiting of the drunk in the hallway was my hooting owl, and the coinciding screams of girls my chirping crickets.

The very usage of the words "quiet" and "Moore" in the same sentence is enough to send any former resident of the dorm into loud and obnoxious (read, Mooresque) shrieks of laughter. This, primarily, is my concern for the Class of 2011's Moore experience. Somebody out there, some dull weekend, is going to be looking back on his days of debauchery in Moore, and remember that the word "quiet" has been stamped on those memories, as well as the legacy that could have been. What can be done to salvage his shattered heritage and wounded pride?

"Hey, you guys wanna go streak the quiet dorm?"

"YEAHHHHH!!!! WOOOOOO, BABY!!!"

And that will be the end of the silence. Men, once again, will be confirmed male, and the women female.

I say all this not without an understanding of the purpose of a "quiet" dormitory. We all had moments our

first year when we longed to not be able to hear quite so loudly the landing of a bird's feet on the roof, or when you had learned just a wee bit too much about the guy next door's now-sort-of-foggy Saturday night "romantic engagements." Wanting to come back to a quiet home is a very understandable notion, and one that has its place sometime after the age of 22. But asking a building of more than 50 18- and 19-year-olds to become "quiet" is akin to asking a two-toed sloth to "move it along, please." It's simply neither in the language nor the physiology of the beast.

Anyone who has ever lived in or been in Moore, or any college dorm for that matter, knows that noise is simply part of the culture. It's the language of college first-years. Moore has loud, obnoxious sounds essentially engrained into its structure. The bricks themselves seem to cry out desperately, "Shot? Anyone? Nother shot?" If these sounds are repressed, my theory is that they will eat away at the mortar that holds Moore together, until the whole dorm collapses in a pile of warbling college chants, dust, and Solo cups.

Of course, I could be wrong. It's entirely possible that next year's Moore residents, and the ones after that, will be able to enjoy all the benefits of "quiet" dorm. But until that happens, I think it would probably be smart to keep an eye out for streakers.

Eliminate underachieving at the BOC

BY PHIL SHAW

The Bowdoin Outing Club (BOC) is the largest student organization on campus. For many of its members, the BOC was the primary reason for attending this college. It is potentially one of the greatest resources available to a Bowdoin student, but as an active member I am compelled to declare the BOC a failure. The BOC dilutes the power of outdoor experiences to attract a wide variety of students, but its desire to include everyone destroys the transformative strength of outdoor recreation.

Without exception, BOC trips leave me disappointed. I find myself surrounded by self-proclaimed hikers, canoeists, and kayakers, yet this posturing cannot conceal the underlying absence of a consuming outdoor focus. BOC hikes have devolved to nothing more than picnics. Walks leave late on weekend mornings, return early, cover a minimal number of miles at an alarmingly slow pace, and frequently travel to close, boring locations, all so that members need not confront their indolent habits. Water sports suffer from a similar lack of intensity. Canoe trips float lazily down nearby rivers and local lakes. White-water trips occasionally venture farther, only to spend many long hours in the van for a few brief moments on the river.

Before and during my time at Bowdoin, I have spent hundreds of days alone in my home mountain range, the North Cascades, running and hiking thousands of miles in remote wilderness areas. Not a single moment spent with the BOC can compare with

the intensity of my personal mountain experiences, not because of the location, but because of the club's social atmosphere that fosters communal lethargy. The natural world has the power to humble, but also to elevate. It does none of these things when group dynamics governed by college culture erode the immensity of its presence. The natural world is beautifully harsh and intolerant of weakness; sadly, college culture strives toward mellowness. Procrastination, "hanging out," passivity, sleeping late, napping, excessive drinking, and tardiness govern behavior at Bowdoin. Nature cannot penetrate a social environment that functions at a level so removed from primal discipline. So long as the BOC carries Bowdoin's student culture into the woods, outdoor experiences will be diluted.

I propose a solution: exclusion. Leave the unprepared laggards behind. If Bowdoin students are indeed smart and disciplined, their habits outside the classroom should reflect that. If a BOC member fails to develop enough personal respect to discard childish weaknesses, offer no more tolerance. I do not yearn for mountains and forests to practice patience, nor do the rare dedicated members of the BOC. No club member should need a reminder to snack when hungry, drink when thirsty, or don a coat when cold. That's babysitting, and it's what the BOC offers.

Instinctive outdoor sense cannot be taught through gentle suggestions and classes. The BOC Web site claims to offer programs that train members "to an insane level of competency," yet trip leaders consistently show as

much incompetence as the majority of participants. Gear accumulation is not leadership. Babysitting is not leadership. Leadership does not follow classes in stove cleaning or self-arrest. Self-confidence instilled by raw, hard focus founds leadership. Leaders must understand at a gut level the impulse toward strength. Leaders must be strong enough to tell the weakest BOC members when their presence weakens the group. Incapable, unsure trip leaders foster tolerance for the culture that rots the BOC.

"The BOC isn't just for extremists, it's for all levels of comfort, experience, and ambition," states the club Web site. No, it's not for extremists at all: The BOC caters only to the most comfortable, inexperienced, and unambitious tendencies that flood this campus. Rather than complementing and expanding upon the academic rigor of the College, it functions merely as a respite from homework. Outdoor recreation has the power to build leadership and character, but only when pursued with conviction.

No authority exists that can force slow, weak, unprepared members to display self-discipline. It must come from within. I implore every member to show respect for the hardness of the natural world, respect for those stronger than oneself, and respect for one's own potential. Work harder, because right now the BOC is an undisciplined mockery of strength. Every hiker and paddler must prove their his or her with dedication. Cease the feckless undisciplined habits that govern this club and aspire to something stronger.

Shaw is a member of the Class of 2008.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER: A sculpture by Ivor Blackmore '07 is on display in the Visual Arts Center as part of a senior show, "Where Am I?"

WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 20 - APRIL 26

FRIDAY

POTLUCK

Sunny Friday

This event will be an opportunity to exchange recipes with members of the community.

The Quad. Noon to 2 p.m.

LECTURE

"Aesthetics and Desire: A Renaissance Meditation"

Leonard Barkan, the director of the Society of Fellows at Princeton University, will deliver this year's Jason Jacob Stahl Lecture.

Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 12:30 p.m.

LECTURE

"The Ritalin Generation Comes of Age: Medicine, Identity, and College Life"

Meika Loe, author and professor of sociology and anthropology at Colgate University, will discuss the controversy over the prevalence of Ritalin on college campuses.

Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center. 2:30 p.m.

ART SHOW

"Between Queer and Straight"

An exploration of gender and sexuality, this show will exhibit work in various artistic media by both professors and students. Open to the public.

Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union. 7 to 10 p.m.

FUNDRAISER

Relay For Life

This overnight annual event is an opportunity for students and faculty to show their support in the struggle to find a cure for cancer. There will be live music, contests, free food, and more.

Farley Field House. 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

PERFORMANCE

Spring Dance Concert

The Department of Theater and Dance presents the 36th annual Spring Dance Concert. The show will feature performances by dance courses and student groups.

Pickard Theater, Memorial Hall. 8 p.m.



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SLAM: Slam poet, Taylor Mali '87 performs in Kresge Auditorium on Thursday.

SATURDAY

FESTIVAL

Gospel Fest

This event celebrates the history of gospel music.

Open to the public.

Smith Union. 2:30 p.m.

EVENT

Free Swing Dance

Sponsored by the Polar Bear Swing Club, this final session will include lessons and free dancing. No experience or partner is required.

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall. 7:30 to 11 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Spring Dance Concert

Pickard Theater, Memorial Hall. 8 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Ursus Verses Invitational

Ursus Verses, one of Bowdoin's co-ed a capella groups, will play host to the MIT Logarithms for this concert.

First Parish Church. 9 p.m.

SUNDAY

CONCERT

Bowdoin College Concert Band

These student musicians, under the direction of John P. Morneau, will perform the world premiere of "Kephri, God of Rebirth," by Yui Suzuki '01.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 7 p.m.

DISCUSSION

"Overstaying Our Welcome?"

Charles Pena, director of defense policy studies at the Cato Institute, and Steven Metz, professor at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, will lead a discussion on the pros and cons of a U.S. withdrawal from Iraq.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

PRESENTATION

Northern Snow Owl Recovery Project

Biologist Paul Phifer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will lecture on this endangered species.

Room 020, Druckenmiller Hall. 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

LECTURE

"The Role of Forests in Achieving Carbon Neutrality"

Director of the Maine Forest Service Alec Giffen will discuss the potential role of forest products in addressing issues related to global warming.

ES Common Room, Adams Hall. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

LECTURE

"Translating the Dirty War: Argentina in Central America"

Ariel C. Armony, director of the Latin American studies program at Colby College, will lecture on the cold war in Latin America and discuss possible courses of action.

Room 020, Druckenmiller Hall. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

LECTURE

"Drunk Sex or Date Rape: Can You Tell the Difference?"

Brett Sokolow will talk about the line between sex and rape. During the day, he will run workshops in Moulton Union.

Pickard Theater, Memorial Hall. 7 p.m.

LECTURE

"The White Elephant in the Room: Social Justice, Public Health, and Health Inequities"

Nancy Krieger from the Harvard School of Public Health will discuss health disparities.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

PRESENTATION

Bryan Alexander

Alexander has been photographing the people and animals of the Arctic and Antarctic for 30 years. He will speak about his experiences and art work. A reception will follow.

Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center. 7 to 8 p.m.



MARC ANDERSON, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

SPRING SHOW: Belleville Sextet was one of twelve performances in this weekend's 36th annual Spring Dance Concert.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Center for Common Good will open in '08

BY BETH KOWITT
ORIENT STAFF

If you're looking for the common good, by the fall of 2008, you'll be able to knock on its door.

The announcement last week of the leadership, launch date, and location of the Center for the Common Good marks the next phase for the center, which was conceived in 2001.

Susie Dorn will act as the center's director, while Craig McEwen will be its senior faculty fellow. Dorn is currently the director of the Community Service Resource Center (CSRC), while McEwen is a former dean for academic affairs and a professor of sociology and anthropology.

"It was an idea that was waiting to happen given the College's long identification with the common good," McEwen said.

The center, which was described in an e-mail announcement as the "central campus resource for supporting, teaching, research, and co-curricular activities grounded in community engagement and public service," is set to launch in fall 2008.

The center will be endowed through the capital campaign, which is looking to raise \$3 million for this venture.

Richard Mersereau, secretary of the College, said in an e-mail to the Orient that \$2.5 million has been raised so far for the center.

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TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

BRIGHT LIGHTS: The \$15 million Studzinski Recital Hall will open next week. Community members were invited on April 18 to a "Hard Hat Sneak Preview Concert," during which designers took measurements and fine-tuned the hall's acoustics. The "Stud's" official opening is next weekend.

Recital hall fine-tuned for opening

BY NICK DAY
STAFF WRITER

After more than a year and a half of construction and renovation, the \$15 million Studzinski Recital Hall is set to open next week with a series of inaugural concerts.

Formerly the Curtis Pool building, the 21,000-square-foot music performance and practice facility features the 280-seat Kanbar Auditorium, nine practice rooms, and rehearsal space.

"I think the recital hall will transform music at the College," said Professor of Music Mary Hunter. "Having

a beautiful place, dedicated to performance, tells students visibly that we are serious about music."

"We approached this project with the mentality that 'If you build it, they will come,'" said Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood. Officials hope that by building a state-of-the-art concert hall for serious musicians, talented performers will flock to the College.

According to Hood, talk of converting the Curtis Pool building—which had stored "junk and textbooks" since the completion of Greason Pool in 1987—began in the '90s. However, because of other construction proj-

ects, such as new dorms, and financial constraints, plans were not made until summer 2005. Construction then began in November of that year.

The Studzinski Recital Hall was designed by William Rawn Associates of Boston, in partnership with Lawrence Kirkegaard Associates and Theatre Projects Consultants. This team has worked together on numerous other music and performing arts projects, including the acclaimed Seiji Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood, Massachusetts.

Architect William Rawn said that, "we designed the building to meet

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HEALTH CENTER

College drops full-time doctor

College will hire a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant to oversee health center

BY EMILY GUERIN
ORIENT STAFF

The College began a search for a new director of health services this week, one of the first steps towards a new system of health care at Dudley Coe Health Center.

The College is looking to fill the position with a mid-level nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, said Caitlin Gutheil, administrator of student health programs.

Jeff Benson, who left the post in January, was a medical doctor.

In addition to the director, Gutheil said that Dudley Coe will contract with a local physician's office to bring one or two doctors to campus for a combined 10 hours per week.

Gutheil said that the new director would have clinical and administrative responsibilities, and would be heavily involved with student health groups.

"The director is a member of the Bowdoin community as well as handling administrative pieces," she said.

Currently Bowdoin contracts with two physicians at Parkview Hospital.

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BSG officer elections plagued by low turnout

President-elect Brooks connects low voter turnout with smattering of elections

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
ORIENT STAFF

The elections for next year's Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) and the referendum initiated by Ian Yaffe '09 showed a significant decrease in voter participation among Bowdoin students.

The Yaffe referendum, which sought to amend the rule in the BSG constitution that states that to run for president a candidate must have

served on BSG before, failed to reach the 547 votes, or 30 percent of the student body, required to become binding. Instead, only 458 students voted.

Current BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 guessed that there was such low voter participation because of poor timing.

"The referendum vote was right on the heels of the BSG officer elections," he said.

McKesson, however, was also disappointed in the voter participation levels in the officer elections. He said that voter participation levels were "all right, but there was a sig-

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From student to teacher

For some, senior spring spent in high school

BY MARY HELEN MILLER
ORIENT STAFF

For their final semester of college, eight seniors went back to high school.

As the culminating part of their teaching minors, these men and women traded their flexible college schedules for a post that required them to be professionally dressed and in the classroom of a local high school every morning before many of their peers had even rolled out of bed. Two weeks ago, these students completed the required 14 semester classroom experiences, that included everything from lesson planning to grading and everything in between.

MR. PETERSON

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MORE NEWS

HOUSING LOTTERY: Many seniors pick Coles Tower over Harpswell Apartments. **Page 2.**

SCHEDULING: A vote on the revised scheduling policy is postponed until the fall. **Page 3.**

THIS WEEKEND: IVIES CONCERT

Kevin Lyttle and Rahzel perform. **Preview, Page 7.** MAIN QUAD, SATURDAY, 12-5 PM.

ALSO: Zombies take over the Maine Mall as part of a student's art project. **Story, Page 7.**

BASEBALL: BEARS SPLIT WITH WESLEYAN

After weekend series with Wesleyan, team gets wins against Brandeis and Husson, but loses to St. Joseph's. **Recap, Page 10.**

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EDITORIAL: Dropping doc, scheduling policy delay questionable. **Page 17.** **THE FINAL REVELATION:** Kolowich takes on Ivies Weekend. **Page 19.**

Bowdoin Votes 2007

BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT Election Results

President		VP of Student Affairs	
✓Dustin Brooks '08	383	✓Tony Thrower '09	308
		Ben LeHay '08	174
VP of Student Organizations		VP of Academic Affairs	
✓William Donahoe '08	304	✓Sam Dinning '09	405
Lynzie McGregor '09	180		
VP of Student Government Affairs		SAFC Treasurer	
✓Kata Solow '10	385	✓Nicole Willey '08	273
		Clark Gascoigne '08	255
VP of Facilities		John Masland '08	181
✓Michael Dooley '10	400		

Source: Elections Commission

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ELECTIONS

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nificant decrease in participation from previous years. There were a lot of uncontested races, so perhaps...people were less invested in voting," Mckesson said.

The Orient calculated that in total, 484 students voted in the non-treasurer BSG officer elections.

President-elect Dustin Brooks '08 said he thought one of the reasons for the low turnout were the two elections held the week before the BSG officer elections.

"I think it was largely an effect of voter fatigue," he said. "People had voted on two BSG elections...in the previous week before having this one announced to them."

Brooks added that turnout is always slightly lower for an uncontested presidential race.

This year, there were only two contested races for six positions, and only two incumbents running. Mckesson noted that there were several more contested races and incumbents running last year.

Mckesson said that he "was shocked that there were so many uncontested races. I really thought that more people would have run."

Jake Murray '08 said that he didn't vote in this year's BSG elections, but that he hasn't voted in previous years either.

"I'm lazy and forgetful and they play off of one another. I actually really feel bad about it," he said. "I feel like I should vote but no one really knows about it. There could be a smoother system for voting."

Bridget Keating '08 said that she didn't vote because "it wasn't the first thing on my mind. I had a really busy week."

Mckesson said that "the low voter

Willey takes SAFC treasurer post

Nicole Willey '08 was elected as chair of the Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC) on Thursday night.

Willey's 273 votes led her to a 18-vote victory over Clark Gascoigne '08. John Masland '08 took third with 181 votes. The election had the highest turnout of all Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) elections this semester.

Willey, who has not previously served on the SAFC, ran a campaign based on her experience as a club leader. The SAFC distributes more than \$500,000 in student activities

participation this year is only a problem if it turns out to be a long term trend."

He added that it's important for students to remember that BSG has increased its strength in recent years. Before, he said, "it wasn't even really a government to participate in, but a programming body. It hasn't always been at the table for important discussions. Finally there's a system for people to participate and be involved in."

Mckesson stressed the future role of the BSG in communicating with students.

"They have to make sure that the people they represent know what's going so they understand that it's more important than they currently think," he said.

The failure of the Yaffe referendum assured that next year's presidency of the BSG would go to Dustin Brooks '08. Brooks is currently the vice president of student government affairs.

The two contested races this year included vice president of student organizations, in which William Do-



NICOLE WILLEY '08

fees to clubs each year.

The Elections Commission met on Thursday night to discuss a complaint alleging that Masland sent mass e-mails to students in

violation of BSG election rules. The Elections Commission issued a statement reprimanding the candidate for the alleged violation, but did not take further action.

—Bobby Guerette

nahoe '08 defeated Lynzie McGregor '09; and vice president of student affairs, in which Tony Thrower '09 defeated Ben LeHay '08.

Other uncontested races besides that for president automatically elected Kata Solow '10 as vice president of student government affairs, Michael Dooley '10 as vice president of facilities, and Sam Dinning '09 as vice president of academic affairs.

The race for BSG treasurer was postponed until this week due to accidental removal of a clause that stated that treasurer candidates must have previous experience on the Student Activities Funding Committee (SAFC) during the overhaul of the BSG constitution last year.

Juniors Clark Gascoigne, John Masland, and Nicole Willey submitted petitions to run for the position, and the vote for treasurer was postponed until Wednesday and Thursday of this past week.

Willey won, edging out Gascoigne by 18 votes.

DOCTOR

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Dr. Tim Howe specializes in internal medicine and Dr. Jeffery Maher specializes in family practice. Guthell said Howe and Maher would continue serving the college until the end of this academic year, but that the health center might contract with different doctors for the upcoming school year.

Unlike Benson, the new director of health services will not be an M.D. Instead, the contracted physicians will provide medical oversight and consultations to Dudley Coe.

"It's a rare physician who can be a gifted physician and clinician," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster. Foster said that there are many advantages to the new plan.

Contracting with physicians at Mid Coast Hospital or Parkview Hospital will ease the process of admitting students to either hospital. Foster also said that contracting with a private practice would allow for better back-up coverage if either doctor was away during a medical emergency.

Additionally, the college will have 24-7 doctor coverage as part of the practice's on-call rotation.

Foster said that physicians in practice will be more current because they see more types of patients. He added that the health center will continue to receive visiting specialists as well.

According to Foster, "a doctor who works primarily with college students works in a fairly narrow place."

BSG President-elect Dustin Brooks '08 wondered whether the new policy is the best option.

"In the past, the role of the college physician has been very important in terms of Bowdoin as a community," Brooks said.

Dr. Greg Kerr '79, the chair of the Trustees' student affairs committee and an associate professor of anesthesiology and crucial care at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, said that the new system has advantages over the old one.

"All problems a physician could handle in an infirmary, an NP [nurse practitioner] could handle as well," he said. "The great thing about a nurse practitioner handling health care is they are going to be present all the time on campus and they are more affordable."

Guthell and Foster both said that as part of the search process they had looked at peer schools' health centers. Foster said that at all the schools they profiled, except Colby and Amherst colleges, mid-level providers served as the directors of the health centers, similar to Bowdoin's new plan.

Foster also said that before Benson, Bowdoin had a similar system to the proposed one, with a mid-level director and contracted physician.

—Anne Riley contributed to this report.

SECURITY REPORT

APRIL 20 TO APRIL 26

Friday, April 20

•A student reported receiving a suspicious phone call purporting to be a banking institution asking for identity information.

•A fire alarm at Chamberlain Hall was believed to have been activated by burnt popcorn.

Saturday, April 21

•The fire alarm at Chamberlain Hall was activated when water flooded the elevator shaft.

•The fire alarm at Harpswell Apartments was activated by smoke from burnt food.

•A visitor who became ill after taking medication and drinking beer was transported to Parkview Hospital.

•A student found \$800 cash in Coles Tower lobby and turned the money over to the security office. A short while later a student reported the lost cash and the money was returned.

Sunday, April 22

•Two intoxicated students were involved in a disturbance on the fourth floor of Moore Hall.

•A Safe Ride driver reported that a student passenger made a statement

that the driver felt was inappropriate.

•A report was filed that a Brunswick Apartments student was keeping a pet cat in violation of college policy.

•A security officer transported an ill Chamberlain Hall student to Parkview Hospital.

Monday, April 23

•A staff member at Seales Hall reported receiving annoying phone and written communications from a local resident. A security officer contacted the person and resolved the matter.

Wednesday, April 25

•An ill Chamberlain Hall student was taken to Parkview Hospital.

Thursday, April 26

•Three Moore Hall students violated the college alcohol policy by possessing hard liquor and a large quantity of beer in their second floor room.

•A student who passed out on the second floor of the Seales Science Building was checked out by Brunswick Rescue personnel and then treated at the Dudley Coe Health Center.

—The Department of Safety and Security

CORRECTIONS

Transcription error

Due to a transcription error, in "Keeping the faith" (April 13), Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett was misquoted in a reference to college support for religious student organizations. Her quote should have read, "If there is a groundswell of interest, we will respond to that." The Orient regrets the error.

Identification error

Due to an editing error, the artist of a sculpture the April 13 Opinion section was misidentified. The sculpture, "Where Am I," was created by Erin Furey '07. The Orient regrets the error.

The Orient strives to be accurate in all of its reporting.

If you believe a correction or clarification is needed, please e-mail the editors at orient@bowdoin.edu.

UNDER THE LION'S GAZE



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

TAKING IT ALL IN: A class sits on the recently re-opened steps of the Walker Art Museum on Thursday. Though clear skies persisted throughout the day, ivies will have to contend with an 80 percent chance of rain today and a 50 percent chance of showers on Saturday.

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TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

JACKPOT: A student discusses her room selection at the doubles lottery in Daggett Lounge on Thursday night, while Tony Thrower '09 (right) calls out numbers. At the quads lottery, many rising seniors opted to live in Coles Tower, leaving Harpswell Apartments open for juniors.

Seniors opt for Tower in lottery

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

Students waiting out the quads housing lottery last week noticed a interesting trend develop as more rising seniors opted to live in Coles Tower, leaving spots for juniors at Harpswell Apartments.

While Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli said final statistics were not yet available for this year's lottery, she said that seniors chose Coles Tower earlier in the lottery than usual.

Pacelli said just under 30 juniors will be living at Harpswell next year, which houses approximately 50 students, and one block of juniors will be living on Pine Street.

"I cannot remember another year, either while working in the office or during my student experience, where we had so few seniors in Harpswell Apartments, in particular," she said. "Some years we see a smattering of juniors in blocks with seniors, but usually Harpswell and Pine Street go before the Tower—this year it was the opposite."

Pacelli said one probable explanation seniors opted for Coles Tower over Harpswell is the construction of the new ice arena between Farley Field House and Harpswell Apartments that will take place next year.

Between July and October, a construction team will replace the soccer field next to the apartments with a parking lot and then begin building

the arena. Residential Life posted a document on the housing lottery Web site to inform all potential residents.

Harpswell Apartments Residential Assistant Ashley Conti '07 worked at the Harpswell registration table during the housing lottery. She said that the "general consensus" was that seniors were avoiding Harpswell and choosing Coles Tower instead.

"One of the biggest things is the construction—a lot of seniors were commenting that they didn't want to live at Harpswell because of it. That was a huge turnoff from living there," she said.

Conti added that a lot of rising seniors currently living in Coles Tower opted for it again after being satisfied this year. She also said that the field by Harpswell Apartments is one of its "main attractions," with sporting events and space to hang out, so removing it takes away from the appeal.

Morgan Macleod '09 said he originally planned to live in Coles Tower with his block, but ended up choosing an available Harpswell apartment, instead.

Macleod said he has no qualms with the housing and thinks it is "fantastic," even with some construction.

"One of the great things about living in apartments like Harpswell is hanging out on the porch on a sunny afternoon," he said. "A lot of traffic

and construction will certainly take some of the peacefulness out of that. But really, there are downsides to anywhere you choose to live—all the options for housing here are pretty reasonable."

While Jessica Horstkotte '08 said that it was possible construction might have deterred some seniors from living in Harpswell Apartments, it wasn't a factor for her housing block in Coles Tower.

"We wanted to be more central on campus, so it was either Chamberlain or the Tower. I just think that a lot of people have friends in the Tower and it's going to be a really fun place filled with seniors next year," she said.

Aside from the unexpected selections by juniors and seniors, Pacelli said that the lottery has gone well this year, with its updated online services and condensed time frame.

"Things have moved remarkably smoothly this year. Students are well informed about the deadlines and process, and stress related to the process seems a little more managed this year," she said.

"One of the things we've tried to do better this year is to prepare students, particularly rising sophomores, that they're not necessarily going to get their first choice and to be prepared. My sense is that people may be disappointed, but they understand that as a rising sophomore, it is a seniority system," Pacelli added.

Scheduling proposal decision postponed

BY CATI MITCHELL
ORIENT STAFF

A revised attendance policy, proposed by the Student Affairs Committee, will not be voted on this semester at either of the two remaining faculty meetings.

If it is passed in the fall, the policy would be included in the college catalogue for the academic year 2008-2009.

The first meeting in May is a business meeting; the second is set aside for the approval of honors and end-of-the-year committee reports.

"It's clear that there won't be enough time for the policy to have the full discussion it needs so we have decided to postpone until the

fall," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, a member of the committee, in an e-mail to the Orient.

Foster noted that business of this kind is rarely discussed in the May faculty meetings.

The revised policy requires that professors make attendance regulations, including required lectures, evening exams, film screenings, field trips, and other required events, clear before the add/drop deadline.

While faculty can strongly recommend that students go to an event that comes up later in the semester, they cannot require it. Students are, however, held responsible for everything laid out in the syllabus.

The current policy will be included in the college catalogue for next fall.

Summer fellowships offer students options

BY SAM WAXMAN
ORIENT STAFF

Summer fellowships allow students who rarely venture off campus during the academic year a chance to understand the community beyond Bowdoin.

The Community Matters in Maine Summer Fellowship Program is an umbrella group of fellowships and internships coordinated by the Community Service Resource Center (CSRC), which allows students to work with a nonprofit of their choice, either here in Brunswick or in another part of Maine.

"The Community Matters in Maine summer fellowships offer students the opportunity to apply their academic talents and skills to the work of local nonprofits, helping to build capacity in these organizations while providing an intensive experience in the nonprofit world," said Susie Dorn, director of the CSRC.

Dorn coordinates the community action fellowships, a group within the Community Matters in Maine fellowships. The Psi Upsilon fellowships, aimed at environmental studies majors, are the other fellowships that fall under the Community Matters in Maine umbrella.

"For all, it presents a chance to learn from strong community leaders while helping to make connections between the campus and the local community," she said.

McKinley grants and the Preston Public Interest Career Fund (PICF) also allow students to work for nonprofits, although these grants are not limited to Maine.

The community action fellows work with local organizations including Five Rivers Arts Alliance, Tedford Housing, the Town of Brunswick, and Volunteers of America to learn about how the nonprofits function and to obtain experience for future careers.

Sara Griffin '09 will be working with the Five Rivers Arts Alliance this summer. As a visual arts and art history major, she will apply her academic background in art to a local nonprofit in order to learn "how art can really impact people."

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SUSIE DORN
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER DIRECTOR

Part of her desire to work with this nonprofit stems from the fact that she is "concerned about the art world, how elite and detached from the real world it can be."

Griffin added that she wants to "get involved in a community that brings the arts to everyone."

Amy Ahearn '08 will be working through another program; she has received a grant from the Preston Public Interest Career Fund, and will work with Partners in Ending Hunger, a nonprofit located in Portland.

Ahearn will conduct a food insecurity survey and create a manual for administering this survey in other parts of the country.

"The Public Interest Career Fund grant appealed to me because it allows you to design your own project with a nonprofit organization of your choice," she said.

Past fellows spoke highly of their experiences in these programs in Maine.

"The fellowship was an excellent foray into the environmental field and nonprofit work. I significantly improved my ability to creatively solve problems, as there were new projects and issues every day in the office," said Julie Ledewitz '08, a recipient of one of last year's Psi Upsilon Fellowships.

"This [past] summer made me realize that Brunswick has tons of interesting things going on and is a really vibrant town in itself," said Debbie Theodore '08, last year's fellow at the Five Rivers Arts Alliance.

"The variety of organizations coupled with the interdisciplinary nature of the students' majors fosters rich discussions about current issues in Maine, and how we can work collaboratively in communities to effect change over the long haul," Dorn said.

Experts debate U.S. options in Iraq

BY GEMMA LEIGHORN
ORIENT STAFF

Experts Steven Metz and Charles Pena debated U.S. options for withdrawal from Iraq on Sunday in Kresge Auditorium, and though they disagreed on several points, both concluded that a traditional "victory" is not possible.

The debate was held by Americans for Informed Democracy.

Metz, chairman of the Regional Strategy and Planning Department and research professor at the Strategic Studies Institute, told the audience that he has "lived, eaten, breathed, and literally dreamed about Iraq," since he participated in a study team that examined "post-conflict" issues in the area.

The other panelist, Charles Pena, was previously the director of defense policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute, and is now the senior fellow at the Independent Institute.

In his opening statement, Metz presented what he believed are misconceptions about the United States in Iraq. He opposed the notion that the

"counterinsurgency is a war, so our military must win or lose."

In Metz's view, the counterinsurgency cannot be defeated by the U.S. military; instead, it has to be defeated psychologically or politically. He also addressed the misconception that "the outcome in Iraq is already pre-determined...that the war is lost."

"It's possible for there to be a worse outcome, but there also is the possibility for there to be something better than what we have today," Metz said. "I don't think [a humanitarian disaster] is inevitable."

Finally, Metz critiqued the idea that a speedy U.S. withdrawal from Iraq would encourage resolution of the conflict. Instead of withdrawing immediately, he outlined what his alternate plan would entail.

"I would force the Iraqis to tell us what role they want us to play," he said. "Four years into this conflict, the Iraqi government should be able to develop its own strategies."

Pena agreed with Metz's assessment that the counterinsurgency would not be defeated, but differed on withdrawal.

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STEVEN METZ
RESEARCH PROFESSOR AT THE STRATEGIC STUDIES INSTITUTE

"I think it's within our strategic interests to withdraw," he said. "I wanted to withdraw even before we invaded."

Pena questioned the nation's interests in Iraq, and what the United States hopes to achieve before leaving.

"Do we have to see some sort of positive outcome? Does Iraq have to be a stable democracy? I would argue fundamentally no," he said.

Security should be the main concern with every country, Pena said. If the United States is assured of this fact, the government should try to limit its involvement.

"The Iraqis are the ones that need to determine their own destiny," said Pena. "We ought to at least be true to the notion of self-determination."

CENTER

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"Considering that there are two years, two months, and five days left in the pledging period for The Bowdoin Campaign I have no doubt that the goal will be surpassed," Mersereau said.

Mersereau added that there may be donors who have said they will support the center, but the College "counts nothing except signed Statements of Intent and actual money that has come in."

The center will be located in Bannister Hall, and the transition to that space will begin this summer with the CSRC's relocation there from Adams Hall.

The programs currently run by the CSRC will fall under the jurisdiction of the center after its launch.

McEwen said that his role in the center includes looking for "opportunities to reflect on service, build context for it so it can more deeply enrich the educational experience of the College."

McEwen will act as a liaison and organizer, and communicate "with individual faculty, to learn what's going on, to offer ideas, to be a resource."

He noted that while he would be working to increase contact on the faculty side, "that's no diminution for the students."

Dorn said that she would be working with students to connect the "curricular to the co-curricular" and to help them discover how "they can personally use their talents and skills to serve the common good."

Dorn gave the example of how the center would assist a student who has established an interest in issues of poverty by suggesting the student volunteer at the Tedford Housing or participate in an Alternative Spring Break trip focusing on homelessness. The center might also direct the student toward a course such as Poverty and Social Policy in the sociology department.

"This is very much about using [the center] to enhance a student's education," Dorn said.

McEwen said that courses and

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JOY LEE '07

professors working with the center will not be limited to any one department.

"With some imagination, in the right kind of class, it can work in any field, but it can't work in every course," he said. "We're never going to have nor should we have it in all courses."

Dorn said that bringing many of the pre-existing service activities under the umbrella of the center would allow for a more "institutionalized and synergistic approach."

Joy Lee '07, whose involvement with service on campus includes acting as student intern at the CSRC and co-president of the Community Service Council, said that service during her four years at Bowdoin has evolved, and the center is the next step in this progression.

"I think it will put service more at the forefront," Lee said. "We have all these different components to service but this is a more direct statement of how service learning, community service, and student leadership will be involved in the College."

Both Dorn and McEwen stressed that the purpose of the center is not to stifle student, faculty, and staff initiatives.

"It's to help those initiatives take form and develop," McEwen said.

Dorn said that the 2007-2008 academic year would be a "transition year" and that an important part of the process in determining what the center will look like is "the increased dialogue on campus about what it means to use education to serve the common good."

McEwen also said that he expected the center would continue to grow and change even after its official launch date.

"What we'll see in 2008 won't be what it'll be like in 2012," he said.

Canada '74 appears on '60 Minutes'

Geoffrey Canada '74 was the subject of a CBS "60 Minutes" story on "stop snitchin'" campaigns on Sunday. It was Canada's second appearance on the broadcast in less than a year.

The Bowdoin alum is the CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone, a New York-based organization that works with at-risk children.

CNN anchor and "60 Minutes" contributor Anderson Cooper reported the story.

According to the broadcast, Israel Ramirez, a student whom Canada had closely mentored, was fatally shot in 2006. Ramirez was a bodyguard for rapper Busta Rhymes.

Police said that at least 25 people, including Rhymes, may have witnessed the shooting, but none are talking to investigators. Canada told "60 Minutes" that he thinks the silence is due to Rhymes's concerns about maintaining street credibility.

"I ask you Busta, as a man, if that was your son and you watched someone kill your son, would you remain

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quiet or would you get justice for your son?" Canada told Cooper. "This is murder. This is murder. This is watching someone getting murdered. How do we walk away from this?"

The "60 Minutes" report said that murders around the country are going unsolved because of "stop snitchin'" messages in certain hip-hop songs.

Canada was last profiled on "60 Minutes" in May 2006, when the program detailed his work at the Harlem Children's Zone. Canada will receive an honorary doctorate from Bowdoin in May.

'Taste for Change' dinner set for May 4

The Campus Kitchen Task Force will serve its final "Taste for Change" dinner of the semester at Ladd House on Friday, May 4. Working with Dining Service, the group will serve grilled-to-order chicken, vegetable, and tempeh skewers as well as freshly prepared and grilled-to-order burgers with all of the fixings. As a special treat to look forward to summer, the group will be serving cook-your-own \$mores and Klondike Bars as the dessert.

Proceeds from the event will benefit an organization working for community change that guests will choose the week following the dinner.

"The biggest thing we're trying to do here is educating, not organizing," said Ian Yaffe '09, executive chef. "For community change to really be possible, we've got to change the very attitudes that have allowed problems like hunger and homelessness to exist in the first place."

The dinner begins at 6 p.m. at Ladd House and a \$5 to \$10 donation is suggested. Required reservations should be made with Yaffe by Wednesday, May 2 at iyaffe@bowdoin.edu and should include an ID number for board transfer.

At 7 p.m., Terry Howell will lead a discussion about hunger in Midcoast Maine and what we can do about it. Howell is executive director of the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program (MCHPP) in Brunswick. Serving eight communities, the mission of the MCHPP is to "provide food assistance, nutrition education, and referral services to households living at or below poverty."

-Bobby Guerette

HALL

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the unique needs of student performers... we saw the recital hall as a place that will bring the Bowdoin community together, a place of gathering and celebration. To that end we conceived of the hall as a warm, inviting space with natural birch woodwork and filled with natural light."

Inside Kanbar Auditorium—the 280-seat, 4,250-square-foot centerpiece of the hall—curved geometry produces an oval-shaped "vessel for music," giving sound in the room a rich, defined texture.

The space also features 10 pylons, which act as acoustical curtains and can be adjusted depending on what kind of music is played in the hall.

Though most seats directly face the stage, there is also some seating around the sides of the room. Video and audio recording equipment linked to the stage also allow performers to review their taped rehearsals and concerts.

President Barry Mills was enthusiastic about the hall's completion.

"The imagination, energy, and skill applied to transform our former swimming pool into a first-class recital hall reflects Bowdoin's commitment to the arts and music as vital components of a liberal arts education," he said.

Mills also praised John Studzinski and Elliott and Maurice Kanbar, the principal donors for the hall.

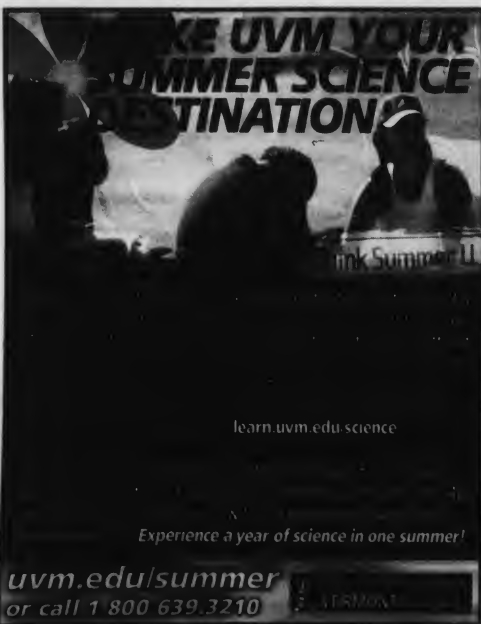
The hall takes its name from Studzinski, a member of the Class of 1978. A trustee of the College, he currently works as an investment banker.

Studzinski Recital Hall's official inaugural concerts will take place in Kanbar Auditorium next Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The concert will feature performances by the College's chamber choir, concert band, and orchestra, among other ensembles.

Gibson Hall, the current music building, will continue to serve the College, providing practice studios to students and offices to music professors. But Bowdoin musicians will now have a new location where they can practice, play and perform.

According to Christie Collins Judd, dean of academic affairs and musicologist, "The rich culture of sound here goes back a long way, and now this recital hall will be a gathering place for those who love music long into the future."

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FEATURES

Senior studies how colleges treat disabled students

BY CAITLIN BEACH
CONTRIBUTOR

National statistics reveal that approximately nine percent of first-year college students identify themselves as having a physical or mental disability. Senior Alicia Wong wants to know how these students function in rigorous academic settings, such as Bowdoin.

Wong, a sociology major and chemistry minor, is conducting a yearlong independent study on college students with disabilities. Her own experience as a student with a physical handicap inspired her to conduct the study. She has been involved with the campus group Students Embracing Disabilities since her first year at Bowdoin.

During the first semester of her junior year, Wong completed an independent study for sociology about the idea of stigma based on the theories of sociologist Erving Goffman.

"[The study] gave me the theoretical approach that I have now," says Wong. "I have always wanted to look at disabilities at Bowdoin, and how they are differentiated from other

stigmas such as race and gender," she adds.

Wong developed her project by conducting research on accommodations for disabilities at institutions of higher learning. She notes that high schools have legal programs protecting students with disabilities. Wong explains that the program Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) "basically forces high schools to create individualized education plans [for disabled students]."

She points out that this law does not apply to colleges. Although students remain protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, these acts do not call for individual accommodation. Instead, colleges base accommodation on student initiative rather than institutional initiative. This leaves students responsible for reaching out if they want help.

"It's not like you arrive for class and there is help automatically there for you," Wong says.

At Bowdoin and other rigorous institutions of higher learning, "there is a standard way the class-

room functions," Wong says.

Such an academic atmosphere undoubtedly creates pressures and expectations, she explains. However, Wong notes that "people with special needs often need modified standards, and this can create conflict between the academic processes upon which the college functions."

Wong interviewed 12 students who identified themselves to the College as being disabled, and she asked them how their disability and accommodations affected their overall experience at Bowdoin. The responses she has gotten are varied: Some students worried about the stigma of having special accommodations, such as taking tests within unlimited time frames, while others raised concerns about to whom they should disclose information about their disability.

Thus far, Wong's interviews and research have supported her observations on the paradoxical relationship between the academic ethos of institutions of higher learning and the needs of students with disabilities.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

SOCIAL RESEARCH: Alicia Wong '07, a sociology major, is conducting an independent study this semester to investigate how students with disabilities function in rigorous academic settings.

TEACHING

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Torin Peterson, an English and theater major, taught two sophomore English courses and a creative writing elective for juniors and seniors at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham. As the youngest child in his family, Peterson says that he has not had much experience being the sole authority figure. The first lesson Peterson taught was an introduction to a unit on plays, and he describes the experience as "terrifying" and "insane."

"I definitely expected something, and the complete opposite happened," he says.

Because he was preparing the class to study "Twelve Angry Men," a play about a jury, he decided to use a more current case—the Michael Jackson trial—as a springboard into the lesson.

"I'm not sure it was the wisest choice," he says.

Although it was difficult for Peterson to get the hang of things at first, he now feels comfortable going into a classroom and teaching.

"You don't really get exposure to [teaching], unless you jump right into it," he says.

History major Adam Paltrineri taught two classes of ninth grade ancient world cultures and one class of 12th grade government and politics at Mt. Ararat high school. Like Peterson, he says that preparing lessons became easier with time. Paltrineri was often required to teach lessons about subjects with which he was unfamiliar. At first, he says that he would devote much time researching the topics, but he eventually began using Wikipedia to get information the night before the lesson.

"If I don't know much about [a certain topic], I have to make sure that nobody can figure that out," he says.

Paltrineri, who has wanted to be a teacher since he took Education 101 as a first-year student, emphasized the difference between the way a typical college student lives and the lifestyle he had to take up as a student teacher. In addition to "putting on a



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

LIVING IN TWO WORLDS: Eight seniors completed their teaching minors this semester by forgoing traditional schedules to teach full time in local schools. From left: Dan Hackett, Alex Lamb, Susan Morris, Daphne Leveriza, Torin Peterson, and Adam Paltrineri. Not pictured: Tasha Graff and Megan Schuster.

shirt and tie in the morning while my roommates were still asleep," Paltrineri says he often had to pass up evening activities with friends in order to go to bed early.

"By the time you are a second semester senior, a lot of people are ready to make that jump," he says. "And I really don't mind dressing up in a shirt and tie every day, because when you look good, you feel good!"

Paltrineri describes his students as "world class comedians for ninth graders." In fact, he thought they were so funny that he kept a log of their best quotes, and would bring them back up in conversation months later. While he tried to stay in his "teacher" persona, "a lot of times things just slipped out."

"Some of the best moments are when you can sit back and laugh—

not at them, but because they were genuinely trying to be funny with you," he says.

As a student teacher, Paltrineri had a "cooperating teacher" who served as a mentor and whose classes he eventually took over. Like other Bowdoin students in the program, Paltrineri was very grateful for such a role model and partner.

"It was seamless to step in for her," he says of his cooperating teacher, a 2001 Bowdoin graduate.

Most of the student teachers started teaching classes full time at the beginning of this semester. Because the schools at which they taught were in session in early January, the student teachers were required to return to campus weeks before their peers at Bowdoin. They were also unable to take time off during Bowdoin's Spring Break, but they finished the student

teaching program in mid-April.

However, not all of the students in the program were solely occupied by completing their teaching minors. Although student teachers generally try to finish graduation requirements before their last semester, not all are able to do so.

For instance, Peterson is enrolled in two classes this semester, which meet at 2:30 p.m. every day. Because Mt. Ararat's school day is over at 2:12 p.m., Peterson would rush back to campus every day to make it to class on time.

In addition to taking classes, Peterson remains an involved student on campus. For instance, he led an Alternate Spring Break trip, serves on the Common Good Grant Committee, and sings in an a cappella group and chamber choir. Although he says it was "a strange experience" to live in

two worlds at once, after a while, they "blurred together."

Peterson says that after a day of teaching, "I went to chamber choir, and suddenly I was a student again."

On the other hand, Tasha Graff, who taught English at Morse High School in Bath, lives off campus. Although she admits that it was tough to wake up so early, overall it was not as difficult as she originally thought it would be to follow the schedule of a high school teacher, while still technically a college student.

"For me, I sort of naturally progressed to that role by senior year," she says.

In conjunction with instructing in the classroom, the eight seniors met on a weekly basis with each other as well as Visiting Fellow Suzanne Aldridge and Adjunct Lecturer Mary Lu Gallaudet of the education department.

Daphne Leveriza, who taught ninth grade English at Mt. Ararat High School, referred to these meetings as "group therapy."

"We definitely became a close group of friends who were going through this experience together," she says.

Graff, who notes that student teaching had its rough spots, says, "It's really great to have that network of people to rely on."

"It was definitely a huge challenge, and there were days that I felt like I was doing nothing right," she says.

"Once you get started, they really look up to you, and it's pretty inspiring," she adds.

For Paltrineri, who hopes to teach in an urban setting on the West Coast next year, teaching represents something that is both a personal challenge and an opportunity to give back.

His career as a teacher will enable him to "return some of the good educational graces that I had, because not every community has the educational resources that I had."

"[Student teaching] has paid off in spades for me. I don't know what it would be like stepping into teaching without student teaching under my belt," he says.

Porn can distort way we view sex



TALKIN'
ABOUT IT

BY LAUREN MCGRATH
COLUMNIST

The first time I watched porn was with one of my girlfriends, to whom I've always gone for sex advice. When I told her last year that I had never seen a porno before, she was shocked. Eager to expose my "innocent" mind to the world of X rated images and videos, she grabbed her boyfriend's laptop and opened up his porn folder. Seconds later we were sitting on the couch, watching Jenna Lewis from TV's *Survivor* having sex with some anonymous guy.

My introduction into porn with Jenna Lewis was fairly tame and considered by most to be "soft porn." I got my real shock when I sat in on a lecture a few weeks ago by Gail Dines, a professor at Wheelock College, who gave a talk called "Sexism, Identity and Intimacy in a Pornographic Culture." The exploitive, degrading, violent images that she showed of women were nothing I hadn't seen or heard about before, but her explanation of why these images can be so dangerous was.

We all know that porn does not shed a very empowering light on women. The woman who has a man thrusting his penis into her mouth while she is being penetrated from behind by another (these guys throw money at her when they are finished) is treated with no respect. And despite the moaning that porn directors call for, women don't have G-spots in their throats. You might get off looking at this kind of "sex," but I can guarantee the woman being doubly penetrated isn't.

Dines argued that these extremely prevalent sexualized images of men and women in print, widely available on on-demand TV and on the Internet make it impossible for us to decide for ourselves what is sexy. They give us unrealistic expectations of the opposite/same sex when it comes to sex and relationships, and ultimately of how we view our own sexuality. Her Web site says that contrary to popular belief, porn does not create a "more liberated, edgy sexuality, but amasses a produced vision of sex that is profoundly sexist." Women, often the victims or objects of porn, will agree with this.

Now to be sure, and not to preach, or to be prudish, I know enough to say that not all porn is bad. A lot of people find porn to be harmless fun, a way to relieve stress or even learn about sex. Porn that isn't degrading (it does exist) can be a good way to spice up your sex life. In fact, there are a few Web sites that showcase porn that is made by women for women. Porn can let you step outside your own sex life for a moment and fantasize about someone else's.

While sex is everywhere in our culture, it's still considered taboo. The only way young people can learn about sex is through the purely scientific explanations of high school sex-ed and porn. Those are two pretty extreme sources, neither telling us much about real sex. In

Ultimately, porn confuses what women want with what women do to please men.

our culture today, watching porn, especially for men, is considered a necessary step in becoming a "man." According to the Chicago Tribune, 70 percent of men age 18 to 34 view porn once a month. Looking at and watching porn, however, is nothing new. Images of fornication have been around since the beginning of civilization. And pornography flourished in the Victorian era. But never before has porn been so accessible; it's on every one's hotel room TV, only a few clicks away on your parents' cable system, and everywhere on the Internet.

So, why do men watch porn? Jay Leno chalks it up to men needing visual stimulants. Almost all of my guy friends (ones with girlfriends, steady hook ups, and those flying solo) confessed to watching porn frequently, mostly for the purpose of masturbation. Watching porn, they said, is simply a quicker way to get off.

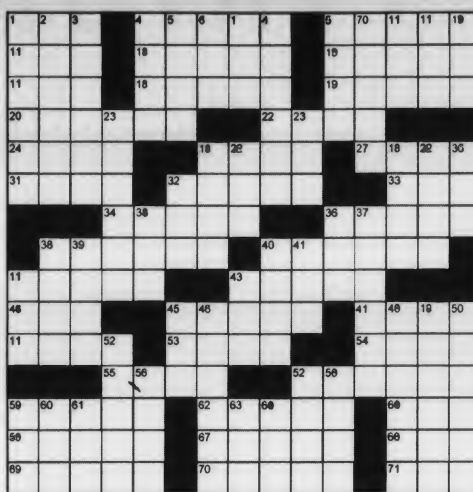
So consider it harmless, but it's naive to think that watching it doesn't have any influence on both your perception of sex and your sexual partners. I don't think it's possible for these images not to seep into our minds.

A friend told me, "Girls in porn are dirty and don't have any morals. But I would never think of my girlfriend in that way." I'm not sure this line is so easy to draw. The more men and women are bombarded by these sorts of negative images, the more desensitized we become to them. Are we starting to imitate the porn actors? If so, that can be pathetic and degrading.

One friend said that on a one night stand a guy once asked her if he could "cum in her face." Where do you think he got that idea? Guys and maybe some girls say that a woman likes having a man ejaculate in her mouth or on her face. After all, the woman in the porno was screaming in ecstasy (guys: that's because she was acting). Women do this to please men, not because they secretly want cum all over their faces. Ultimately, porn confuses what women want with what women do to please men.

The porn industry also misrepresents men. In porno land, men are portrayed as stereotypical, misogynistic pigs that have little or no respect for women. That distorted representation isn't fair and can't be healthy to either sex. I think there is a reason why men watch porn more than women—it's because most of the porn out there objectifies women, and women don't like to watch other women being degraded. Most porn isn't helping anyone in our generation know what it means to be a sexually empowered woman, or a sexually confident man who doesn't have to disrespect women. There is such a thing as good porn and bad porn; sorting through it is the tricky part. But there is one thing that porn isn't—it's not real sex.

Weekend Headliners



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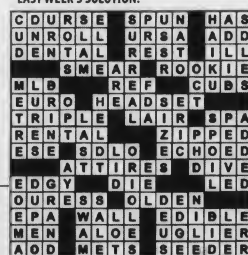
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Artistic zombies invade Maine Mall for student project



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DEAD MAN WALKING: Sam Tung '09 and several other Bowdoin students walk through the Maine Mall on Sunday, dressed as zombies. The costumes were part of Tung's interventionist art project for Professor of Art Mark Wethli's public art course.

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

Attention, shoppers: Please do not take pictures of the zombies.

Patrons at the Maine Mall on Sunday did not hear this broadcasted over the loudspeaker, but it was the message a Maine Mall security officer named Googin conveyed when he asked Sam Tung '09 and his friends, who were dressed as zombies for Tung's art project, to leave the mall.

His reason for asking them to leave was that taking photographs inside the mall is prohibited, unless cleared by mall management. Mall management, however, would not be available until Monday.

While the zombies' photographer, Kathryn Jacoby '10, agreed to stop, Googin said that the behavior would encourage other people to take pictures and that the group had to leave.

"I certainly expected to be talked to by security, but I was surprised by the half-assed way they threw us out," Tung said.

Tung conceived this interventionist art project, in which the artist goes into a public space to perform and causes those witnessing the performance to reflect on the space, for Professor of Art Mark Wethli's public art class. The course's description defines public art as "artworks in any media that are engaged with, addressed toward, and created in relationship to the public domain."

Tung chose to use zombies in order to comment on the conformity and consumerism within American culture, since he called them representations of "mindless masses and basic urges." The mall provided an ideal setting.

"I liked the idea of a costume and the message certain figures convey, and forcing people to reconsider what those figures mean," Tung said. "And I'm a huge zombie movie buff."

"My biggest fear was that a mother would complain I was scaring her child," he continued. "But 'nobody seemed bothered or distressed.'"

In fact, Tung said, most shoppers did not look at the eight students who were wearing zombie face paint, fake blood, torn jeans, polo shirts with popped collars, and iPod headphones.

"It was surprising how many people went out of their way not to stare," Tung said. "I couldn't tell if it was more out of reflex of not staring, or more that they didn't want to give us the attention we were calling for."

Even though he and the other students were zombies for only half an hour, Tung still enjoyed the project and considered it a success for him and his friends.

"As far as getting to be zombies and trying the interventionist project, it was a definite success," Tung said. "Did we actually make people question ideas of conformity and consumerism? I don't know. They might have just thought we were kids trying to make a scene."

Kevin Lyttle, Rahzel headline Ivies concert

BY SARA TENNYSON
STAFF WRITER

IVIES WEEKEND CONCERT

When: Saturday, 12-5 p.m.
Where: Main Quad (Morrell Lounge if raining).
Admission: Free.

Club JAX enthusiasts and DJ Daryl groupies are rejoicing at the news. Kevin Lyttle, performer of the immortal dance single "Turn Me On," will headline Saturday's Ivies Weekend concert. A five-hour festival featuring Battle of the Bands winners Xeno Groove, singer-songwriter Josh Rouse, and beat-boxing legend Rahzel will lead into Lyttle's performance amidst inflatable sumo wrestling suits and a moonwalk.

"We are really looking forward to this weekend," said Campus Activities Board (CAB) Concerts and Comedy co-chair Emma Reilly '09. "We are crossing our fingers for sunny weather, but either way, the concert should be great. Our goal was to bring a range of acts, so there will be music for everyone to enjoy regardless of personal taste."

Featuring a diverse array of music, the concert was planned to feature a variety of energetic, Ivies-appropriate genres.

Rouse, a popular artist on the independent folk scene, has been compared to Wilco and David Gray.

Rahzel, most famous for his song "If Your Mother Only Knew," was a member of The Roots during the late '90s.

Lyttle, a Soca-reggae artist from Saint Vincent, reached worldwide acclaim with "Turn Me On" in

2004. He will grace the stage at 3:30 p.m.

Rumors of a possible collaboration between Lyttle and Rahzel, who share an agent and are reported to be friends, have been spreading across campus in recent days.

"In considering possible acts, we wanted to find performers that could entertain a crowd whether it's a beautiful day or in the event of rain. I think we've done just that," said CAB co-chair Megan MacLennan '07. "Whether inside or out, the concert will be upbeat, entertaining, and will really fit the mood that is Ivies."

The concert, which will be held on the Quad, will begin at noon and continue until 5 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the inflatables will be relocated to Morrell Gym and the performers to Morrell Lounge.

Dining Service will provide snacks and water throughout the course of the day, and dinner will be served outside the chapel as the concert draws to a close.

CAB co-chair Sarah Scott '07 said, "The Ivies concert is one of our favorite events to put on for our fellow students each year and our hope is that it will be a success in both the production and amongst the student body."

Children wiggle to library to see Carle's 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'

BY ANNA KARASS
ORIENT STAFF

The idea for the very colorful installation of papier mâché objects from the children's book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle came about through a mistake.

The display, in the children's corner of the Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, boasts various objects eaten by a ravenous caterpillar in the book, as well as the caterpillar himself and the butterfly he becomes. It was inspired by the collection of papier mâché animals at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. But while the papier mâché creatures at the Curtis Memorial Library are machine-made, all the pieces of the installation in H-L Library are handmade.

Last summer, a large papier mâché horse was delivered to the H-L Library by mistake. The staff soon learned that the horse was intended for the collection of animals at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.

After seeing the horse, Bowdoin Librarian Sherrie Bergman approached the Craft Center to get help in creating a similar display for the H-L Library's children's corner.

Over the summer Craft Center instructors Bonnie Faulkner and Lonie Ellis, as well as Bonnie Pardue, the information desk coordinator, decided on Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" as a theme.



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

COMING OUT OF THE COCOON: The caterpillar from Eric Carle's popular children's book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," sits on display at Hawthorne-Longfellow Library's children's section.

Faulkner and Ellis worked with first-year students Xin Sun and Whitney Grass to construct the creatures, which were finished in April. The papier mâché forms are covered with torn tissue paper, like the effect of Carle's illustrations, and glossy glue to create a hard, shiny surface. A variety of other materials were utilized to enhance the objects' appearance. The Craft Center donated all materials to the project.

According to Pardue, the installation helps make the children's corner more inviting.

"I think it makes a special place for children to go," she said. "Before

you couldn't tell the space was for children."

"The children's corner is very important because faculty, staff, and guests come in with children," Bergman said. "It is a good way to occupy them."

Although Bergman plans to move some of the objects to other spaces in the library, pieces of the exhibit will remain on display on a rotating schedule in the children's corner.

Currently all the objects, including the lead character (the very hungry caterpillar), a piece of watermelon, a slice of cherry pie, a sausage, and an apple are on display.

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Lindsay Heuser '09 and Jason Iskarpotyoti '09

What's the best album ever made?

LH: A tie between Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" and Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon." "Rumours" is pure pop perfection in the form of tight harmonies, unique vocal arrangements, and great lyrics. And any self-declared music fan should be forced to shut up, sit down, and listen to "Dark Side of the Moon" from start to finish. It's just that good.

JL: Either Sonny Rollins' "Saxophone Colossus" or Miles Davis' "Kind of Blue" because of the unique sounds of the musicians and of their unmatched improvisation skills.

Who's the greatest living musician?

LH: Yo-Yo Ma (who has the best name of any musician, ever) represents the classical side, and Eric Clapton rocks the rock genre.

JL: Sonny Rollins is the man.

What's the best show you've seen live?

LH: I don't really enjoy large venues, but The Red Hot Chili Peppers had an unbridled drive and energy to their set. Their presence definitely filled the arena. The Shins were also pretty darn fun as far as small venues are concerned.

JL: The Philadelphia Orchestra playing anything.

What's the first album you ever bought?

LH: I can't really remember which

CD I owned first, but Britney Spears' "Baby Hit Me One More Time" and the Spice Girls' "Spice" both managed to fall into my possession during the third grade. Just for the record, I don't regret purchasing either one.

JL: Queen's "Greatest Hits"

What's your music guilty pleasure?

LH: Oh god, I have so many. I'd rather not reveal the extent of my bad taste, but I will admit that I adore anything involving that illustrious decade of music, the '80s. Bring on Journey, Madonna, and Tears for Fears!

JL: Anything trance or techno.

If you were the dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

LH: "Probably 'Here Comes the Sun' by the Beatles. I figure my subjects will be less likely to revolt against me if they're listening to happy-go-lucky stuff like that.

JL: The NFL theme song—it's very patriotic.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

LH & JL: "It's business time!" as stolen from the fabulous Flight of the Conchords song "Business Time."

Heuser and Iskarpotyoti's show, "The Spicy Revenge," airs on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

A quick visit to the BootLegger



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

BOOTLEGGERS BEVERAGE WAREHOUSE

It often amazes me that in Boston you can't buy booze in gas stations. But here in Maine you're far more likely to head to your local 7-Eleven for a fill-up on Natty Light than for gas. Just the other week, coming back from an interview in Beantown, I pulled off to a Mobil to fill up on Bull Ice and was appalled when the sales clerk told me I should settle for a pomegranate seltzer water instead.

Not in Maine. Here, kegs are delivered right to your doorstep and finding an aestival respite from the heat is as easy as locating the nearest neighborhood hard lemonade stand (50 cents!). Boozie in Maine is sold like knock-off Louis Vuitton bags in Chinatown: It's not a question of where to find it, but rather where to find it cheapest. Welcome to Maine: The way life should be, baby.

Thus, in the spirit of Ivies, I offer you not an eloquent exploration of what to drink but instead a humble offering of a new place to purchase alcohol—whatever your poison of choice may be.

For the first time in my Bowdoin College tenure (and probably since the pornography boom of the '80s), Uncle Tom's has some competition. The place is BootLeggers Beverage Warehouse, located on your left as

you head toward the Topsham Mall. While there may not exactly be a new sheriff in town, I think it's safe to say that he has a new (and much cleaner) deputy. As the official spokesman of Boozeville, I thought I'd pay our newest member a little visit.

BootLeggers is really just a huge, glorified gas station minus the pumps out front. Once inside, three things struck me right away. First, aside from a fairly primitive grocery selection (prominent brands include Doritos, Lays, and Bugles), BootLeggers truly is a warehouse of assorted beverages. It is big and filled to the brim with liquid—alcoholic and non, classy and otherwise.

Secondly, it is extremely clean. While I would expect nothing less from a store's grand opening, I must confess that—unlike shopping at Uncle Tom's—it was nice to not find myself periodically looking over my shoulder for the nearest exit should the ancient jars of pickled sausages spontaneously combust. I guess I just never believed that a booze store could actually be clean, which leads me to number three...

BootLeggers does not sell porn. Any other time, I would count this in the loss column, but I don't enjoy feeling like I'm being judged when I go to buy a six-pack for a scholarly article, let alone a keg for a Saturday night. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not morally opposed to pornography—I write articles, other people take their clothes off. But seriously, the World Wide Web was made for a reason—the wide and unreserved

dispersal of "information," and I think the porno mag has become somewhat obsolete (more on that next week). Another advantage of not having 200 pairs of...eyes...looking at you while you decide between Ice or Light (go Ice), is that your girl friends may actually agree to come along and contribute to the decision-making process. Hell, most girls I know have never even been to Uncle Tom's. I can't honestly say I blame them.

Clean, pornless, and full of booze—sounds like a winner, right? Perhaps, but don't hop on the booze wagon just yet. BootLeggers does have a great selection of alcohol. Ted went on Tuesday to stock up for Ivies and came home with more than a hundred Smirnoff Raw Peach Teas that only cost him 37 cents each (actual retail price). Sweet. But 30-racks are still overpriced (Hannaford's remains the clear winner) and Uncle Tom's still has BootLeggers beat as far as kegs are concerned. If you need a tap, the prices are fairly even, but Uncle Tom's delivers (a service everyone should take full advantage of) and has a much wider selection of beers in the barrel.

In the end, I think everyone should embrace our new neighbor. BootLeggers has a great variety of specialty beers, wine, and other alcohol, and you can walk in without thinking that car parked outside is Chris Hansen and the "How To Catch a Predator" crew. While the prices are on the high side now, they may very well come down as the business picks up. So as you head into Ivies Weekend, pay a little visit to our neighborhood BootLegger: He may not be the sheriff just yet, but I hear his Smirnoff is excellent.

Film pictures alum's life

BY CAROLYN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

"Shadow of the House," a documentary about photographer Abelardo Morell '77, will have its world premiere at the 2007 Independent Film Festival of Boston on Saturday. The film, by Allie Humenick, follows the Bowdoin alum over the course of seven years and paints a portrait of his artistic vision and the family that surrounds him.

Morell said of the film, "It's mostly on my art and the process of my work—how I make my pictures. But, it's also about what goes on around that, which is a lot of family. And a principle part of the film was my return to Cuba."

Morell arrived in the United States from Cuba in 1962. The documentary highlights his first trip home to Cuba in 40 years, which he made in 2002.

"It was like a dream. I remembered the place in some ways, but I had a conflict of feelings," he said. "Seeing family was very good. That part was very reassuring."

"I also became a citizen in 2002 so that merges into it as well," he added.

The film chronicles Morell's creative process and shows him exploring his artistic vision. While Morell works with all media of photography, he is best known for a process called camera obscura, which is Latin for "dark room."

"I cover all the windows of a room with dark plastic. I make a hole about half an inch in diameter, which produces an upside down image of the

outside into the room," Morell said.

The development process takes between six and eight hours, and results in a clear picture on the wall of the room opposite the hole.

Regarding the result, Morell said, "It's a combination of the inside of the room plus the image."

Morell majored in religion at Bowdoin, but said that it was during college that he discovered photography. He noted that former faculty member John McKee significantly influenced his decision to become a photographer.

"He was teaching photography when I took the course in 1969, and he basically changed my life," Morell said. "I just became really excited about the medium and his teaching made me excited about being a photographer."

After taking time off from Bowdoin, he returned and graduated in 1977. He then attended the Yale School of Art and received a Master of Fine Arts in 1981. Since then, his work has been shown at the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and the Metropolitan Museum in New York, as well as several other museums in the United States and abroad. He has received several honors, including an honorary Doctorate of Arts from Bowdoin in 1997.

"A Shadow of the House" premieres this Saturday at the Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline, Massachusetts. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$9. Call 617-975-0600 and visit Morell's Web site, www.abelardomorell.net, for more information.

MUSIC REVIEW

Snoop Dogg delivers on 'Big Squeeze'

BY BOZ KARANOVSKY
STAFF WRITER

The last six months have not been going well for Snoop Dogg. He was arrested twice for gun violations and marijuana possession. Two weeks ago, he was sentenced to five years of probation for drug and gun charges. On the top of it all, his request to enter the U.K. has been denied, to the great disappointment of all his European fans. Australia also denied him entrance. Despite all this, Snoop continues to tour extensively and even record albums. When these albums turn out to be amazing, I think most will forgive Snoop's recent misbehavior.

The compilation album "Snoop Dogg Presents: The Big Squeeze" was released on April 24, and critics and fans have been raving. Snoop collaborates with Goldie Loc, MC Eiht, The Warzone, his own Western Union pals, Kurupt, and Das Dillinger of Tha Dog Pound, Uncle Chuck and many other heroes of the

West Coast hip-hop scene, and delivers this blast of an album with a great ease. The record consists of 15 songs, some of which have the catchiest beats I have heard in a year.

The greatest thing about compilation albums is the refreshing variety; you get to enjoy 12 different styles of rapping. Some tracks in this album are collaborations between five or six different rappers ("Like Rock Stars," "Spend Some Time"), each artist with his own flow and way of getting around the beat. This is one of the least boring albums from the West Coast, giving you the opportunity to hear the essence of each artist's style and featuring incredibly catchy songs. Don't even come close to this album if you don't need a beat stuck in your head for the next two weeks. When the songs are not catchy, they are at least above average. I don't know whether there will be many mind-boggling, chart-climbing singles here, but all of them will be underground hits because they are play-

able and addictive. The production is top notch.

Thematically, the album is everything you have heard from Snoop before, with some updates on his recent legal problems. In one of the songs, he introduces his newest protégé—the rapper Damani—who is a treasure indeed. The track is called, fittingly, "All About Damani." The catchiest track is undoubtedly "Pop Pop Bang," a collaboration between Kurupt, Kam and Snoop Dogg. The Western Union song, "Hat to the Bacc," is also catchy and features a simple beat that sticks. Western Union's flow is outstanding, especially Soopafly's. The only song that annoyed me was "Get It Started," an incredibly repetitive song with a lot of heavy breathing and some misplaced flow here and there.

All in all, though the album won't get the same amount of hype because it is a compilation (for better or worse, solo albums always sell more), it is an essential for every West Coast-loving fan.

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Holding out hope for indie films



BY MIKE NUGENT
COLUMNIST

Hollywood is not kind if you're a film fan. In the studios' minds, it is acceptable to deliver a couple dozen good films a year and churn out depressingly average movies with recycled plotlines and product placement up the wazoo the rest of the time.

These ho-hum movies' dominance in the distribution of films means that films with an original vision are drowned out by the star-studded action films. Quality independent and foreign films do not have the opportunity to reach their audiences or give new viewers a chance to become familiar with different filmmaking styles and challenging work.

So what can we do about it? For one, you can support independent theaters like Eveningstar and Movies on Exchange as often as possible. These enterprising businesspeople press forward to present films they enjoy personally and want to share with the public, rather than what the Beverly Hills moguls have chosen.

You can also be patient. Every year, around six months from now, films with a more challenging goal than getting the hormones burning emerge in full force. A few are also scattered in the rest of the year to keep us satiated. Here's a preview of the expected highlights:

One of the best ways to judge a film's potential is by the director's past work. On this count, Paul Thomas Anderson's film "There Will Be Blood" has to be one of the top contenders for accolades in 2007. Daniel Day-Lewis stars in an adaptation of Upton Sinclair's book about an early 20th-century Texan family in the oil business. Anderson's previous work, such as his humanizing, enthralling look at the

porn industry in "Boogie Nights," has shown that he is a director with a thrillingly unorthodox vision. This is exactly what such an ambitious project needs.

Besides Anderson, many of the top auteur filmmakers are releasing films in the coming year. Noah Baumbach returns from his superb film "The Squid and the Whale" with another family-in-distress dramedy, "Margot at the Wedding," starring Nicole Kidman. Master of thrillers David Cronenberg reunites with Viggo Mortensen in "Eastern Promises," a film about the ruthless leader of a London crime family that is thrown off balance by a midwife, played by Naomi Watts.

Todd Haynes, who directed the magnificent homage to '50s melodrama "Far From Heaven," returns with his Bob Dylan biopic "Tim Not There." No fewer than seven actors, including Heath Ledger, Christian Bale, and Cate Blanchett, will play Dylan at different points in his life and musical career.

Infamous documentary filmmaker Michael Moore returns this year with "Sicko," a highly relevant look at the health care system. Moore is unlikely to hold back punches against a system that now leaves one in six Americans uninsured. Other engrossing documentaries are sure to emerge later in the year, but this one will likely spark national discourse.

I hold out hope for ambitious titles with unorthodox talent attached to it. Something original that isn't quite successful is better than a safe, boring film any day. Tim Burton has always been a director with a vision, and how he brings that vision to Stephen Sondheim's masterful musical "Sweeney Todd," which could have the power to enthrall. Burton's favorite muses, Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter, star as a demonic pair running a barber shop in 19th-century London.

The award for most original title of

the year seems to have been locked up by "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford," a Western with a cast that includes Mary-Louise Parker, Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck in the title roles.

There always seems to be a suffocating amount of prestige pictures fighting for viewers and Oscar's fancy; this year is no exception. Keep your eye out for an adaptation of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's classic novel "Love in the Time of Cholera," sees a love triangle in turn-of-the-century South America. Also, "Lust, Caution" returns director Ang Lee to return to more familiar soil than Wyoming cowboys. This World War II espionage thriller, set in Shanghai, stars Tony Leung—possibly the most artistically successful Asian actor working today.

One of Leung's most frequent collaborators is director Wong Kar Wai, who has finished his first English language film, "My Blueberry Nights." Norah Jones stars in her acting debut alongside Natalie Portman, Jude Law, and David Strathairn, as she travels across the United States to resolve questions of love.

There's not time to discuss them in depth, but other potential titles to look out for include "No Country for Old Men" by the Coen Brothers; "Be Kind, Rewind" by "Eternal Sunshine" director Michel Gondry; "Persepolis," an animated film based on the graphic novel about an Iranian girl growing up during the cultural revolution; "The Age of Darkness" by one of Canada's best directors, Denys Arcand; "Lions for Lambs," a film about the Afghanistan War with Streep, Cruise and Redford; and "Margaret" by Kenneth Lonergan, of "You Can Count On Me" fame.

So though the pickings are slim, there's much to look forward to. As long as you make sure to avoid "Disturbia" like the

BOOK REVIEW

Mitchell fills teen years with humor in 'Swan'

BY FRANCES MILLIKEN
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Jason Taylor is stammering and hesitant but Eliot Bolivar is a poet who can say exactly what he wants without fumbling. Jason Taylor appears on his behind his peers in the classroom while Eliot Bolivar has his poems published every month.

But Jason Taylor is Eliot Bolivar. David Mitchell is not writing the story of a schizophrenic in his novel "Black Swan Green," only of the dueling personas that struggle for recognition during adolescence. Jason has reached the awkward age of 13 and it is in his voice that Mitchell uses to compose a portrait of England in the early '80s.

Jason finds himself navigating the minefield of popularity that, for a boy of his unassertive temperament, is hazardous at best. The power dynamics that Mitchell illustrates are intense, sometimes to the point of disbelief. On a few occasions the dares and squabbles balloon into events that scar, if not destroy, their victims.

Though this may sound grim, the novel maintains a plausible balance between first kisses and first catastrophes.

Despite Jason's belief that the particulars of his life are unbearable and devoid of intrigue, he manages to run into quite a string of colorful characters over the course of the novel. He meets an eccentric old woman who teaches him about poetry and he witnesses the conception of the child of a soldier who later dies in England's war with Argentina. Like For-

rest Gump, Jason frequently witnesses momentous events. More often than not, these situations present moral quandaries.

Jason's internal struggles are part of his character's appeal. Mitchell deftly depicts the narrator's vacillation between options: Jason endears himself to the reader simply through the merit of his character and it is often difficult to stick to the strict interpretations of "what is ethical?" when they are in conflict with one's sympathy for Jason.

Mitchell proves Jason's worth as a poet with moments when the world of the novel stops and is distilled into succinct, beautiful images. By the end of the book, there are many means available to track the ways in which Jason has matured. With his mastery of language, Jason achieves a more definite opinion of himself. Mitchell adroitly pulls into focus the weight of language that echoes throughout the novel, consistently but from unexpected recesses.

Running throughout Jason's swings between social leprosy and borderline popularity, the rising marital strain between his parents, and descriptions of "lush girls," there is a brilliant and typically British level of dry humor. I recommend a certain level of comfort with questioning stares before settling down with this book on the Quad. I frequently found myself chuckling and at times cheering Jason on as he confronts bullies and ventures onto the dance floor. Although there are a few moments when the author stumbles into clichés, he handles these encounters without indulging in all their predictabilities and the reader is more than willing to stick around for whatever life shows Jason next.

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SPORTS

Hit batsman seals deal for Polar Bear baseball

BY TOM LAKIN
STAFF WRITER

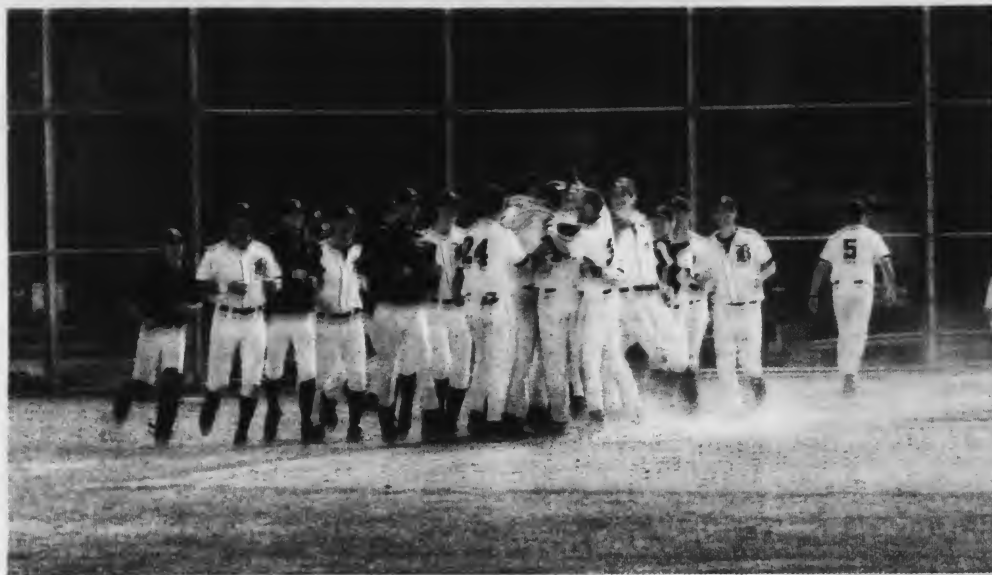
The baseball team continued its up-and-down play last week, splitting a weekend series with Wesleyan, beating Brandeis and Husson, but losing to St. Joseph's.

The Bears played host to Wesleyan for a doubleheader on what turned out to be a sunny Saturday afternoon. Bowdoin played very well in the first game, capitalizing on a five-run fifth inning that led to an 8-5 victory. The Bears were white-hot at the plate, with four different players—Joe Berte '09, Jon Koperniak '09, Reid Auger '10, and John Lawrie '07—contributing two hits each.

"We had a great offensive day," said Koperniak. "We came through when we had to, especially in the fifth, and then we held onto the lead."

It was Auger's first career home run—a grand slam to left—that really broke the game open in the fifth. First-year Joe Pace pitched well to maintain the lead, tossing six innings of three-run ball and grabbing the win to improve his record to 3-2.

The second game went very differently for Bowdoin. It was Wesleyan's turn to mount an early lead, which they did with a three-run second inning. Bowdoin's defense was plagued by errors and Wesleyan capitalized on Bowdoin's poor glove play, stringing together three unearned runs in an 8-6 victory. Wesleyan second baseman



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

IT'S ALL IN THE WRISTS: Polar Bears congratulate Tyler Iurgeon '07 on his game-winning RBI, earned by being hit on the wrist by a Brandeis pitch in the bottom of the ninth with the bases loaded.

Drew Dominguez plated what would be the two winning runs with an RBI single in the action-packed second inning, and pitchers Kit Tholen and Jonathan Sargent pitched well to preserve the 8-6 victory.

On Sunday, Brandeis visited Brunswick for an afternoon match-up. Brandeis dominated all day, and after a three-run fifth it looked like the Judges would coast to a 4-0 win. The Bears clawed their way back,

however, after a couple of homers from K.J. Kozens '08 and Nick Lawler '07 that cut the lead to 4-3. But Brandeis hung on, scoring once more in the seventh and taking a 5-3 lead into the ninth—and then every-

thing fell apart for the Judges. After two bleeders from Marc Dallaire '09 and Berte, Bowdoin had runners on first and second with nobody out. A

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Women's lacrosse wins two to move into fourth-place tie

BY EMILEIGH MERCER
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JONAH WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

GETTING IN GEAR: The women's lacrosse team practices Thursday on Ryan Field. The Bears visit Williams on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Bowdoin College Women's Lacrosse Team beat Bates 12-8 at Ryan Field on Tuesday night, helping the team's push for a postseason bid. Now 4-4 in the NESCAC, the Polar Bears are in a four-way tie for fourth place with one game left in the regular season. The win knocked Bates (2-6 NESCAC) out of playoff contention.

Although both teams were playing with fervor from the start of the game, Bates managed to get ahead 3-1. Many Bates fans traveled to Bowdoin for the game, but the heckling only fueled Bowdoin's fire. Juniors Ali Draudt and Lyndsey Colburn both scored on free-positions during the first half. Senior tri-captain Jill Steigerwald also added two goals in response to the Bobcat's early lead.

"Our Bates game was a must-win to make the tournament," senior Meghan Tanguay said.

"We were able to move the ball well on offense and score some nice assisted goals. On defense we were able to shut down their feeds, and then when they started to drive on us, we were able to adjust to that too," she said.

After halftime, Bates scored three quick goals to move ahead 7-6, but Bowdoin immediately fought back. Sophomore Christina Denizio started the rush, and junior Bobbi Dennison followed with a pair of goals.

The Polar Bear defense was almost impenetrable in the last portion of the game, holding Bates to just one goal.

On Saturday, 11th-ranked Bowdoin upset eighth-ranked Amherst

(5-3 NESCAC) 11-10 despite an offensive flurry by Amherst in the final minutes of play. The key to the win was the Polar Bear defense as it held a powerful Amherst offense to just two goals in the first half. By tightening up on their end, the Polar Bears allowed their offense to fire home six goals for a 6-2 lead at the half.

"We played with a lot of fire and intensity," said Tanguay. "We went hard and fast to the net and finished with some awesome goals, but the success of the game came from our midfield transition."

In the second half, the two evenly matched teams traded goals, but Bowdoin managed to hold on to the lead it had built in the first half for the win. Draudt scored the game winner with four minutes left to play, and a defense backed by sophomore goalie Steph Collins-Finn thwarted the Jeffs' attempt at a comeback.

Bridget Keating '08 was a force for the Polar Bears as she scored three goals in the game. Senior tri-captain Taylor White and Colburn both added two tallies for Bowdoin. With contributions from many players, Bowdoin will try to continue with its team success when it travels to Williams this weekend.

Senior Jenna Pariseau recapped the weekend, saying, "We had a lot of momentum going into the Bates game from a big win over Amherst this past weekend, and we really fought deep tonight to pull ahead and secure the win. It was a full team effort and it was a big win. We are going to use this momentum and fire from our recent wins on Saturday against Williams."

Women's rugby takes 4th in Division II tournament

BY ELISE SELINGER
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The women's rugby team came in fourth in this year's Division II National Tournament.

The women's rugby team flew to Orlando, Florida, this past weekend to compete in the Elite Eight and Final Four games. The weekend started Thursday night when the team traveled to Portland in order to be on time for an early morning flight.

On Friday, the team arrived in Sanford, Florida, for a light practice and was joined by junior Betsy McDonald, who flew to Florida from her study abroad program in Mexico and junior Jeni Kennedy, who was participating in an internship at the New England Aquarium this semester. Both players were starters on the fall team and key components of the team's success in Florida.

The first game of the weekend was on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. against the University of Arizona. Many coaches, friends and siblings, as well as Director of Athletics Jeff Ward, were on hand to cheer on the Polar Bears. The morning temperatures, in the high 60s, were a comfortable adjustment for the team after enduring a snowstorm in Maine the previous weekend.

After some back-and-forth play, co-captain Margaret Munford '07 capitalized from a great run and subsequent kick by wing Krystal Barker '08 to take the lead. During the play, co-captain Margaret Griffith '07 went down with a knee injury, which ended her season. However, she continued to contribute with smart advice from the sidelines. Later in the second half, forward Jessica Walker '09 earned a try off a long, hard run to make the score 12-0 at the half after Munford aced the conversion kick.



COURTESY OF THE WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM

A SCRUMPTIOUS SEASON: The women's rugby team lost to defending champion University of California Santa Cruz, 49-0, ending the Polar Bear season with an impressive 12-4 record.

In the second half, Barker got a try of her own, assisted by Munford, who also made the conversion kick to make the score 19-0. Munford converted a penalty kick to conclude the scoring at 22-0.

Saturday night the team iced and stretched in anticipation of its Final Four game against the University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC).

Sunday afternoon Bowdoin played top-ranked UC-Santa Cruz at 1 p.m.

for the right to go to Stanford University for the championship game. The temperature was much warmer in the afternoon and the team was still sore from the game the day before, but ready to battle.

At the beginning of the game, UCSC knocked Bowdoin back on its heels, scoring strong and early with low tackles and precise passes. Bowdoin battled back to slow the scoring, but in the end did not

win enough balls to get any offense going.

The final score was 49-0 as the defending champions advanced to the championship game once again. Despite a difficult game, the Polar Bears held their heads high, acknowledging all that they had accomplished since the first practice in August. The Polar Bears end their season with a 12-4 record.

"I am so impressed by this team's

ability to sustain their enthusiasm, commitment, and energy over the long and draining winter months," said Head Coach MaryBeth Mathews. "The fact that we went this far is phenomenal and is a testament to the strength of character of this team. It is also a testament to the seniors on the team whose dedication, leadership, and commitment was an integral part of our success. I am so proud of everyone."

For Polar Bear softball, there's no place like Pickard Field

BY MIKE BARTHA
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The Bowdoin Women's Softball Team capped off a busy 11-game week this Tuesday and Wednesday, beating Colby twice in a three-game series.

The Polar Bears opened the series with a shutout on Tuesday, 4-0 in Brunswick. Bowdoin scored twice in the opening frame, as Sarah Stern '08 and Alison Coleman '09 each knocked in a run. Altogether, the team's offense blossomed on its springtime home turf, as it tallied 10 hits with Coleman, Emma Powers '09, Stern, and Lauren Coven '10 getting two apiece. Pitcher Karen Reni '09 was on fire, burning Colby hitters with six strikeouts, and only allowing five hits and three walks in seven innings.

The next day, Bowdoin traveled to Waterville to play the last two games of the series. In the first game, the Bears opened by scoring seven runs in the first three innings. While the Bears tallied seven hits against Colby pitching in the opening three frames, defensive errors also played a role as four of the runs were unearned. With strong run support, pitcher Julia Jacobs '10 pitched a great game, only allowing three runs off six hits while accruing six strikeouts. Shavonne Lord '10, Stern, and Jessica Paris '09 all had two hits.

The Mules would diminish the team's hope of sweeping its NESCAC rival, as Colby won the last game of

the series, 2-1. This game was a real pitchers duel, as no runs were scored in the first four innings. The Bears would break this scoring drought as Colby pitching walked in a run in the top of the fifth. However, the Mules fired back in the bottom of the sixth, hammering a two-run homer for the win. Reni pitched another solid game, allowing no walks and only six hits.

The two wins versus Colby were the team's first in the NESCAC, improving the team's league record to 2-6.

Prior to the Colby series, the Bears won both games of a doubleheader against Husson College last Friday at Pickard Field. In the first game, the Bears pounded Husson pitching for 13 hits and nine runs (six of those scored in an explosive fourth inning), while Reni only allowed four hits and one run as Bowdoin won 9-1. Paris had a huge game, tallying three hits and two RBIs.

The second game proved to be much tighter, but the Bears squeezed by 2-1, thanks to the stellar pitching of Jacobs, who struck out Husson batters 11 times.

Over the rest of the weekend, the Bears went 1-3 on the road, splitting a series against Brandeis (8-4 and 4-1) and dropping two to Wesleyan (4-1 and 4-3). The Bears bounced back, however, and took both games of a doubleheader against University of Maine at Farmington in Brunswick, 8-2 and 3-1.

Co-captain Jayme Woogerd '07 provided Bowdoin with stellar hitting, having two three-hit games, one

during the 8-4 win against Brandeis and one in the 8-2 victory over Farmington.

The Bears have gone 7-4 since the Orient's last publication. As the weather has cleared up, Bowdoin was able to play its first games on Pickard Field. The team is a perfect 5-0 at home.

"The past few wins have brought additional excitement to the fact that we're finally playing outside on dirt," said co-captain Kate Chin '08. "The team's confidence, morale and enthusiasm are even stronger than it was given the wonderful weather. It's nice to finally introduce the first-year class to their home field and their home field advantage."

In four of the team's victories, the Polar Bears scored at least seven runs. After the previous losses in the NESCAC, the team vowed to improve its offense.

"After our losses against Trinity and Tufts, our coaches focused our practices on batting," said Coven. "The coaches had helpful tips for each person, which helped the entire team improve."

The Bears hope to take the momentum from their 7-4 week and come out on top this week, as the Bears face Bates in a three-game series. The first game is today in Lewiston at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The team will finish off the series with a doubleheader in Brunswick starting at noon. On Monday, Bowdoin will also play host to St. Joseph for a doubleheader at 3:30 p.m.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

SWINGING FOR THE FENCES: Claire Ronan '10 bats in Tuesday's 4-0 home victory over Colby.

BASEBALL

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walk and a hit batter followed, forcing home a run and narrowing the lead to one.

Brandeis tried to get out of the jam by bringing in reliever Kyle Ritchie, but things just got uglier from there. After Auger popped up, Lawler—a cowhide magnet with 41 career HBPs—wore a fastball on the elbow, scoring pinch-runner Nick Tom '10 and tying the score.

"I knew I had to get the run in to tie the game," explained Lawler, "so I did it the best way I knew how: getting hit by a pitch."

Up stepped Tyler Turgeon '07 with a chance to be the hero, but Ritchie took it out of his hands by hitting him on the wrist for a walk-off HBP and a 6-5 win.

Bowdoin then traveled to St. Joseph's on Monday, losing a tough 9-4 contest to the Monks. Bowdoin outlit St. Joseph's 11-9, but the

Monks were able to capitalize with nine runs to Bowdoin's four. Eric Chenelle '10 got tagged with the loss, but Auger emerged again as a bright spot with three hits, while Chris McCann '07, Pace, and Korpniak had two each.

On Wednesday, the Bears traveled two hours north to Bangor to face Husson in what turned out to be a 12-inning affair. Bowdoin counted on another homer from Lawler and a dominant bullpen performance from Sean Kleier '09 and Mike Buckley '07 in the victory. Pat Duchette '08 provided the go-ahead run in the 12th with a clutch RBI single to seal the 5-4 win and push Bowdoin's record past .500 to 13-12.

A tired Bowdoin squad returned to campus at 2:30 a.m., and after getting some much-needed rest, the team will turn its thoughts to the upcoming crucial three game set against Bates this weekend. A sweep of the Bobcats would put Bowdoin in the driver's seat on the team's way to the NESCAC tournament.

Men's track second at Maine meet

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Bowdoin performed well at the 2007 Maine State Meet, finishing with 205 points, good for second place. This was more than enough to knock off Colby (96) and the University of Southern Maine (USM) (73). However, it was not enough to defeat the talented and experienced squad from host Bates (226).

The Polar Bears did extremely well in the sprints, officially ending a mild slump that Bowdoin has had in the shorter events over the past few years. Damon Hall Jones '09, Lamont White '08, Zach Tretter '10, and Tim Fuderich '10 all placed in the 100-meter dash. The line of Polar Bears finished second (11.15s), fourth (11.31s), fifth (11.50s), and sixth (11.57s), respectively.

Hall-Jones and White repeated in the 200-meter dash, placing second (22.35s) and fifth (23.07s), respectively. They were joined by junior Brendan Egan in the event, who took fourth (23.03s).

Egan appeared again in the 400m, taking another fourth (50.79s), but he was beaten by fellow junior Eric Lee, who grabbed third place (50.57s).

For the second year in a row, Bowdoin's 4x100 relay team won its event. Smooth handoffs from Fuderich, Lee, and White let Hall-Jones anchor the

team far ahead of the USM and Bates competitors.

In the middle distance events, a senior-first-year tandem of Owen McKenna and Thompson Ogilvie ran neck and neck the entire day. In the first part of their double, McKenna and Ogilvie took second and third in the 1500 (4:01.2 and 4:01.9, respectively) and then got back on the track to take fifth and sixth in the 800 (2:01.5 and 2:01.6), meaning that the 2,300 meters each of the teammates ran was separated by less than one second. Junior Tim Katic joined the pair in the 1,500 to grab sixth (4:13.3).

In the first distance event of the day, junior Pat Pierce led Bowdoin with a fourth-place finish in the 10K (33:34). The 5K, still proving to be Bowdoin's premier event, was all Polar Bear up front. Junior Nate Krah won the race in 15:39, beating a Bates competitor by a nose. Fellow juniors John Hall and Tyler Lonsdale followed close behind in third and fourth (15:40 and 15:43), respectively.

The Polar Bears also dominated the 110 hurdles. A sophomore tandem of Ike Irby and Michael Krohn placed second (16.06s) and third (16.26), drafting off of senior Joe Adu, who decisively won the event (15.06s). Irby and Adu stepped back on the track for the 400 hurdles, where they took second (57.6s) and fifth (1:01.6). Sopho-

more Alex Graber joined them, finishing right behind Adu in sixth (1:02.4).

The lone Polar Bear scorer in the steeplechase was first-year Colman Hatton, finishing with a kick that earned him second place (10:06).

In the field events, first-year Ben Weimont was Bowdoin's only scorer in the high jump, placing fourth with a jump of 1.86m (6'01"). Senior Robey Clark cleared the bar at 4.04m (13'3"), which led to a tie for second place in the pole vault.

Fuderich and Adu dominated the long jump, taking first (6.34m) and second (6.32m), respectively. First-year Colin Hay placed fifth in the triple jump (12.33m).

Sophomore Luke Fairbanks led Bowdoin in the throwing events, placing sixth in the discus (37.59m), fifth in the hammer (39.8m), and second in the shot put (14.4m). First-year James Bingham joined Fairbanks in the discus, taking fifth (39.65m). Tony Throver pitched in a sixth place in the hammer throw (36.03m), and Ben Wharton placed third in the shot put (13.75m). Three Bowdoin athletes placed in the javelin. Weimont won the event (53.34m), followed by a Kyle Hebert '10 third (47.6m) and a Hall-Jones fourth (47.69m).

Qualifiers will travel to Middlebury this weekend for the NESCAC championship.



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The real NFL draft



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BY CHRIS ADAMS-WALL
COLUMNIST

Seconds before starting this week's column, I surfed my way onto ESPN.com and clicked on the NFL home link. After the subsequent page had been loaded, I found a ticker with the appropriate time intervals: days, hours, minutes, and seconds before me. It was in this order that I next read: 02:13:03.39—the countdown to the NFL Draft was on; not that it hadn't been ever since Rex Grossman dejectedly exited stage right after an abysmal Super Bowl performance (yeah, I didn't predict that), but the NFL's most highly-anticipated offseason day was fast approaching, and, just like last year, the No. 1 pick was still anyone's guess.

This Saturday at 11 a.m. on ESPN, the 2007 NFL Draft will kick off—with either a bang, or a cacophony of boos emanating from the forever boisterous crowd at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City. But regardless of who the Jets or Giants take with their picks, there are still the top five selections that will matter the most, especially with what appears to be a promising group of now ex-collegiate athletes. So I'm here to set the record straight, to inform all you that although the following players probably won't be drafted in this order, they probably should be. So without further adieu, I give you the top five overall picks in the real 2007 NFL Draft:

1. Oakland Raiders: Calvin Johnson, WR, Georgia Tech

Not even the adamancy of owner Al Davis should prevent the worst team in football from picking this future superstar with the first pick. Johnson, undoubtedly the best athlete in the draft, is a monstrous 6'5", 239 lbs., running a 4.35 40-yard dash with a ridiculous vertical jump of 42.5 inches, and better hands than those of George Costanza in his short-lived modeling career. Johnson had a tremendous junior year for the Yellow Jackets in 2006, hauling in 76 receptions for 1,202 yards and 15 touchdowns, leading the ACC in each category but yards. The evidence is there for Davis, and it's blatantly clear—Calvin Johnson is No. 1 overall material.

But the senile tyrant of the city by the bay faces a serious dilemma going into the weekend: He already has a great receiver on his roster in Randy Moss, and what the team really needs is a quarterback. Surely Andrew Water will not be under center again next season for an offensively-challenged club that barely broke the 10-touchdown barrier last year; the same goes for Aaron Brooks and Marques Tuiasosopo, which is why LSU's JaMarcus Russell would appear to be the logical pick.

But I would propose something else: The Miami Herald has recently reported that the Dolphins will either trade or release disappointment (and quarterback) Daunte Culpepper, after just one depressing, injury-plagued season in the city where

the heat is on (all night on the beach till the break of dawn...). I'll make this brief: The Raiders should trade for Culpepper at once. Although his last two seasons have been uglier than Freakshow from "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle," he is capable of bouncing back and becoming the all-pro gunner that he used to be; he just needs the right people around him.

Culpepper and Moss drove each other crazy in Minnesota, but neither has been very successful without the other since their divorce in 2005. Settling their differences and being mature adults by just shutting up and playing football would make their reunion that much sweeter, as both withered icons would return to stardom in no time. Culpepper would then have Moss and Calvin Johnson (Jerry Porter, too?!) to complement his cannon of an arm, while revamping a dormant offense—all for probably a fourth- or fifth-round draft pick. It all may sound pretty farfetched, but it's a move that could help Al Davis legitimize his Raiders once again. And let's be honest: This team has absolutely nothing to lose.

2. Detroit Lions: Gaines Adams, DE, Clemson

Ahhh, yes, the infamous Matt Millen pick. Since becoming CEO/General Manager of the Lions in 2001, Millen, thanks to his infatuation with drafting overrated wide receivers in the first round of drafts, has led Detroit to a 24-72 record—worst in the NFL during that span. He has also made other hapless attempts to jumpstart his team on draft day, like with running back Kevin Jones or the abominable Joey Harrington.

Suffice it to say that Millen faces the offensive players to the defensive ones; and if Calvin Johnson is available at the No. 2 spot, he will be tempted to pounce on him, whereupon his advisers will immediately pull Millen aside in a Slugworth-like manner, and explain to him that the formula for (everlasting gobstopper) winning championships is a dominant defense.

That's where Adams comes in. He is big (6'4", 258 lbs.), he is fast (4.64), and he is just what the Lions need. Adams finished last season at Clemson with 12.5 sacks—4.5 more than Detroit's leader in 2006 (Cory Redding, 8). And with newly acquired defensive end Dewayne White on the other side, there's no way Millen would pass that up...OK, maybe he would.

3. Cleveland Browns: Adrian Peterson, RB, Oklahoma

No player in this year's draft will have as great an impact in the NFL over the next five years than Peterson, who is finally turning pro. It was almost sad to watch this explosive back rip up his competition for the Sooners as a first-year three year ago, knowing that it wouldn't be until 2007 when he would finally be eligible for the draft. But that day is here now, and no place makes more sense for AP than Cleveland, whose running back, Reuben Droughns, ranked last in the league in 2006 in starter rushing yards with 758.

Reuben somehow managed to become Tiki Barber's successor when he was shipped off to the Giants

BASEBALL		NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
Tufts		7	2	19	8
Trinity		8	4	22	6
BOWDOIN		5	3	13	12
Colby		2	6	6	16
Bates		1	8	3	15

SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	v. Wesleyan (Game 1)	W	8-5
Sa 4/21	v. Wesleyan (Game 2)	L	8-6
Su 4/22	v. Brandeis	W	6-5
M 4/23	at St. Joseph's	L	9-4
W 4/25	at Husson	W	5-4

SCHEDULE			
F 4/27	at Bates	3:00 P.M.	
Sa 4/28	v. Bates (2)	12:00 P.M.	
Tu 5/01	v. Southern Maine	4:00 P.M.	

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK			
SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	Aloha Relays	1st of 5	

SCHEDULE			
Sa 4/28	at NESCAC (Middlebury)	10:00 A.M.	
F 5/04	at N.E. D-III Heptathlon (Springfield)	12:00 P.M.	

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK			
SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	at State Meet (Bates)	2nd of 4	

SCHEDULE			
Sa 4/28	at NESCAC (Middlebury)	10:00 A.M.	

WOMEN'S RUGBY			
SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	vs. Arizona	W	22-0

	(Division II Elite Eight) Sanford, Florida		
Su 4/22	vs. UC-Santa Cruz	L	49-0
	(Division II Final Four) Sanford, Florida		

SOFTBALL		NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
Trinity		8	1	22	11
Tufts		7	4	18	6
Bates		3	5	5	13
Colby		3	6	15	8
BOWDOIN		2	7	22	14

SCOREBOARD			
F 4/20	v. Husson (Game 1)	W	9-1
F 4/20	v. Husson (Game 2)	W	2-1
Sa 4/21	at Brandeis (Game 1)	W	8-4
Sa 4/21	at Brandeis (Game 2)	L	4-1
Su 4/22	at Wesleyan (Game 1)	L	4-3
Su 4/22	at Wesleyan (Game 2)	L	4-3
M 4/23	v. Maine-Farmington (Game 1)	W	8-2
M 4/23	v. Maine-Farmington (Game 2)	W	3-1
Tu 4/24	v. Colby	W	4-0
W 4/25	at Colby (Game 1)	W	7-3
W 4/25	at Colby (Game 2)	L	2-1

SCHEDULE			
F 4/27	at Bates	4:30 P.M.	
Sa 4/28	v. Bates (2)	12:00 P.M.	
Tu 5/01	v. St. Joseph's (2)	3:30 P.M.	

MEN'S TENNIS			
SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	at Williams	W	5-4
Su 4/22	at Hamilton	W	9-0

SCHEDULE			
Sa 4/28	v. TBD (at Amherst)	9:00 A.M.	
	NESCAC Semifinal		

WOMEN'S TENNIS			
SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	at Williams	L	7-2
Su 4/22	at Hamilton	W	8-1

SCHEDULE			
Sa 4/28	v. TBD (at Amherst)	1:00 P.M.	
	NESCAC Semifinal		

MEN'S LACROSSE		NESCAC		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
Tufts		7	1	11	2
Wesleyan		7	1	13	1
Trinity		5	3	9	4
Williams		5	3	7	4
Amherst		4	4	6	7
Middlebury		4	4	7	5
Bates		3	5	6	5

SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	at Amherst	L	14-2
M 4/23	at Colby	W	10-8
Tu 4/25	at Bates	L	9-8

SCHEDULE			
Sa 4/28	at Williams	12:00 P.M.	

WOMEN'S LACROSSE		NESCAC		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L

Middlebury		8	0	11	1
Amherst		5	3	8	5
Trinity		5	3	10	3
BOWDOIN		4	4	8	5
Colby		4	4	9	4
Wesleyan		4	4	7	5
Williams		4	5	6	6
Tufts		3	5	7	6
Bates		2	6	8	6
Conn. College		1	7	4	9

SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/21	at Amherst	W	11-10
Tu 4/24	v. Bates	W	12-8

SCHEDULE			
Sa 4/28	at Williams	11:00 A.M.	

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earlier this winter, leaving an open spot for Peterson, who will embrace the challenge with great alacrity. His large frame (6'1", 217 lbs.) and quickness (4.4), combined with his pure strength and agility will give the Browns their best running back since they were reactivated in 1999. Now if only they had a quarterback...

4. Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Amobi Okoye, DT, Louisville

Head Coach Jon Gruden and the Bucs' front office are hoping that Calvin Johnson falls to them at this spot, but if he isn't there, Okoye should be their pick. Last season for the Cardinals, Okoye started all 13 games, registering a total of 55 tackles with eight sacks and three forced fumbles...as a 19-year old.

It is Okoye's age and not his impressive statistics that makes him one of the most irresistible selections in this year's draft, with incredible upside; that and a willingness to work hard and always follow the coach's directions. He would be an immediate starter as well, significantly ameliorating the present washed-up core of defensive tackles which features the veteran linkings of Ellis Wyms and Chris Hovan. So what if Okoye would have been just a three-year old kindergartner?

5. Arizona Cardinals: Joe Thomas, OT, Wisconsin

I know what you're thinking: I don't have JaMarcus Russell being drafted anywhere in the top five. And why? Because he shouldn't be; unless of course any of these five clubs want to put up with a guy who will ultimately be mentioned in the same sentence as Akili Smith when his career is over. I don't know why you're laughing, Brady Quinn—I think the same about you, too.

Thomas is a safe pick for the Cardinals here, especially with an offensive line that proved to be one of the league's worst with Edgerrin James falling off faster Eiffel 65 post-"Blue." And while drafting an offensive lineman is not always the most popular choice, it is often the right one. Take a bow, Orlando Pace.

Women's track team wins Aloha Relays

BY LINDSEY SCHICKNER
STAFF WRITER

Victory wasn't any less sweet the second time around for the seniors on the women's track team.

The team won the 19th annual Aloha Relays—the Maine state meet that Bowdoin plays host to every year—to give its seniors the state title, which they last won as first years.

The Polar Bears embraced the beautiful weather, after weeks of tough training in the adverse conditions of April rain and snow, and dominated the meet. The women scored 231 points, almost 100 points more than runner-up University of Southern Maine and thoroughly crushing Colby, Bates, and Mt. Holyoke.

The Bowdoin women were led by senior captain Louise Duffus who took wins in the shot put, discus, and the hammer throw, earning 30 points for the team. Sophomore Kelsey Borner added points in the throwing events with second-place finishes behind Duffus in the discus and the shot put, and a third-place finish in the javelin.

Other points in the field events came from junior Jessie DePalo (second in the high jump), sophomore Molly Seaward (sixth in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump), and first-year Helen Wen (third in the pole vault).

In the sprints, Bowdoin earned points from sophomore Erin York, who placed second in the 100-meter dash and third in the 400-meter run. First-year Haley MacNeil complemented York by winning the 400-meter run and placing second in the 200-meter dash.

Sophomore Alison Pilon followed MacNeil to a second-place finish in the 400-meter run.

York, Pilon, and MacNeil, along with senior captain Gina Campella, won the 4x400-meter relay. Bowdoin earned another relay win in the 4x800 meter, made up of juniors Amy Ahearn and Courtney Eustace, sophomore Ali Chase, and first-year Dana Riker.

Many of Bowdoin's points were scored in the middle-distance and distance events. Eight Bowdoin women competed in the 800-meter run and took four of the top six spots. Chase won the event followed by Ahearn in third, and junior Laura Onderko and Campella in fifth and sixth places. Onderko took second place in the 1,500-meter run, followed by sophomore Lindsey Schickner, who earned a fifth-place finish.

Senior Alex Knapp took the win in the 5000-meter run followed in second by junior Sarah Podmaniczky. In the 10,000-meter run, seniors Jamie Knight and Kristen Brownell earned third and fourth place finishes.

Junior Elizabeth Onderko earned a third-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles and first-year Libby Wilcosky finished fifth in her first heptathlon ever. Bowdoin dominated the 3,000-meter steeplechase, led by sophomore Katie Mevorach who took the win, and followed by first-year Lindsay Hodge, Knapp, and sophomore Jessica Sokolow who took second, third and fifth places, respectively.

The women that have qualified will compete in the NESCAC championships this weekend at Middlebury College.

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Crucial loss to Bates puts men's lacrosse on ropes

BY JEREMY BERNFELD
STAFF WRITER

The men's lacrosse team heads into its game on Saturday sure of only one thing: It has to win to have a chance at a playoff berth. The Polar Bears face Williams in Saturday's contest, a squad already guaranteed a playoff spot, but one that will look to improve its seeding.

After a week that saw the Bears drop two games and win one, the squad stands at 6-7 on the season and 3-5 in NESCAC play. The top seven teams in the conference make the playoffs. Currently, Bowdoin sits in the eighth spot and needs a win against Williams.

On Wednesday night, the Polar Bears lost a crucial matchup away against in-state rival Bates, 9-8, and missed a chance to clinch a playoff berth. Senior quad captain Matt Chadwick and sophomore Rob Halliday each scored twice, while senior quad captain Kevin Mullins scored once and dished two assists in the loss.

Senior quad captain Charlie Legg said the loss to Bates was disappointing.

"We need to focus on consistency," Legg said. "The effort was there physically all game, but mentally we were somewhere else during the first half. We have to get back to focusing from the opening whistle until the closing horn."

The Polar Bears picked up a crucial NESCAC victory on Monday night at rival Colby, winning 10-8. First-year Adam Tracy and junior Thadd Welch each picked up two goals and an assist, while Chadwick added two assists of his own in the win.

"The win against Colby was a great team effort, and I think that our heart and determination re-



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

THE HUNT FOR A PLAYOFF BERTH: The men's lacrosse team practices on Thursday in preparation for a potentially season-changing matchup at Williams on Saturday.

ally put that game in our favor," said Legg. "We stayed focused and kept our composure for most of the game. Our defense settled down after their first two goals, and our offense took a little time to find a rhythm, but once they did it was great to watch."

On Saturday, at Amherst, the Po-

lar Bears suffered their worst loss of the season, falling to the Lord Jeffs 14-2. Tracy and senior Alex Weaver tallied the lone goals for Bowdoin, in the fourth quarter. Two goals is the fewest the team has scored since the 2004 season.

For Bowdoin to make the play-

offs, the team has to beat Williams at home on Saturday or hope that Wesleyan takes down Bates. Wesleyan stands at 7-1 in the conference and 13-1 overall, and would become the No. 1 seed with a win. Bates would be eliminated from contention with a loss.

"Essentially we lost the advantage of controlling our own destiny," said Legg. "We have to win on Saturday to have a shot at the postseason. However, we also have to hope that Wesleyan beats Bates. All we can focus on is the task we have ahead—beating Williams."

Tennis teams collect second seeds in NESCACs

Williams gives women its first loss of season In first, men beat Williams

BY KERRY D'AGOSTINO
CONTRIBUTOR

After a season in which the Bowdoin Women's Tennis Team broke the school record for single-season wins and for consecutive wins, it was finally brought to its knees this Saturday in a match against Williams—but not for long. Only a day after losing 7-2 to Williams, the Polar Bears reassessed themselves with an impressive 8-1 victory against Hamilton College, closing the regular season with a record of 17-1.

Saturday's match got off to a shaky start, with two of the three doubles matches resulting in Bowdoin defeats. In first doubles, Sarah D'Elia '09 and Kristen Raymond '08 fell to Williams's Cary Gibson and Annie Schneidman, with a final score of 8-4.

Co-captains Christine D'Elia '07 and Kelsey Hughes '07 saw similarly fruitless results in their 8-1 loss to Grace Baljon and Allison Rottkamp. However, with the younger Brett Davis '10 and Rachel Waldman '09 team, the Polar Bears began to regain their footing; this final set of doubles against Williams's Ashley Parsons and Annie Hancock concluded in a close but definitive 8-6 Bowdoin victory.

Starting off the singles matches, while Sarah D'Elia fought opponent Gibson to three sets, she lost the final set, 6-1. Meanwhile, teammates Raymond and Hughes lost to their respective rivals of Baljon and Parsons, both in only two sets.

The next two sets played out in an almost identical fashion, with Williams's Rottkamp defeating Christine D'Elia in two 6-1 sets and Hancock sweeping Davis at 6-1 and 6-0. Waldman led the Bears in their only successful singles match, overcoming Schneidman in the final face-off of the day with scores of 6-1 and 6-4, bringing the cumulative match score to 7-2.

Though coming off a disheartening loss to the Ephs, the Bears faced Hamilton in full-force on Sunday. This time, they got off on the right foot with a doubles sweep. Raymond and Sarah D'Elia opened with their defeat of Hamilton's Laura Brantley and Emily Poe at 8-4.

Hughes and Christine D'Elia followed, trouncing Elizabeth Goheen and Ashley Pardoe with a final score of 8-4. In the third doubles round, first-years Carly Hess and Elizabeth Pedowitz took the court and defeated Hamilton's Beth McDonald and Mary Wilder equally successfully, concluding the match 8-1 and the doubles rounds alto-

gether 3-0.

This time, going into the singles Bowdoin had the distinctive lead. The Bears, however, took nothing for granted and continued their victorious streak. Raymond, Davis, Waldman, Pedowitz, and Alexandra Franceschi '09 all won their matches in two sets. Although Charlotte Hitch '09 lost her match against Hamilton's McDonald, it was not without a fight: their match went to three sets, at 2-6, 6-3, and 6-3.

"I don't think anyone had any idea how amazingly well the team was going to do this season. We just kept winning and winning...and winning," said Pedowitz, highlighting the team's record-breaking 17-1 season. "And now we have NESCACs and NCAAAs to look forward to."

As a result of their successful season, the Bears earned the second seed and a first-round bye in the upcoming NESCAC Championship Tournament. The tournament will start this weekend at Amherst College; on Saturday, Bowdoin will face the winner of third-seeded Amherst and sixth-seeded Colby.

"It's exciting to be part of such a great team, and I feel like we have really bonded," Pedowitz said. "There is no doubt in my mind that the team is going to do really well."

BY HELEN PU
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's tennis team began its weekend defeating sixth-ranked Williams for the first time in Bowdoin College history.

"Beating Williams was a life goal for our coach, and it was great to be able to achieve the win for ourselves and for him," said Garret Gates '08, who played No. 2 singles in the matchup.

Jamie Neely '10 and Andrew McDonald '07 began the matchup by playing a tough doubles match, but lost 8-2. But Bowdoin came back by winning the rest of the doubles matches, reversing the 1-0 deficit to a 2-1 advantage.

A determined Bowdoin lineup challenged the usually dominating Ephs lineup in the singles matches and gave a dramatic performance until the end. Samuel Bitetti '07, back from an ankle injury, played No. 1 singles, but could not hold out against his opponent Ted Haley, losing 6-2, 6-4. Similarly, Alex Caughron '09 lost to an equally challenging Nick Lebedoff 6-3, 6-2, in No. 3 singles.

No. 2 singles, played by Gates, gave the Bears opposite results with a win for Bowdoin 6-2, 6-4. The last three singles matches would determine the victorious team with the match now tied at 3-3.

No. 5 singles finished first as Alex White '09 defeated Karol Furmaga 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Tyler Anderson '10 fought back in the second set of No. 6 singles after losing the first set 6-1, but could not pull out a win with a final set score of 7-5.

Now tied at 4-4, victory hinged on the last match of the day—No. 4 singles played between Neely and Gary Simonette. Neely won the first set with a close 6-4, but lost the second 1-6. But the last set played out to be a 7-5 win for Neely, and Bowdoin captured an overall 5-4 win over the Ephs.

The Polar Bears swept the comparatively easier Hamilton College the next day. Bowdoin did not drop a single set with the closest doubles score being 8-5 and the closest singles score being 6-1, 6-3.

The 9-0 win was frosting on this season's cake as the Polar Bears closed out their regular season at 15-3 and now head for the NESCAC championships on Saturday at Amherst. Bowdoin earned the second seed in the championships and will play the winner of a Williams-Colby match.

"Now that we are back to full strength the goal of dethroning a No. 3 in the country Middlebury team, that has not lost a NESCAC match since 2002, is a good possibility," said Gates.

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Bowdoin Student Government Class Elections: Statements of Candidacy

Class of 2009 President

Samantha Scully

Do you want a say on how MONEY FOR YOUR CLASS is spent, BETTER COMMUNICATION with the officers you elect, and year round events that are FUN? Then VOTE FOR ME AS YOUR CLASS PRESIDENT!

As JUNIORS, we will be planning our futures but still want to enjoy our college life. As YOUR PRESIDENT I will help you do both. I will lead a class officer group that will bring you GREAT EVENTS that have GOOD FOOD, MUSIC, and is programmed at a CONVENIENT TIME for the class. When you send me an email with concerns or ideas I will respond to you that same day. I want to HEAR FROM YOU and what kind of activities should be programmed and what your money should buy.

Class of '09 MY MISSION IS TO ENRICH OUR SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC LIVES. How do Class of '09 resume builder or interview prep, workshops, or '09 and Alumni events sound? As your PRESIDENT this is the type of programming I will work on offering you. THE WHOLE YEAR WILL BE FILLED WITH GREAT THINGS to do so that you can ENJOY THE PERKS OF BEING A JUNIOR before or after you come back from abroad. A "Going away party" and a "Welcome back event" are just a few recommendations I have to get the whole class together without leaving out those going abroad. THIS UPCOMING YEAR WILL BE THE BEST WE HAVE HAD YET IF YOU FOR SAMANTHA SCULLY AS YOUR PRESIDENT!!!! THANK YOU!

Class of 2009 Vice President

Alisha Dockett

Hi everybody, I am Alisha Dockett, and I am running for Vice President of the Class of 2009. While wrapping up my second year here at Bowdoin I have had the opportunity to be a part of many events and programs that have benefited our class. My main focus for next year would be promoting class Unity and Pride. Being the rising junior class we have a legacy to keep and an image to uphold. As your next Vice President I will be strong-minded and steadfast in making sure that the Class of 2009 is well represented and respected around campus. Some of my visions for next year are more networking events where we can all get to know one another, involvement in and with the Brunswick community and distinctive class paraphernalia. As some rising juniors will be studying away for a semester and some even the whole year, I do not want us as a class to lose our connection or dignity. Vote for someone who cares about the future of our class. Vote for someone who is passionate about creating a strong community and lastly Vote for someone who will guarantee you an on and popping junior year. Vote for me Alisha Dockett Vice President of the "oh so fine" Class of 2009.

Class of 2009 Representative

Darren Fishell

Hi, Everyone. My name is Darren Fishell, class of 2009, and I am running for Class Representative. The past year brought extensive improvements to the structure, efficiency, and legitimacy of the Bowdoin Student Government, but there remain giant steps to be taken. Student input is essential to the work the BSG does, but that input will not be heard without greater community outreach. The BSG can only meet student needs if it is intimately in tune with the dialogue

taking place on campus. These discussions are happening over lunch, between classes, during club meetings, and in the locker room every day.

My experience on the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs this past year gave me an understanding of the relationship between BSG, faculty, staff, and the administration. If elected, it is my promise to bring a stronger student voice to those channels and effect the changes you would like to see. As the BSG gains greater structure and strength, outreach will be representatives' primary obligation, and I will make sure that your opinions are heard. Thank you.

Kyle Ritter

Dear Class of 2009,

My name is Kyle Ritter and I am running for your class representative to the Bowdoin Student Government. As a little background about myself, I am a History and Gov double major who currently lives in Quinby House. Besides being acquainted with the college house system I am also a member of several organizations, most prominently I am a tour guide and I am also treasurer of Americans for Informed Democracy. Both activities have provided me with useful skills that I think that I could bring to BSG. The former has taught me much about the college as well as improving my public speaking skills and the latter has given me organizational and debating skills and has also brought me into contact to BSG through dealings with SAFC.

The principle qualification that I think that I can bring to the junior class representative position is that I am not studying abroad and will be able to attend my duties on BSG throughout the year. While there is certainly something to be said for allowing all students the opportunity to run for the representative position no matter what their study abroad plans, it is also useful to have continuity in the position. Being here for the entire year would allow a class representative to be better informed about the issues and to follow up on initiatives from one semester to the next. Thanks for your time.

Jordan Samiljan

Hello class of 2009! My name is Jordan Samiljan and for those of you that have not yet met me, I wish to change that. For the fall of our junior year, I am campaigning to be one of your two elected class representatives. I have much experience with being a class representative dating back to the days of N'SYNC and middle school dances, and wish to bring this experience into office. As a representative, I would make it my first priority to get your voice heard. I would make myself easily accessible and wish to increase communication between the BSG and the class of 2009. For a more extensive platform, feel free to contact me at JSamilja@Bowdoin.edu and remember: a vote for me is a vote for you. Thank you all and enjoy your lives!

Class of 2010 President

Matt Yantakosol

CLASS OF 2010,

My name is MATT YANTAKOSOL and I am seeking re-election as Class President. Thank you to those who supported me in my first term. It has been an amazing opportunity that I would like to continue.

This year we were very successful in three different areas:

1) Activities and Merchandise: Winter and Spring Pub Nights/ Class t-shirts, the 2010 Black and White Winter Formal

2) Community Service: Safe Passage Benefit Coffee House, donating to campus organizations, fundraising raffle

3) Showcasing our class talent: Coffee House and Pub Nights, I hope to build and expand on coffeeshops and offer more opportunities to display the artwork of our class.

While we were very successful this year, there are areas we can build on.

I feel that my experience in this position and knowledge of the Bowdoin community are imperative for the job.

The class officers should work more closely with other organizations on activities in planning and creating awareness. This strengthens our community involvement, giving our class a greater presence and purpose on campus.

Next year, we plan on having another formal, class sweatpants, more pub nights, a Saturday daytrip bus to Boston, talk with class officers at other schools to learn about new events to bring to campus, inter-class Olympics, class speed dating, and work with BSG and Residential life to find solutions for better upper class housing.

I am always willing to hear your suggestions or concerns.

Thanks!

VOTE MATT YANTAKOSOL FOR 2010 PRESIDENT!!!!

Class of 2010 Vice President

Alicia Martinez

Hey! My name is Alicia Martinez and I would love to be your vice president. This past year I have served as your class representative, and through my experience on the Bowdoin Student Government and as a class officer I can confidently say that I possess the skills to effectively lead our class. These experiences have given me the opportunity to build relationships with the different sectors of the campus that will enable me to answer any of your questions. Earlier on in the year I created a pamphlet with things I believed first years should know about Bowdoin College which included services and contacts. I want to continue to update the class about new events and opportunities happening around campus, especially through the creation of a class website. This website would help to generate discussions, post events, and receive class input. Other ideas of mine include themed parties, more pub nights and super snacks that highlight the talent in our class, class nalgenes, more engaging activities on Parents, Alumni, and Homecoming Weekends, more formal events, and hands on activities such as card and smoothie making. I am enthusiastic, organized, and committed to this position and if elected I want to better the communication with my class. I especially want to break outside of the norm of class events such as the usual class apparel and class pub night by doing more creative events. With your ideas and my energy I know that will have an awesome sophomore year! Mahalo! Alicia

Class of 2010 Representative

Christine Carletta

Hi! My name is Christine Carletta, and I want to be a Bowdoin Student Government Representative for the class of 2010. This position requires someone who has the skills, time, energy, and, most importantly, the devotion necessary to make sure the faculty and student government hear your needs. I believe I possess all of these qualities. I am friendly, personable, and always ready to listen. I have held several leadership positions that

have taught me how to organize my time, effectively communicate with both faculty and students, and complete the task at hand. I have just completed my training as a student leader in the Bowdoin Leadership Development series. I currently serve on the board of Masque and Gown, and I was President of my senior class.

If elected to BSG next year, I will voice and represent the needs of the class of 2010. One of my first priorities will be to change the current Grade/Credit/D/Fail option to a more flexible, student friendly policy. I will make an effort to amend the current advising system here at Bowdoin to better assist students when they first arrive on campus, when they pick courses, or when they have questions about departmental major/minor requirements. How great would it be to have real food at Supersnacks, or a cafe in the library? I will work to improve every aspect of your quality of life here at Bowdoin. Your ideas and concerns are immensely important, and if you vote for me I will make sure they are heard.

Francis Huynh

Greetings Class of 2010, school's out and it's time to vote! I'm Francis Huynh, the current class treasurer and Student Activities Funding Committee member. I'm running again because I want to grow on this year's success. The transition period from being a freshman is over and I know the ins and outs of being a treasurer. I believe that if you reelect me, there'll be no sophomore slump from anyone. I helped fund our class party at Howell House, our Black/White formal, our coffee house, and our two pub nights. I performed an intensive search for our class t-shirts, which is only a start to the fine line of clothing that I will fund for the Class of 2010. I designed the back of our class t-shirt, which I hope you all enjoy! I have been through every single possible obstacle that a treasurer could go through such as hiring a dj, reserving the pub, using credit cards, obtaining cash advances, and filling out tons of paperwork. I have matured as a member of the SAFC. I have analyzed difficult budgets and I know everything that occurs around campus because club sports and student organizations come to me for money! I would have run for the BSG treasurer/SAFC chair. But I decided that I wanted to serve my lovely Class of 2010 for one more year before I go abroad. So Vote 'Francis Huynh' for Class Treasurer and you will be rewarded with a superb sophomore year!

Jessica Song

Hello! My name is Jessica Song and I am eager to devote the next year to work as the class representative for you!

I am from Seoul, South Korea and moved to Falmouth, Maine 5 years ago. Here at Bowdoin I've participated in a diverse number of activities. I am a coxswain, a percussionist of concert band and world music ensemble, a member of KASA, and the winner of the name tag day. I pursued each of these activities with enthusiasm and devotion, and as class representative, I will dedicate myself to an awesome group of hard-working, fun students who are also pretty damn smart.

I know for a fact that being your class representative will be my primary focus because I am so passionate about this. I think the class of 2010 consists of an intelligent, caring and respectful group of people and I would love to be the one to bring all of us together. I have fun plans for class bonding such as class-wide BBQ. Also,

the sophomore year is very important in a way that we have to declare our majors. I want to seek more comprehensive ways to get information of course requirements with timeline by setting up portfolios for the majors offered at Bowdoin.

I would love for all of you to feel free to come to me with any concern or new ideas. I WILL listen to you. Please VOTE for me and let me represent our amazing class of 2010. I won't let you down!

Bryce Spalding

Hello Class of 2010, I, Bryce Spalding, am once again running for the position of Class Representative. Over the course of the year I have been fortunate enough to have met many of you and I am looking forward to meeting more of you next year. Over the course of this past year I have worked as a class officer and a member of the Bowdoin Student Government to address the concerns of the class and to be the voice of 2010. This coming year will offer many opportunities to have an even greater role in these two areas. You have been at Bowdoin for a year and have seen the areas in which this school can improve. I want to be able to voice these concerns and wishes to the Bowdoin Student Government and to college officials. I will make sure that each and every one of your concerns will be addressed. Now while the experience I have obtained over this past year is important, determination, hard-work, and commitment are key. I will bring all of these attributes to the role of class representative. I know that Bowdoin is not perfect, but I will strive to improve the school in all possible areas. If you have any concerns or questions for me please feel free to e-mail, facebook, or call me. So, next week, vote for me, Bryce Spalding, 2010 Class Representative.

Rutledge Long

Hey everybody, I'm Rutledge Long, a proud member of our Class of 2010, and I'm running to represent this great class as a voice and voting member on the Bowdoin Student Government. True, Bowdoin is an amazing college, but there is still much room for improvement!

Next year is an important year for us rising sophomores. We have new duties and responsibilities to fulfill, and the time is ripe to make a name for ourselves as a class. Our success will spark from the collective effort of each one of us.

Luckily for us, one of our biggest responsibilities is hosting parties. But, as they stand, are "Social House" parties social enough or mainly keg centered? Are affiliates celebrated or ignored? Does the administration show adequate interests in House affairs? I charge our class to challenge the house system in every way—it is a young system in need of improvement, and we have the opportunity to pioneer that change.

Academically, we should aim to make the system more student-friendly. I support academic movements such as Pass/Fail and wish to see advancements made in the academic advising system.

But, most importantly, if elected, I want to hear your ideas. I know there are many good ones out there that need to be heard. I hope to help void the communication barrier between students and student government.

It would be my pleasure to serve as your representative, and, given the opportunity, I vow to perform those duties to the very best of my abilities. Now get off your effing facebook and vote!

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Twin Concerns

Two items in the news should surprise students this week—and perhaps not in a good way.

On Monday, the College began its search for a new director of health services. The individual will fill the position vacated by Dr. Jeff Benson in January, when the College abruptly announced that he would no longer be serving his post. There's one catch: His replacement won't be a doctor. The College is searching for a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant to fill the director position. Medical doctors from a local practice will be contracted, and we're told that a doctor from the practice will always be on call overnight.

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster has been the dean's office resident student health expert for many years, and we are confident that the plan has been carefully crafted. The new system's use of contracted doctors provides the compelling advantage of bringing in physicians who see a wide range of conditions in their outside practices. And the holistic approaches offered by some mid-level providers may be attractive in a college environment.

Yet to students, the prospect of losing a full-time doctor on campus is disconcerting. The contracted physicians will only be on campus for 10 hours a week, presumably reducing the flexibility and emergency support that is offered by a doctor who works on campus full-time. Over the past seven years, students and parents became comfortable knowing that "Dr. Jeff" was here and available to provide continuity of care. With medical doctors now outsourced, we fear that sense of security and community may be lost. And while physician's assistants and registered nurses provide high-quality healthcare, we still wonder if it is a step backward to have someone other than a doctor leading the creation and implementation of campus health service policies. During reaccreditation, the College declared that "student wellness is a college priority" and placed renewed attention on student mental health. On the heels of that statement, switching away from a full-time medical doctor just doesn't seem right.

We are also concerned by news that the faculty will not consider the proposed course scheduling policy during its May faculty meetings. The proposal is being bumped to the fall, further delaying the effects of any approved changes. In this space, we have previously detailed the importance of a sound policy—one that would ease scheduling conflicts and increase communication between students, faculty, and co-curricular advisers—so we won't repeat our arguments here. But any students and faculty who have been dissatisfied with scheduling conflicts that often arise should also be dissatisfied that this proposal is being further delayed.

As Ivies Weekend signals that the semester is coming to a close and summer is about to begin, important issues for student life are still at stake.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Founding Fathers, Treaty of Tripoli not behind pro-choice

To the Editors:

Jeffrey Alger's suggestion that the Founding Fathers were pro-choice is absurd (April 20). Perhaps he has confused feminine autonomy with capitalist gastronomy, for it was surely the latter instead of the former that the founders sought to safeguard when, in 1781, they met in the (aptly named) "City of Brotherly Love" to draft their Constitution. Indeed, it was not until 1868, with the passage of the 14th Amendment, that the seeds of a woman's right to choose were planted in the supreme law of the land. And it took until 1973—when all the founders were long dead—before the Roe finally hatched and women could procure abortions in the OB/GYN's office instead of the midwife's shanty.

Alger's attempt to book the framers as forerunners of the right to choose is all the more disturbing because of the harm it potentially inflicts on gender parity. The suggestion is clear: The old men who founded this great country perceived the woman's right to choose before women perceived the same—so much for feminine intuition!

Do not be deceived by Alger's apologetics: the founders were not pro-choice, irrespective of Tripoli.

Sincerely,
Miles Pope '09

Alien and Sedition Acts among offenses committed by Fathers

To the Editors:

Amongst the myriad preposterous propositions promulgated by

Jeffrey Alger's recent letter, his holding of the Fifth Congress as sacrosanct is the most ridiculous. Alger states that if we disagree with him, we then must "recognize that you are implicitly stating that every member of the Senate in 1797 was grievously mistaken." On that point, he and I agree; the members of the Fifth Congress were frequently "grievously mistaken." The Fifth Congress is the neck fat of our founding fathers' body politic. I remind Alger that this Congress ratified the Alien and Sedition acts, which made it illegal to "write, print, utter, or publish" anything critical of the government. Any offenses allegedly committed by the current administration pale compared to these transgressions.

The Fifth Congress also included a number of disreputable individuals: William Blunt, who conspired with Britain to lure America into war with France, Jonathan Dayton, who helped in Aaron Burr's attempt to overthrow the government, and Biddeford's own nefarious George Thatcher. The shameful actions of the Fifth Congress need not limit us now. In fact, the country would do well to take another look at America's treaty with its first Muslim terrorist enemies.

Sincerely,
Chris Adams '09

Bowdoin Pines there for exploration, not overdevelopment

To the Editors:

People like Professor Nat Wheelwright scare me (March 30). They can't let well enough alone. The Bowdoin Pines have been there for hundreds of years—majestic and tranquil and available to all who wish to explore.

But that's not good enough for Wheelwright. He wants the Pines to

be converted into an arboretum with "spaces for sculpture display and areas with benches to provide students with a place to have picnics and discussions."

What's next, Wheelwright? Maybe a nifty Starbucks and a shiny McDonald's to help with the picnics. Oh! I forgot. The Department of Sanitation will probably require a Port-a-Potty.

Sincerely,
R.A. Golz
Class of 1956

Decision by Supreme Court failed to correct previous errors

To the Editors:

I am sure most of this campus was disappointed by the Supreme Court's most recent decision to uphold the current ban on partial birth abortion, and I join the majority in that disappointment. My disappointment, however, lies in the fact that the Supreme Court failed to take the opportunity to correct its former misguided abortion jurisprudence. Justice Clarence Thomas's concurrence in the decision is right on. The Supreme Court, once again, neglected to fix the poor line of reasoning used in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which were implementations of the philosophical views by the court's majority with absolutely no constitutional basis. Kennedy's opinion avoided the issue all together. Justice Thomas said it best in his dissent in *Stenberg v. Carhart*: "Although a State may permit abortion, nothing in the Constitution dictates that a State must do so."

Sincerely,
Brian May '07
Co-Chairman, Bowdoin College Republicans

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STREET SHOTS: Watercolors by Susie Martin '07 are on display in the Visual Arts Center

TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

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Nietzsche said, 'God is dead.' Is a world without religion better off?



THE FLIP, SIDE

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
COLUMNIST

I recently read a quote from one of atheism's spokesmen. He was criticizing religion and said that the world would be a better place without it. That statement intrigued me. The history of turmoil brought about by conflicting religions in Europe and Middle East over the past two centuries is often used as an argument for how much trouble religion has the potential for causing. Granted, politically motivated individuals can use religion to rally the "faithful" to ward ignoble ends. However, an atheist stating that the world would be a better place without religions got me thinking.

What standard does the atheist use to measure a good world and a bad one? If I understand atheism correctly, the world as we know it is merely a cosmic accident. Atheists maintain that a substrate suitable for the evolution of life as we currently experience came about by a random sequence of mind-boggling, improbable events. What is, is. The world we see just happened by accident. Essentially, if all is random, how can there be an 'objective measuring stick with which an atheist can compare our world to a better one? I imagined the following dialogue between two individuals with sub-par puns for names.

B. Cause: How would the world be better without religion?

A. Theist: You have already admitted that conflicting religions are used to promote turmoil and violence. That does not have to happen. We

have evolved the capacity for reasoning which obviates the necessity of religion to guide our actions.

B. Cause: You mean a standard of behavior without religious morals?

A. Theist: Yes.

B. Cause: So we have evolved reasoning that we can use to mandate what we should and should not do, without bringing a God figure into the picture?

A. Theist: Correct. The utilitarian code of ethics completely excludes any sort of God figure, and exists as a rational system to optimize behavior.

B. Cause: Why follow it?

A. Theist: Excuse me?

B. Cause: If we have somehow evolved the rational nature of our brains, let's use it to its fullest extent. Why bother following a rational system of conduct?

A. Theist: Well, for example, I am a utilitarian. I make my decisions based on what I think will lead to the most utility.

B. Cause: What if one is most happy while exploiting others to our own advantage?

A. Theist: Maximizing utility is not just for my own personal gain. It is creating the greatest amount of happiness for the greatest number of people.

B. Cause: Why should any one individual be concerned about the happiness of others?

A. Theist: If one does what is best for only him, people will make selfish decisions. We can best propagate our species when we sometimes make decisions based on what is best for the majority, and not just oneself.

B. Cause: Why should I care about furthering our species?

A. Theist: Because that is how we

evolved, that is why we are here.

B. Cause: I disagree.

A. Theist: About what?

B. Cause: It is not why we are here. According to you, it is how we evolved, and how the species exist as they do today. There is a big difference between how and why we are here.

A. Theist: Fine, it is how we are here. But that doesn't mean we cannot do our best to continue it.

B. Cause: Of course. But it doesn't mean we should.

A. Theist: I'm not sure I follow.

B. Cause: If we got here by accident, not God, not by anything but chance, there is nothing to tell me that we should do what we can to further the species. If it all ended, who cares?

If this world is all there is, why does it matter what happens to it? Ultimately, it does not. Atheists who state that the world would be better without religion are calling for an order of their own invention, while maintaining that we are products of mere random processes. Utilitarianism is by far an atheist's best argument. Treating happiness and survival as an end uses our rationality to create a system of living and ethics. Who does not want to be happy and survive? It is how we are wired biologically. However, basing behavior on our biological drives is dangerous. Anyone would argue that just because someone's biology pushes them toward alcoholism or child molestation does not mean they should follow their corporeal desires. Thus, if I am just as random as you, nothing says I should care for your happiness. I can. It makes sense based on biology and survival. But ultimately, what is telling me that I should? The words "should" or "ought" cannot be

derived from a physical fact. If the world ended tomorrow, would it really matter to an atheist? I suppose it would be a shame to miss out on all the utility of the rest of his life, which is why an atheist acts to prevent it. But, would it actually matter in an ultimate sense?

An atheist's condemnation of the behavior of religions does not make sense. How can an atheist pass a value judgment in a purely reductionist universe, where there can ultimately be no right or wrong? Any theistic system such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism, or Buddhism has a final court of appeal when morals are questioned. The scriptures point to the eternal principles of Allah, Jesus Christ, Yaweh, or a group of gods. It is difficult for them to argue against divine instruction. However, when asked why an atheist should behave in a particular way, one reaches a dead end. He cannot appeal to a moral standard of right or wrong because a final arbiter is assumed not to exist. William Provine, evolutionary biologist from Cornell stated, "Naturalistic evolution has clear consequences that Charles Darwin understood perfectly. 1) No gods worth having exist; 2) no life after death exists; 3) no ultimate foundation for ethics exists; 4) no ultimate meaning in life exists; and 5) human free will is nonexistent."

An atheist friend of mine admits that without God there are no universal morals. He said that all of his decisions are amoral, living his life in the manner that will maximize his happiness. He gave up the word "should," because it was not logical to impose a set of values upon others when we are products of randomness. When another's actions adversely af-

fect him, he would do what it took to prevent it. However, he never stated that they should not do it. An agnostic can at least state that we know enough to have moral order, yet we cannot know exactly what it is. While excluding God altogether an atheist gives up any appeal to ultimate right and wrong.

While presumptuous to tackle an issue debated for centuries in an Orient column, reason eventually sides with Nietzsche, who was honest enough to realize the implications of his conclusion that God is dead. If God does not exist, human relationships are reduced to exercises in the use of power. It is interesting to speculate on how such reasoning ushered in the bloodiest century in history, led by God-denying dictators such as Stalin, Hitler, Pol Pot, and Mao. Ultimately, nothing says we should look out for each other. British novelist and poet William G. Golding stated, "It was at a particular moment in the history of my own ages that I saw the Western world conditioned by the images of Marx, Darwin and Freud; and Marx, Darwin and Freud are the three most crashing bores of the Western world. The simplistic popularization of their ideas has thrust our world into a mental straitjacket from which we can only escape by the most anarchic violence." The order that atheists call for has no ultimate basis, and there is nothing to say we should follow any order at all. Our survival has no ultimate meaning. A world would not be better without religion. If atheists try to direct the behavior of theists, the latter need only retort, "Why should we?" Without God, there is no right, no wrong. No should. No ought. What is, is.

SAFC seat requires mindset of a duck

BY SUE KIM

Having served as the Chair of SAFC, I feel that I can candidly state what should be expected of all future chairs:

- 1.) The ability to perpetuate institutional knowledge that builds every year.
- 2.) A firm understanding of how activities budgeting works on both sides of the table.
- 3.) A strong interpretation of the Blue Book.
- 4.) Recognition that the money should go back into enriching the whole of the Bowdoin community because it belongs to the students.
- 5.) An unflinching willingness to be approachable and help shepherd any budget through the SAFC process.
- 6.) The mindset of a duck.

Frankly, SAFC is often seen as a bureaucratic hassle and viewed with disdain. Every person who succeeds to chair knows this. Thus, every chair, every year, promises to make the committee process friendlier and easier. Whether these promises are met is subject to the eye of the beholder. In the broader sense, the perception of SAFC is not going to change just because the chair promises he or she will change it. It is an institution that has been at Bowdoin for many years, is quite older than the BSG, and thus carries a certain stigma that can't be cast off due to one person. My point being: the chair of the SAFC faces many unique obstacles and must be prepared for them. The only way he or she can be prepared is from sitting at that table, Monday after Monday, watch-

It's hard to say no. It's not fun to be the bad cop...it's impossible to make everyone happy.

ing another chair and absorbing all that goes on with the process when the door is open and when the door is closed.

While the entire committee makes funding decisions, it is ultimately one student who has the responsibility of ensuring that close to \$600,000 is being spent in a fiscally responsible manner. For a 20-something-year-old, this is a daunting mandate. It's not a mandate one takes on in addition to all the school work and other facets of college life unless one is fully aware of what the responsibility entails.

It's hard to say no. It's not fun to be the bad cop. It's especially difficult when there will always be people who resent you even though you have tried to work with them. It's impossible to make everyone happy. However, at the end of the day, the chair always has to hold the bottom line and wanting to be popular should never trump that mandate.

The first five points I brought up are intuitive. However, in many ways I think point No. 6: that the chair needs to have a duck-like mindset is the most important. For the duration of the elected term, the chair is basically going to be seeing many more rainstorms than sunshine. Like a duck, the chair needs to be prepared to let the raindrops just roll off his or her feathers in order to get the job done. Sure, any person can get an idea of what it's like to be wet from seeing a rainstorm from a distance.

But, unless you have actually stood in the middle of the downpour, you'll never know what it is really like to get drenched.

While all SAFC chairs, past, present and future, have to think like a duck in order to weather through the challenges that invariably come with the position, we are always polar bears at heart, first and foremost. We sit or have sat at that table every Monday because we love our community and we want to make an impact. We want to do the best job possible. In order to be the most qualified person sitting at the head of the table, we have all sat on the sides of the table, previously. We have learned and thus, earned our way to the head of the committee.

The BSG needs to restore the clause in the constitution stating that the chair of the SAFC must have served on the committee previously, whether as a voting or ex-officio member, in order to get the best person at the head of the table every Monday night. By not restoring the clause, the BSG will only serve to shortchange the entire Bowdoin community by opening up the possibility that someone who is not sufficiently qualified is monitoring and allocating half-a-million dollars to 100-plus student organizations.

President Brooks, and all of the BSG, can you hear the rain? I do.

Kim is a member of the Class of 2005 and former BSG treasurer and SAFC chair.

OP-ED CHART

What is the role of the Bowdoin athlete?

BY JORDAN KRECHMER AND
WILL VOINOTT-SARON

We chose this question because of the large presence of athletics at Bowdoin. We feel that, as a visible and pervasive group on campus, athletes can make positive contributions both on the field and in the greater Bow-

doin community. That being said, while not necessarily pertaining to Bowdoin specifically, collegiate athletics and college athletes are not always viewed in a positive light. With this in mind, we asked the Bowdoin community how they felt about this issue as it pertains to Bowdoin. A selection of responses is below.

In case we have to fight Bates.

Do they have a role? I don't think so.

Prove that there is more to Bowdoin than academic success.

How about "to have fun playing sports in a competitive setting?"

To foster community spirit and build support networks for the team, learning life lessons and making connections that will help later in life and careers.

To get money from alumni.

To provide footage for BCNsports.

We are actually all student athletes in the same way that there are student performers and student artists. Our role is to get a liberal arts education and participate in something we are passionate about, just like other students.

To balance the academic spectrum.

To represent the student body to the community.

I think athletics should be most important to individuals to belong to a close-knit group of people.

To beat up the nerds.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

APRIL 27 - MAY 3

FRIDAY

LECTURE

Common Hour with the Chamber Ensembles

This concert will be performed by students from the music department and will include works by Bach, Liadou, and Bartok.

Tillotson Room, Gibson Hall. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FILM

"Wayne's World"

Sponsored by the Bowdoin Film Society, this film chronicles the story of two friends whose public access television show makes it to prime time.

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

EVENT

Howell-Fest

Howell will hold an afternoon party with a root beer keg, free food, and a raffle for free Spring Gala tickets.

Howell House. 4 p.m.

FILM

"Wayne's World"

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

LECTURE

"Five Ways Abortion Threatens Liberal Democracy"

Raymond Dennehy, professor of philosophy at the University of San Francisco, will present his case against abortion.

An open discussion will follow.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Sunday Night Mass

Bowdoin Chapel. 9 p.m.

MONDAY

LECTURE

Public Talk by Angus King

Former Maine Governor Angus King will deliver a lecture titled "Polarization, Partisanship, and the Politics of Division—Isn't it Time for a Third Way?" A discussion of the upcoming presidential election will follow the lecture.

Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 7 p.m.

LECTURE

"Is Debt Relief Really a Good Idea?"

University of Pennsylvania Professor of Political Science

Tom Callaghy will discuss the impact of debt relief.

Beam Classroom, Visual Arts Center. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

LECTURE

"Islands of Desire, Islands of Fear"

Rutgers University Professor of History John R. Gillis will discuss the changing meaning of islands, from tourist havens to prisons.

Room 314, Searles Science Building. 4 to 5:30 p.m.



MIKE ARQUINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

SPRING HAS SPRUNG: After the early April snow storms, warmer temperatures bring out flowers around campus.

WEDNESDAY

LECTURE

Community Lecture Series

Associate Professor of Film Studies Tricia Welsch will present a lecture on film star Gloria Swanson. Bring a bag lunch.

Main Lounge, Moulton Union. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Nevsky Vocal Ensemble

This a capella ensemble, founded by students at the St. Petersburg State Conservatory, will perform early and modern Russian music.

Bowdoin Chapel. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

LECTURE

"Argument From Ressentment"

Chair of the philosophy department at University of California at Berkeley R. Jay Wallace, will lecture on his research regarding moral philosophy.

Room 107, Kanbar Hall. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ART OPENING

The Cinco

This art show will feature work by seniors Amy Ear, Honora Dunham, Drew McDonald, Kat Hourihan, and Cotton Estes.

Fishbowl, Visual Arts Center. 8 to 11 p.m.

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No quick advising changes on horizon

BY NAT HERZ
ORIENT STAFF

In a report by a visiting team of educators as part of the College's re-accreditation process, the educators highlighted advising as an area of Bowdoin's academic program that needs improvement.

"The quality of teaching at Bowdoin does not appear to be matched by a parallel quality in advising, especially at the first- and second-year level and in the transition to the major," the report said. "As a new curriculum is implemented, a recommitment to excellence in this area is of critical importance."

Though the College is committed to improving its advising system, Bowdoin students shouldn't expect to see any changes by the start of the fall semester.

In an interview with the Orient, Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd said that changes in the academic advising system were in the works, but that they would be incremental.

"Are there going to be immediate...changes at the start of next semester? Probably not," she said.

As a new dean, Judd said her experience this year was "a process of learning what we do well."

"There are clearly things we need to do better—whether by tweaking or moving to a different system, it's just too early to say," she said.

Judd said her office, in cooperation with the Office of the Dean of

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TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

UNWRAPPED: Seen here from the roof of Gibson Hall, the Walker Art Building will open to the public in October. Seniors will still be able to walk across the steps during Commencement.

Construction nears end for Walker Art Building

BY ANNE RILEY
ORIENT STAFF

Although members of the Class of 2007 will walk across the completed steps of the art museum at Commencement, they will not see art back on the walls until their first Homecoming Weekend as alumni.

The Walker Art Building, slated for completion on May 18, will officially open to the public on October 12, said Senior Vice President for Finance and

Administration and Treasurer Katy Longley.

"The construction will be completed in the spring but we'll have our official opening in the fall because we have a lot of valuable art that we'll be moving in," Longley said. "We decided not to open without art on the walls."

The purpose of the \$20.8 million renovation, which began in the sum-

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty to evaluate new grading plan

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

Following months of discussion and editing, the Recording Committee will introduce a revised version of the College's Credit/D/Fail policy at Monday's faculty meeting for discussion. Faculty will then wait until the fall semester to make further changes and vote on a final policy.

The major proposed change to the current policy is that students would be able to set a lowest acceptable grade to earn while taking a course, which they would receive instead of "credit" if achieved. Students would have two weeks at the start of the semester to set this grade level.

The proposed Grade/Credit/D/Fail policy contains input from students, faculty, and staff, elements from the plan suggested by Bowdoin Student Government, and ideas from the Recording Committee.

"There are some controversial points, but we as a committee forced ourselves to realize that what we send forward is not the final word—that's going to come from the faculty," said Chair of the Recording Committee James McCalla. "They'll have to decide if they'll take it as it stands now, if they'll change it, or if it will be voted up or down."

At Monday's faculty meeting, the proposal will be brought forth for discussion, and members of the Recording Committee will be in attendance to answer any specific questions or make comments. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Nancy Jennings said that the meeting will be used as a sort of information session to introduce the proposal.

McCalla stressed the fact that the Recording Committee could not

POLICY PUSH

On Monday, Bowdoin faculty will consider a revised version of the College's Credit/D/Fail policy.

The plan, which will be submitted to the faculty by the Recording Committee, would allow students to set the lowest acceptable grade that would appear on their transcript. For any grade lower than this threshold, but higher than a "D" or "F," students would receive a grade of "credit."

If a student receives a "D" or "F" in a course, that grade would appear on his transcript.

reach consensus about all the points to include or change in the policy, so he expects faculty to discuss revisions. Faculty will then wait until another meeting early in the fall 2007 semester to suggest further edits and, ultimately, vote on a policy.

Should the policy pass, Jennings said the faculty could vote to decide when to implement it, potentially in the spring or fall 2008 semester. Currently, the proposal also includes a stipulation that the Grade/Credit/D/Fail policy will be re-evaluated after one year, at which point the faculty could abandon or revise the policy.

Sam Dinning '09 and Casey D'Iott '07 serve as student members on the Recording Committee and have been active participants in, and advocates for, the policy's changes. Both said they were very excited by the changes that came forth from campus-wide discussions.

"The best part about the process is that they really took something that students cared about and ran with it. They really took the time to make sure it got addressed thoroughly," Dinning said. "I see this policy as an oppor-

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'This place exists for you'

DeRay Mckesson looks back on four years at Bowdoin

INTERVIEW BY BOBBY GUERETTE AND PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MIKE ARDOLINO

DeRay Mckesson's 1,288 Bowdoin Facebook friends might notice something missing from campus next year.

As president of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG), president of the Class of 2007, head tour guide, and head proctor in Appleton Hall, DeRay Mckesson '07 has been a ubiquitous presence on campus. He has been involved in campus initiatives ranging from The Bowdoin Campaign to Judicial Board reforms to Name Tag Day. As Mckesson prepares to graduate, he sat down with the Orient and offered candid re-

flections on his four years in leadership positions at Bowdoin. An edited transcript of that interview follows.

Orient: Has your Bowdoin experience been like you thought it would be?

Mckesson: No! I've been involved before, but I'm intimately involved at Bowdoin with a lot of things. It's been a lot, but it's been good. I'm happy and proud of everything.

O: How do you think student government matters today?

M: I think that we are part of every important discussion that hap-

pens on campus, and the unimportant ones. The message that I always like to tell people is—this what I said two years ago in my speech to the sophomore class—is that this is yours. This place is yours. This place exists for you. This is your school. And I think that sometimes kids come to college and forget the this-is-yoursness. I think BSG lives that.

O: Do you think that everyone in the community understands that this is ours?

M: I think they do. I think most

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Ivies rocks through rain

BY ANNA KARASS

Although the wet weather didn't dampen this year's Ivies Weekend festivities, it may have dampened the mischief. All the events still drew a crowd despite being relocated inside Smith Union.

A rain plan, put together ahead of time by the Campus Activities Board, Dining Services, Security, and Facilities Management, ensured that all everything proceeded as schedule.

Student Activities Advisor Kathryn Bathras said that she attributed the success of Saturday's events to

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MORE NEWS

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ROBODOGS: Robot soccer team takes third place in competition in Germany. **Page 3.**

THIS WEEKEND: INAUGURAL CONCERTS

Chamber choir, concert band, orchestra, and the chorus will perform over the weekend. The chorus will present a new Stravinsky arrangement. **Preview, Page 12.**
STUDZINSKI RECITAL HALL, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, 7:30 PM

TENNIS: MEN TO PLAY IN NCAA

After losing to Williams in the NESCAC tournament, the Bears will travel to Drew University to play in the NCAA tournament. **Recap, Page 16.**
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ACCESSIBLE: An artist's rendition depicts Adams Hall after the construction of a proposed elevator tower that would make the building handicapped accessible

Renovations, construction to continue over summer

BY ANNE RILEY
ORIENT STAFF

Construction on the Bowdoin College Museum of Art might be winding down, but for Director of Capital Projects Don Borkowski, a day's work is never done.

With the art museum nearing completion, four out of six first-year bricks finished, and Studzinski Hall holding its inaugural concert this weekend, the College is starting to prepare for its next big projects.

Next on the agenda are the renovation of Adams Hall and the construction of a new hockey arena.

The renovation of Adams Hall, which is scheduled to begin June 4, looks to improve the building's ventilation system and handicapped accessibility. Adams Hall currently houses the Environmental Studies Department, the Community Service Resource Center, and a number of classroom spaces.

"It's sorely needed. It really needs an update," Borkowski said.

Construction on the new hockey arena, located by Farley Field House and Harpswell Apartments, will also begin this summer.

"We hope to break ground in July," said Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Katy Longley, noting that the College is just waiting for its permit from the Department of Environmental Protection.

The construction of the hockey rink will require the College relocate the men's soccer field farther down Harpswell Road. According to Borkowski, the new field should be completed this spring, but will not be put into use until the fall.

This summer, the College will also renovate 30 College St. to include dining areas, a kitchen for students who keep kosher or halal, and a large meeting space that can accommodate the needs of Bowdoin's multicultural students.

In the near future, the College will also start the construction of a new fitness center to replace Watson gym, the third-smallest fitness center in the NESCAC.

"The funding is not in place yet, but if it is by the time we complete the design, we will start construction next spring," Borkowski said.

The College also plans to complete the renovations of Maine and Winthrop halls this summer, making the Class of 2011 the first incoming class to live in all eight first-year bricks at the same time.

According to Borkowski, Maine and Winthrop halls are coming in on time and under budget; he noted that the College pre-purchased a lot of the necessary equipment when renovating the first four bricks. Borkowski also said that having the other first-year dorms under its belt, the constructions crew now knows what to expect with the final two.

"I think we found efficiencies along the way," he said.

Although next year's students may feel like construction has quieted down, there is always something to be renovated, said Borkowski.

"Over a typical summer, we do over 100 projects—people don't even realize," he said, noting that the recent renovation of the investments office on 80 Federal St. and the creation of a new pier and ramp at the Coastal Studies Center have gone largely unnoticed, since they are not part of most students' everyday lives.

"Between the bricks, the recital hall, and Walker [Art Building], they all took place in the heart of campus. Things will quiet down on the Quad for awhile," Borkowski said.

Longley agreed.

"Since I've been here since 2002, there's been construction every year. It will be nice to get the Quad back," she said.

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mer of 2005, was to increase gallery and storage space from seven to 14 galleries, enhance handicapped accessibility throughout the building, and install a new climate control system.

"There had been no climate control at all and that's just not acceptable with a state-of-the-art collection," Director of the Museum of Art Katy Kline said.

According to Kline and Longley, the renovation architects strove to preserve the historic 1894 structure while addressing the modern difficulties that the space had encountered.

The original architect, Charles Follen McKim, "got it absolutely right, the dignity with which it sits. It just hadn't grown the way it needed to grow," Kline said, noting that the renovated museum includes a large classroom space that will allow students from all departments to examine original artifacts firsthand.

"I believe passionately in learning

from the actual object," Kline said. "In the pre-renovation museum, getting the works from four different storage areas to the classroom took a very long time. But now, we have a state-of-the-art storage area and this incredible classroom right across from the elevator."

The renovated museum also boasts a new holding room, in which new pieces can transition into the controlled climate of the museum.

"Before, when art came in, we had to close the gallery for 24 hours," she said.

Although most students will never set foot in the storage area, Kline said that the new storage space is also very impressive.

"When we bring museum people here, they start to weep," she joked.

When the Walker Art Building opens in October, visitors will enter through a newly constructed glass pavilion to the left of the museum. Once inside the pavilion, guests will either use an elevator or walk down a flight of stairs to arrive at the entranceway and gift shop.

Before the renovation, the gift shop

was located in the rotunda, a space originally intended to house sculpture. With the gift shop relocated to the basement, the rotunda will be returned to a sculpture hall, Kline said.

Although the reopened building will focus on the museum's permanent collection, a number of temporary exhibits will be an important part of the opening events, including an exhibition of modern and contemporary art on loan by six alumni contributors.

"This is an area where the museum needs to be stronger in its own holdings," Kline said.

President Barry Mills said that he is "really delighted" with the progress of the museum.

"The fact that we are going to be able to do the [Museum Pieces dance show] tomorrow is exciting," Mills said.

"I think when you have a project like the museum that sits in the middle of the Quad, people are eager to have the Quad back. I think people are eager for there to be peace and tranquility on the Quad again," he said.

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often students don't get it. This place goes out of its way to include students in its discussions. At times, students have been willing to really be a part of that discussion. We have shown that students can do it and do it well.

O: Where would you like to see student government go from here?

M: The hardest thing with student government is continuity. The people who could do the most and could be the most influential just don't get involved, because they have this preconceived notion of what it is, and they thought it would be like their high school. I would like to see kids who are willing to buck the system. What's hard about this place is that we don't do anything bad. Everything we do is good or great. So that kills sometimes the urge to do things better, to do it the best we can.

O: There's been a lot of publicity about the Yaffe referendum. How do you think that affected BSG's credibility on campus?

M: I don't know if I worry so much about our credibility, since we had talked about it. It's not like I came up with it out of the blue. At the beginning of the year, I was like guys, we need to talk about eligibility. I think there's a way to account for institutional memory that isn't you having to be on the BSG. I don't think the requirement in the long term is something that we should keep. Until we find and do well with some other system of institutional memory, then I think we need it. But yeah, I don't worry about our credibility. I think people probably saw it as us being insular, but we talked about it.

O: You've been at the center of some of the biggest issues on campus over the past few years. How do you think Bowdoin can do better in the coming years?

M: It's hard to say, because being in the center I've also seen so much structural change. We have three

new deans this year, which is like a shock to the system in some ways, because they are the three deans that deal most directly with student issues. I think the College can commit to leadership development in a more substantive way. I think we too often say, "Oh, everybody's a leader." I think we as a college are committed to academic advising and I know Cristle is on that. I think it would be cool if every first year had to meet with somebody in the dean's office or somebody who reported to the dean of student affairs in some capacity.

O: You mentioned the transition. How do you think the transition year has gone?

M: I think it has been a tough year. I think it was a lot. Tim [Foster] has been here for a while. I think getting used to his style and what's different was difficult at times, but I think it works. Bill [Shain] is extremely committed to the admissions process itself; the small things you see him caring about more. And Cristle [Collins Judd] is really smart, and I think she brings a fire to the job that is at times off-putting, but I appreciate it. So it's been a good year. I think there have been growing pains, but I don't think that's unhealthy.

O: You've been able to sit in on the Trustees' top sessions—sessions that very few students are able to participate in. What was significant to you about that experience that should be significant to all students?

M: It's amazing how much the trustees legitimately care about student life. It's not a board of people who got some cushion appointment and care in some really abstract way. On the last call I was on, we talked about the Dudley Coe situation and hearing the doctors on the board give their comments, that back and forth, is important. They are really involved, and I think students should care more about getting access to them.

O: We've talked about the administration, the College as a whole. Is there something that students can do

to make this an even better place?

M: Two things. I've found that students can be unwilling to take risks and have an unwillingness to be uncomfortable. I worry sometimes that we talk about the Bowdoin bubble, and we're like, "Oh, the Bowdoin bubble." I think it's real, but I think that sometimes we feed into it in a way that isn't healthy.

O: Is breaking out of that the responsibility of students or college officials or both?

M: I think both, but again, we live this. I think there has to be some ownership. This isn't boarding school, this isn't high school. You need to take ownership of making this place what you want it to be. So it's hard for people to be like, "Oh, Bowdoin, I'm not happy." It's like well, this is yours. You can start a club, you can talk to Barry [Mills] if you're upset—when he's here—you can talk to him, you can e-mail him.

O: As Bowdoin's stature rises, and you've been a tour guide and now head tour guide, what's the most interesting thing that students coming here to look at Bowdoin know about or have questions about?

M: When I first started there were a number of people who saw us as a preppy school. And that's died over the years, which is really cool. What we have talked about as tour guides is that everybody is happy in some capacity. And I think people who come here on tours buy into the happiness. And it's hard for some people, because they think it's fake, they're like, "You cannot be happy. This is not real."

O: You don't think it's fake?

M: No, I don't think it's fake at all. I think at times it's overwhelmingly real. And I think families see that now. People touring are so stressed—we are like school 14 that they're visiting. It's very different from when we were applying.

O: Where are you going from here?

M: I'm going to Teach for America in New York City at an elementary school. The thought that my students will be excited about getting stickers is pretty awesome.

CORRECTIONS

Wrong quotation

The story "College drops full-time doctor" (April 27) incorrectly quoted Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster's statement, "It's a rare physician who can be a gifted clinician and adminis-

trator." The Orient regrets the error.

Mis spelling

In "Recital hall fine-tuned for opening" (April 27), the dean for academic affairs's first name was misspelled. She is Cristle Collins Judd, not Christie Col-

lins Judd. The Orient regrets the error.

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First years fulfill requirements with ease

BY NICK DAY
ORIENT STAFF

According to College administrators and students in the Class of 2010, fulfilling the newly implemented distribution requirements has been a relatively simple process.

Dean of First-Year Students Mary Pat McMahon estimated that after the spring semester, "most of the freshman class will have half [of their distribution requirements] completed."

Director of Institutional Research and Registrar Christine Cote observed that current first years did not seem overly concerned about distribution requirements when selecting courses for next fall.

"I've heard of no stress from students, no anxiety from them," she said.

Kauri Ballard '10, who has only one more requirement after this semester, tried to simultaneously take classes she was interested in this year while also fulfilling specific requirements.

"I tried to strike a balance between taking classes that I wanted and taking classes to fulfill the distribution requirements," she said.

Ballard's adviser recommended

that she get the requirements out of the way before her junior year.

"My adviser told me it would be good to get the requirements out of the way before the end of my sophomore year, so I wouldn't have to worry about requirements interfering with going abroad," she said. Credits that students earn abroad will not count toward the new distribution requirements.

Chantal Crawley '10, who has "fulfilled most of the distribution requirements already," said the requirements she hadn't satisfied were in areas of study that did not particularly interest her.

"But my adviser told me I technically have until senior year to get the requirements out of the way," she added. "So I'm not that worried."

But some first years said they did have minor qualms with the current system.

Adam Tracy '10, though not anxious about the general requirements, voiced unease at having to take a mid-level Asian Studies course in order to fulfill the International Perspectives (IP) requirement.

"All the classes that I wanted to take [to fulfill the IP requirement] have prerequisites, so now I have to take a course that is probably

going to be pretty hard."

Some classes are still awaiting designation into certain distribution areas. According to Cote, one class this semester has not been categorized yet, and as many as half a dozen still need designation for the fall semester.

But, Cote said, that number may end up at around 15 or 20 once open teaching positions are filled and classes are finalized for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Current first years are the first class to have to deal with the revised framework, which stipulates that students must take one course in five different areas: IP; Mathematical, Computational, or Statistical Reasoning (MCSR); Inquiry in the Natural Sciences (INS); Exploring Social Differences (ESD); and Visual and Performing Arts (VPA).

The College Catalogue encourages—but does not require—that these requirements "be completed by the end of the student's fourth semester in college."

Previous distribution requirements required students to take two courses in each of the following: Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts, and Non-Eurocentric Studies.



COURTESY OF KARSTEN MORAN

BEARING IT ALL: Alison Curtin '07 grinds it out during the bike portion of the 2006 Ironbear. Some 500 athletes will race in this year's Ironbear, which was started by a Bowdoin alumnus, Will Thomas '03.

Bowdoin community gears up for Ironbear

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
ORIENT STAFF

The Ironbear triathlon proves that there is more to a Bowdoin education than what students learn in the classroom.

The 2007 Ironbear, which will take place Saturday on Bowdoin's campus, started out as an idea and passion for founder Will Thomas when he was a senior at Bowdoin in 2003.

"I'd been doing triathlons for a few years before college, so I had this idea to put on a triathlon at Bowdoin. I decided to give it a try so I scouted out a bike course in the greater Brunswick area, met with a bunch of different coaches, gave it a name. I did all the stuff, but I really had no idea what I was doing," Thomas said.

"I had spent my entire life savings account to pay for T-shirts and all the things like that," he said.

"I was begging everyone to do the race, and I eventually got about 75 people to do it. This year about 500 athletes from all over the country are participating. We filled the race out in an hour and 20 minutes," Thomas said.

Thomas is the founder and executive director of Tri-Maine Productions, a company that also includes Bowdoin alums Carter Thomas '06 and Nicole Goyette '05.

"Tri-Maine definitely started out from the first Ironbear. I learned a lot about entrepreneurship, event management, and taking risks," Thomas said. "Now through all our events I deal with all these different groups of people, but that first year was by far the hardest. I was scared out of my mind."

The Ironbear is both a triathlon, which consists of a 525-yard swim, a 12-mile bike, and a three-mile run, and a duathlon, which is a two-mile run, a 12-mile bike, and another 3-mile run. In addition to individuals, relay

teams can also sign up to do the Ironbear.

Of this year's approximately 500 participants, 90 to 100 are Bowdoin students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Student organizer Annie Cronin '07 said that in the past, several deans and professors have signed up to participate, as well as Karen Gordon Mills, wife of President Barry Mills and managing director of New York-based Solera Capital.

There will also be about 125 volunteers at the event, mostly Bowdoin students, with some faculty.

"Participants always comment on how much they enjoy having student volunteers," Cronin said.

Proceeds, which Cronin said will be about \$3,000, will go to the Common Good Grant Program, run by Bowdoin's Community Service Resource Center.

"It's about keeping the triathlon tied to Bowdoin and the Brunswick community," said Cronin.

Participant Lana Tilley '07 said that this is the second year she is doing the Ironbear.

"I had volunteered the two years before, and while watching as a sophomore I thought I could do it and that it would be fun to train for. It was actually really hard," she said.

Tilley also said that she will continue to participate in triathlons after graduation.

"It's a good way to continue being in competitive athletics after college," she said.

Cronin said that "there are a lot of people who do the triathlon for fun and have never done a triathlon before, and it's training for some more serious athletes. People have a great time out there; there's a really good vibe."

Tilley agreed. "There's so much energy and everyone is really excited. You just feel so good after," she said.



COURTESY OF THE NORTHERN BITES

NO BONES ABOUT IT: Captain Henry Work '06 and sophomore team members Joho Strom, Jeremy Fishman, and Tucker Hermans pose at the RoboCup German Open 2007 in Hannover, Germany. The team placed third in the world in its division.

Robot dogs fetch third place in Germany

BY LYDIA DEUTSCH
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In the first podium finish in Bowdoin robotic soccer dog history, the Northern Bites brought home the third place trophy from the RoboCup German Open 2007 in Hannover.

According to team captain Henry Work '06, the team saw significant improvement a week before the tournament.

"We could score consistently, beat the inexperienced teams, and compete with the best teams," he said.

Sophomores Mark McGranaghan, Jeremy Fishman, George Slavov, Tucker Hermans, and Johannes Strom, with Work's leadership, created the software that allows four Sony robots to play soccer on a six-by-four-meter mock soccer field.

Associate Professor of Computer Science Eric Chown, the team's adviser, accompanied the Bites to Germany for two days of round-robins, many "test matches," the quarterfinals, semi-finals, and a third place game.

"I nearly had a fit when we scored two goals in a 'friendly' or 'test

match' against the reigning world champions, the NUBots," Work said. "Mike, their captain, and I are good friends, and they blew us out of the water 8-0 last year, so it was great to see our improvement. We later would lose to them in the semis but we notched three legitimate goals in the process."

A minor glitch that led the team to fall unduly short against the better teams came from the goalie.

"Pathetically, our goalie wouldn't stay in the damn goal," said Work. "Against a majority of the teams it didn't matter, as our offense could control the ball most of the game, but against the better teams, we could have really kept it close if we had a dog get in the way more often."

"We finally fixed the goalie on the last day of the tournament and it helped heaps," said Work.

According to Work, this year's Bites have far outstripped last year's team. Sight had been poor, running had been more lethargic, and control of the ball had been average.

"No dog knew where it was on the field nor communicated to its teammates," said Work.

Last year's dogs made for "a swarm

team," Work said. "It was like 5-year-olds playing soccer. The ball popped out of a scrum and we all collapsed on top of it. It worked occasionally."

Offensive and defensive skills are solid for this year's team, which is "all about the fundamentals," according to Work.

"We know where we are on the field. We play proper soccer. It's really fun to watch," he said. There are no ball hogs, as this year's team goes for the ball one at a time and dribbles under a time limit.

Over the next two months, the team will be figuring out how to beat the best teams before another tournament in Atlanta. Although only two came out ahead of them, Work said that "we need a lot more strategy in where we position our dogs to take advantage of throw-ins, and to play better defense. Our goalie will be taking up constant work."

"Except for some serious work in vision, what's great is that most of our low-level systems are pretty functional," he added. "Now we get to the fun stuff: the part where we take a bunch of dumb robots and turn them into smart, and potentially dangerous, robots."

ADVISING

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Student Affairs, is working on making improvements to the advising system.

According to Judd, her office is hiring a new associate dean to work on the school's curriculum and the academic side of advising. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Nancy Jennings and Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett have also been collaborating on improvements to the advising system.

Judd also said that Bowdoin students have valuable relationships with their professors outside of the advising system.

"Students are enormously satisfied with individual interactions with individual members of the faculty," she said. "There is a difference between an adviser and a mentor. Part of it is making sure students know what they can expect from an adviser relationship."

"We have faculty enormously committed, and we need to make sure that the mechanisms for academic advising promote that," she added.

Judd said that the difficult part of the advising system is getting comfortable with a professor.

"Relationships take time to build, and that means there will be some degree of artificiality in those first interactions," she said. "It's crucial that students have those encounters with faculty early and often."

According to Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) Vice President of Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07, Judd has also been working and talking with a group of about 15 students, who make up an academic affairs student committee.

"The hope is that we will get professors who will make it more than it is now—more than just signing your sheet," LePage said. "The conversation has already been started, but we need student input."

LePage also said that Judd was open to looking at new ways to assign pre-major advisers to first-year students,

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BURGESS LEPAGE '07

BSG VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

and that changes were needed in the major advising system as well.

"No one knows how to find a major adviser," she said.

LePage said that critical to the academic advising system is the active participation of students.

"Advising is a two-way street; that's something that will not be overlooked when we're talking about it," LePage said.

Some Bowdoin students told the Orient that their relationships with their pre-major advisers consisted of little more than brief consultations during course sign-up.

"The only time I ever interacted with [my pre-major adviser] was to get my card signed," said Justin Strasburger '07.

Strasburger added that his adviser gave him some feedback at those times, but that "it was pretty cursory."

Of six students questioned, none said that he or she had a relationship with a pre-major adviser that extended much beyond signing a course sheet.

However, some did say that they had managed to find other avenues for advice, or felt that they didn't need formal advice at all.

For Judd, the role of an academic adviser "is to make you think hard about choices."

As an adviser, she said it is her job to "unsettle you as you settle into a new place."

"On the other hand, I have to be there as somebody who is continuing to do, the faculty will do what they want to, and I'm sure it will be treated very seriously by the faculty and staff."

always healthy debates," Jennings said. "This is our work, and what affects the faculty is taken seriously—they do discuss it."

McCalla reiterated that the discussion has been an ongoing and complicated debate, but that this policy may create a resolution.

"Since its inception, this policy has really been a result of queries and comments from across the College," he said. "This was not something necessarily dreamed up ourselves. It's off our desk. We've done what we're supposed to do, the faculty will do what they want to, and I'm sure it will be treated very seriously by the faculty and staff."

As the discussions continue, Dinning said he hopes faculty will approve of the policy and recognize its benefits.

"I'm always for more student voice; I think student opinion is as important as any opinion on campus," he said. "I'd love it if faculty talked about this with their advisees, classes, and students they know. Communication is going to be key in making this the best possible plan for students, faculty, and staff."



ALEX CORNELL DU HOUX, THE BOWDOIN BUGLE

DRY DANCING: Kevin Lytle performs in Morrell Lounge in Smith Union during the concert on Saturday. A rain plan arranged by the Campus Activities Board, Dining Service, Security, and Facilities Management allowed students to enjoy the weekend while staying dry.

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the Student Activities Board.

"The event was a big success despite the weather," she said. "I think that the Campus Activities Board chose some great acts that appealed to much of the student body, which is why they were able to draw a crowd, even indoors."

First-year Allison Thomas did not let the weather stop her from taking in the weekend's events.

"I think Ivies is what you make of it," she said. "Given the weather I don't think as many people came to Pine Street, but I still had a fun time."

Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols said that from Security's perspective the weekend was a success.

"Things went very smoothly," Nichols said. "There are always incidents every weekend."

Most importantly, Nichols said, students were safe. According to Nichols, Security did not have any alcohol-related hospitalizations.

"The bottom line is everyone was safe. Students worked very well with Security, even when we were looking into things that were happening," Nichols said.

In order to keep students from driving, Security increased the Safe Ride service with three vans running until 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. In addition, Brunswick Taxi was on hand to offer additional transportation.

Nichols also said that Security's increased collaboration with the Brunswick Police Department had positive results.

The Brunswick police only issued two citations to students for civil violations regarding alcohol and marijuana use.

"We met with Brunswick police prior to Ivies. Our approaches are coordinated based on the health and safety of the students. They used a lot of good judgment," Nichols said.

Security maintained a presence at gatherings on campus, including Harpswell Apartments on Friday night and Pine Street Apartments on Saturday night in order to ensure the safety of students.

"We weren't looking to have a heavy or oppressive presence," Nichols said. "We were looking for high-risk behavior."

BSG President-elect Dustin Brooks '08 is already working on improving the Ivies experience for next year. Brooks plans to meet with staff members that are involved with Ivies to discuss the possibility of having Super Snack or another place to get food open during the weekend.

SECURITY REPORT

APRIL 27 TO MAY 3

Friday, April 27

- A student walking around with an orange construction barrel over his head was questioned about his behavior. During the encounter the student attempted to flee. The matter was referred to the dean of student affairs.

- Seven students smoking marijuana in a Hyde Hall room were approached by security officers. A pot pipe and a small amount of marijuana were seized.

- A student's lost purse was found in Smith Union and the student was notified.

- A door inside 10 Cleveland St. Apartments was forced and damaged.

- A security officer took a student with a sprained ankle to Mid Coast Hospital.

Saturday, April 28

- A smoke alarm in a Coleman Hall dorm was activated by a student and visitor who were smoking marijuana. A bottle of hard liquor was confiscated.

- A student reported the theft of a yellow, white and black Gary Fischer mountain bike from the north entrance of Moulton Union.

- A staff member disrupted a possible theft in progress in the men's locker room at Farley Field House.

- A streaker was reported at the Bowdoin-Bates baseball game at Farley field. The bawdy scowfall was identified as a male Bates College student. The matter was referred to Bates College for further action.

- A Safe Ride driver reported that a male student riding a skateboard and

not wearing pants was being towed by a motor vehicle on College Street. The skateboarder and the student driver were located moments later at Thorne Hall. The skateboarder explained that he was mooning a group of students at Ladd House. The driver was warned for driving to endanger. The matter was referred to the dean's office.

- A bottle of hard liquor was confiscated at Quinby House.

- A George Foreman grill was stolen from Moulton Union Dining Hall. Security recovered the grill in Appleton Hall and two students and a guest were found responsible. The matter was referred to the dean's office.

- Three unregistered kegs, two empty and one full, were confiscated from a Pine Street apartment.

- Brunswick Police issued a citation for civil possession of alcohol by a minor to a student walking on College Street with an open container.

Sunday, April 29

- Brunswick Police issued a citation for civil possession of marijuana to a student on Pine Street.

- An unregistered keg was confiscated at a Pine Street Apartment.

- A Safe Ride van transported a student with an injured knee to Parkview Hospital.

- Security responded to a complaint of a loud party on the 10th floor of Coles Tower at 3 a.m. An officer dispersed the party so neighboring students could sleep.

- A security officer found two kegs at the Farley Soccer Field.

- A security officer reported three

damaged wooden chairs in the common room at MacMillan House.

Monday, April 30

- A glass break alarm in Special Collections proved to be a false alarm.

- An officer transported a student to Parkview Hospital with a sports-related nose injury.

Tuesday, May 1

- A housekeeper reported a suspicious man loitering in the recycling room at Stowe Inn.

- A smoke alarm on the third floor of Chamberlain Hall was activated by a student using a hair straightener.

- A professor reported that a light mounted on his bicycle handlebars was stolen outside the Visual Arts Center.

- A student reported an iPod missing from Moulton Dining Hall. The item was found and returned.

Wednesday, May 2

- An ill Hyde Hall student was taken to Parkview Hospital.

- An ill Chamberlain Hall student was taken to Parkview Hospital.

- The fire alarm at the Visual Arts Center was activated by a professor and students working on a project using a power tool and creating dust.

Thursday, May 3

- A security officer transported a student from Dudley Coe Health Center to Parkview Hospital.

- A commercial clothes dryer in the athletics department laundry caught fire. The Brunswick Fire Department responded. There were no injuries; the dryer was destroyed.

—The Department of Safety and Security

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tunity to give students the chance to experiment in areas they're not familiar with, but also to give them the chance to earn the grade they deserve if they're good at it."

"I'm really excited about it, I think it's a huge jump for students and the Credit/D/Fail policy," Diott said. "It's really great that students will get this chance to explore, and still be rewarded if they do well. I've been really pleased with everything in the process."

Jennings said that the policy is an attempt to find a balance between students who want to take courses without the fear of a low grade, and professors who want students to explore new topics and remain engaged in class. She said it is not an issue of students supporting a lax policy versus faculty supporting a stringent one, but rather, a balance between different perspectives of what a Grade/Credit/D/Fail policy should look like.

"Every so often, all sorts of things come up about grades, and there are

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Trustees to set budget, celebrate new buildings

BY GEMMA LEGRON
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Next weekend, the Board of Trustees will meet on campus to discuss next year's budget, and to dedicate two new buildings on campus.

"The one major theme for this weekend is celebratory," said Richard Mersereau, secretary of the College.

East Hall and the new recital hall will both be dedicated on Friday, with major donors present for both.

According to Mersereau, the dedication of Osher Hall is one more step in the upgrade of the residential life facilities, as the two South Street dorms allowed for the upgrade of the traditional bricks.

"In a sense, [we are] celebrating the modernization of the first-year dorms," said Mersereau.

The new recital hall dedication will also occur on Friday, after the Osher Hall dedication. After a formal vote on Friday afternoon, the concert hall will be named after donor John J. Studzinski '78.

Following the dedication remarks, the Eroica Trio will perform.

"Doing two big things like that is terrific," said Mersereau.

However, two events of such importance will make the day very busy.

"It's an unusual flow of events late Friday afternoon with a dedication,

reception, recital, and then a dinner," Mersereau said. "It will feel more like dining in New York at 8:30 instead of a normal flow."

In addition to celebrating, the Trustees will also attend to college business matters. They will vote on the budget for the 2007-2008 year, as well as receive updates on Bowdoin's progress with acquiring naval air station land.

Trustees will also be asked to approve renovations for Adams Hall.

"Because they've got the equipment out there to do the two [first-year] dorms...it saves money and makes a lot of sense to get it done now," said Mersereau of the Adams renovation plans, which if approved, will likely start this summer.

Trustees will also vote to approve a bond issue that would be issued early this summer to help pay for the Adams Hall renovations, as well as the construction of the new ice arena.

The 10th Annual Scholarship Luncheon will allow trustees to interact with students, as all donors of endowed scholarships and students receiving scholarships have been invited.

"It's a wonderful event because both donors and recipients speak," Mersereau said. "What they have to say about why school money is important...is always heartfelt and emotional."

King makes pitch for Unity in '08

BY SAM WAXMAN
ORIENT STAFF

Former Governor of Maine and Bowdoin College Distinguished Lecturer Angus King says there is a plague of partisan politics in America, and he says he has a solution for it: Unity '08.

In his Monday lecture titled "Polarization, Partisanship, and the Politics of Division—Isn't it Time for a Third Way?" King described the Unity '08 organization and its goals.

Unity '08 seeks to nominate a presidential ticket with a Republican and a Democratic candidate for president and vice president running together.

King, who is on the organization's founders council, said he hopes that a Unity '08 ticket will push American politics back toward the middle. He hopes the ticket will realign it with the majority of American voters, and allow voters more of a say

in presidential nominations.

"I want to see the country solve some of these problems," he said.

Unity '08's specific ticket would be chosen by an online national convention. Any U.S. citizen eligible to vote in his or her home state will be able to participate.

King described this approach as an "insurance policy for democracy."

The urgent need for political change prompted King to become involved in Unity '08.

"I'm fearful about the future of the country," he said, citing the supposed stagnation of the current political system and culture of corruption in Washington.

"It's been in my lifetime that par-

ties have gone from being non-ideological to ideological. It makes every election Armageddon," he said.

Despite the organization's place outside the mainstream, King was optimistic about Unity '08's impact.

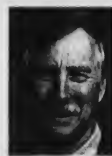
"If nothing else, [Unity '08 could] get ordinary people to contribute to our political system," he said.

King said he also wants to provide an avenue for nomination for candidates who do not have a party backing them.

"I think there are other great presidents out there who couldn't make it through the present process," he said.

King said that the success or failure of Unity '08 depends largely upon the organization's ability to use the Internet to mobilize centrists, who comprise approximately 80 percent of Americans.

The challenge, he said, will be to "create excitement among people who are by definition not political activists."



ANGUS KING

BSG wants input on J-Board selection

BY WILL JACOB
ORIENT STAFF

In its final meeting of the year, Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) passed an amendment that would affirm its role in the selection process of the Judicial Board (J-Board).

While BSG still needs to work with the J-Board to codify the process, the amendment would appoint one BSG member as a full member of the J-Board's Selection Committee. That member would have voting privileges.

Class of 2007 Representative Emily Hubbard and Vice President of Student Organizations Stephanie Witkin '07 explained that there is currently a discrepancy regarding BSG's role in J-Board member selection.

The BSG constitution states that BSG votes to approve all the nominees for the J-Board and is able to dismiss any member for "adequate cause" with a two-thirds majority vote. However, the student handbook's "Judicial Authority" section says that the J-Board alone can select new members, and that the student government president can only observe the process.

Recently, BSG and the J-Board have talked to try to sort out the discrepancies between the two texts.

"One of their biggest issues was a non-J-Board member being a member and voting, not understanding the process," Witkin said. "But we felt that having an outside opinion would bring a really great new perspective that could be very productive for their selection process."

The amendment would first have the J-Board present an annual report to BSG and outline their selection process. Then, the names of J-Board applicants would be submitted to BSG in an executive session, in which the J-Board chair and adviser could participate.

One appointed member of BSG would become a full member of the Selection Committee with voting privileges, and would then present the newly selected members of the J-Board to BSG.

While BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 is under the impression that the J-Board would prefer to have no voting members elected from BSG, he said that someone from BSG should be involved in a substantive way.

Vice President of Student Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 said that this amendment might encourage progress for the J-Board.

"I think if we were to work on this and pass it, we might be progressive in a way that would cause the process to continue more smoothly," he said. "If we pass this, it's taken care of, and while we're not sure what they're doing on their end, this might help," he said.

As for BSG's role in dismissal of J-Board members, any potential changes will be addressed in the fall semester.

Although some BSG members maintained reservations about voting on an amendment without a J-Board voice present at the meeting, the amendment passed and will go to a school-wide referendum next.

In other business, BSG welcomed its new officer team for the 2007-2008 academic year. The new members are: President Dustin Brooks '08, VP for BSG Affairs Kata Solow '10, VP for Student Affairs Tony Thrower '09, VP for Academic Affairs Sam Dunning '09, VP for Student Organizations William Donahoe '08, VP for Facilities Mike Dooley '10, and Treasurer Nicole Wiley '08.



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

NEW NAME, SAME DORM: East Hall will be dedicated as Osher Hall next week in honor of Bernard Osher '48. There are no plans to rename West Hall in the near future.

East Hall to be renamed for philanthropist Osher

BY EMILY GUERIN
ORIENT STAFF

After next week, West Hall will be without its lifelong companion.

Two-year-old East Hall will not be torn down, but instead renamed Osher Hall in honor of Bernard Osher '48. The dorm's dedication will take place Friday, May 11.

The honors committee of the Board of Trustees decided on the building's name change.

According to Bill Torrey, senior vice president for planning and administration, Osher has "been very generous to the College in a number of ways."

Torrey said that Osher has supported the renovation of the Walker Art Building, as well as endowed scholarships for Maine students to attend Bowdoin, Bates, Colby and the University of Maine.

Torrey said that although Osher did not contribute directly to the construction of East Hall, his gen-

erosity to Bowdoin prompted the honors committee to name the new dorm after him.

According to Torrey, it is not rare to have a dorm named after someone who did not directly provide funding for its construction. Many buildings on campus such as Chamberlain, Hyde, and Appleton halls were named in honor of presidents or other individuals who contributed to the school.

Torrey said that if a donor wishes to contribute to a project directly, he or she must pay for at least half the cost of the project to have it named in his or her honor. Wish Theater and the new Studzinski Recital Hall were named in this way.

Torrey said that most donors do not give money because they want a building named after them.

"While it's nice to have your name on a building, it's not something people seek," he said.

Torrey said that there are no plans to rename West Hall any time soon.

Spector '09 named Maine chess champ

Maine chess enthusiasts should be on guard. There's a new king in the state, and he's a Bowdoin student.

Jason Spector '09 took top honors at the 50th State Championship at Southern Maine Community College on April 22. According to the Web site chessmaine.net, Spector tied Joseph St. Pierre, a Maine resident who attends the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. St. Pierre won the 2005 and 2006 championships.

Spector said he began playing chess when he was five years old. He competed in his first tournament by age seven, and has been playing since.

"I really enjoy the challenge of the game and the completely different way of thinking involved," he said.

Spector said he expects to try to

defend his supremacy in next year's tournament. He also plans on participating in Massachusetts's championship tournament this summer.

-Bobby Guerrete

Students encouraged to donate used items

When students begin to pack up their dorm rooms for the summer, some may find furniture, school supplies, and unopened toiletries and food that they simply cannot fit in the car to bring home.

Instead of tossing them out, Coordinator for Sustainable Bowdoin Keisha Payson urges students to donate all usable items to this year's "Give and Go" yard sale.

"Students are encouraged to place usable items in the boxes such as clothes, books, kitchen supplies, school supplies, sporting equipment, and games," Payson said.

"Larger items such as rugs, appli-

ances, and furniture can be placed next to the box," she added.

Any food items will be donated to Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program's food pantry.

The item sale, which will take place in Dayton arena on June 8 and 9, has raised over \$115,000 for local non-profits since its inaugural year in 2002.

The event used to be called "Dump and Run," but with the College handing over the organizational logistics directly to the non-profits this year, it was time for a new name.

"The College is a little worried that students won't get that the old 'Dump and Run' has a new name and we are hoping students will still participate in the program this year under its new name, 'Give and Go,'" Payson said in an e-mail to the Orient.

Students interested in donating items should look for boxes placed in their dorms starting on May 10.

-Anne Riley

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FEATURES

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Renovations, revisions, and referenda

BY MARY HELEN MILLER
ORIENT STAFF

In its 207th academic year, Bowdoin was shaped by a spirit of revising and revamping. From the countless construction projects that spotted campus to the rethinking of policies, the year left the College changed both in its landscape and mindset.

September

As students returned to campus, they found many physical changes had been made to the campus. The College adjusted several buildings and walkways around campus to make them handicap accessible, and renovations of the Walker Art Building and Curtis Pool were still under way. Furthermore, newly renovated Appleton and Hyde halls were open for occupancy. Coleman and Moore halls were taped off and under construction. First years gave high marks to the renovated dorms, which consist almost exclusively of quads instead of the usual doubles and triples for first years. But, as first years moved into spacious quads, some residents of Stowe Hall and Brunswick Apartments squeezed into forced quints and triples as a result of last spring's housing crunch.

Meanwhile, after a Trustees meeting, recommendations by an advisory committee, and four months of deliberation, President Barry Mills made public his recommendation for Bowdoin's investment policy on the humanitarian situation in the Darfur region of Sudan. While the College did not have any direct investments to divest, Mills proposed that the College avoid making any direct investments in companies that do business in Darfur and set aside any profits made from indirect investments in Darfur for humanitarian donations. Although Mills recommended against forming a permanent college committee to identify crimes against humanity, Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) later created a group that would consider the College's response to humanitarian crises.

Near the end of the month, the College announced that it would seek to acquire a 450-acre parcel of land from the Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS), thus tripling the size of the campus. The announcement of the plans was made, despite concern by state Rep. Stan Gerzofsky, D-Brunswick, who feared that Bowdoin's plans would compete with his proposal for a new, 1,000-acre town commons to be carved from the base.

In another clash with the town, Brunswick police broke up a 1980s-themed party at Quinby House, which left a police officer injured, one student in jail until he could post bail, and another facing a court appearance.

Despite these instances of negative attention for the College, Dining Service took the spotlight again as it ranked No. 1 in Princeton Review "Best 361 Colleges" in the category of food.

October

As the second month of school began, the College was dismayed to



ORIENT FILE PHOTO

THE VOTE IS IN: Students gather in the Shannon Room in Hubbard Hall on Election Day to watch the votes come in on the big screen. More than 400 Bowdoin students cast ballots in Maine.

learn that three students had been arrested for drunk driving in Brunswick. The number of arrests during the first month of the year was significantly higher than the two arrests made during the entire 2005-2006 academic year.

Students breathed a sigh of relief as Alex Cornell du Houx '06 returned safely to campus after a seven-month deployment in Fallujah, Iraq. Cornell du Houx, who left Bowdoin during December 2005 to train with his unit, re-enrolled in classes shortly after his return.

Still, there were other worries on campus. Students feared that WBOR 91.1 FM would be taken off the air. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) informed the station that its poor record of public service announcements could cost WBOR its space on the air.

The FCC was not the only one trying to keep students in line. In response to the rowdy behavior of students at Super Snack, the football team announced that it would assist the checker with security at the entrance.

November

The football team's stellar commitment to student behavior at Super Snack was only surpassed by its incredible comeback in the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin championship in Waterville. After starting the season 0-6, the Bears defeated Bates on November 4 and came from behind in the fourth quarter against Colby on November 11 to take the CBB championship.

The field hockey team also dominated the turf this fall. After winning 13 games in a row, the team finally lost at the NCAA Final Four in Geneva, New York. The Bears ended their season with a record of 17-2.

As election time neared, students displayed their support and disdain



ORIENT FILE PHOTO

COMFORTS OF HOME: A first-year student chats on the phone in the common area in Hyde Hall. Following their renovations, first-year dorms Hyde and Appleton halls were reopened for occupancy at the beginning of the 2006-07 academic year. Their residents were generally pleased with the changes.

for issues and candidates. In particular, a lively discussion surrounded the proposed Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) referendum, which, if it had passed, would have altered taxes and spending—affecting aid for higher education. On Election Day, more than 400 Bowdoin students cast ballots in Maine.

Soon after polls closed, another campaign was just starting for Bowdoin. The College officially launched its \$250 million capital campaign at an event in Boston. The Bowdoin Campaign would aim to raise money for financial aid, and also gain funds for academic affairs to create 12 new faculty positions and for student affairs to build a new ice rink and a Center for the Common Good.

But the College did not wait for the

opening of the Center of the Common Good to engage in civic-minded activities. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to avoid direct investments with companies that do business in Darfur and to avoid making indirect investments with such companies when possible.

Students joined with the Board of Trustees in its concern for the genocide in Darfur. The Darfur Coalition, which consisted of several student organizations, planned a week-long effort to raise awareness about the humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

Also in November, a power outage left much of the campus, as well as some 20,000 Brunswick residents, without electricity from the early afternoon through the night.

Luckily, power was restored long

before a group of visitors came to evaluate the College on its improvement in a number of areas. The reaccreditation committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) conducted an assessment which it does once every 10 years. The committee praised Bowdoin's academic program, diversity of student body, investment in facilities, and faculty growth. However, it did recommend that the College monitor its academic advising program.

December

As the semester wound down, first-year students living in Maine and Winthrop halls packed up. With the completion of the renovations in Coleman and Moore halls, the first



ORIENT FILE PHOTO

ORDER ON THE COURT: Katie Cummings '07 takes the ball down the court as Leah Rubega '10 follows closely. The women's basketball team made it to the NCAA Elite Eight for the fifth year in a row this March, where it ended its remarkable season at 29-2.

years transported their belongings to their rooms in the newly completed dorms. Upon their exodus, renovations began on Maine and Winthrop halls.

January

Arriving on campus for a fresh start to a new semester, the college community was saddened by the news of the untimely death of activist Hanley Denning '92. Denning, who was killed in a car crash a few days before the start of spring semester, had dedicated her life to serving needy Guatemalan children and their families. Many Bowdoin students have volunteered and raised money for Safe Passage, the organization she founded in Guatemala.

The College also dealt with the departure of Director of Health Services Dr. Jeff Benson. After seven years of service, Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster said Benson left Bowdoin to pursue other professional opportunities. Later in April, the College announced that it would drop the position of a full-time doctor. Instead, the health center will replace Benson with a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant. It will contract with a local physician's office to bring one or two doctors to campus for a combined 10 hours per week.

The College also remained committed to wellness as it adopted a new sexual assault and misconduct policy. The policy, which was adapted from the University of Virginia, aims to make it easier to address issues of sexual assault and misconduct. It clarifies the definition of sexual assault and misconduct and provides three options to handle cases: mediation, formal hearings, or a structured meeting with staff from the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

February

Students were surprised and concerned with the news of the health center's sudden loss of its contraceptive contract. While it would continue to provide Plan B, the health center announced that it would no longer be able to dispense birth control pills and NuvaRings. The College lost the contract with the manufacturer, Organon, due to rising costs of prescription drugs.

The College also revealed another change in plans—this time for its



ORIENT FILE PHOTO

WINTER WONDERLAND: Nick Crawford '09 and Assistant Nordic Skiing Coach Wyatt Dumas ski across the Quad in one of the season's first snowfalls.

multicultural house. Currently, multicultural organizations have access to Boody-Johnson House, but starting next year, this building will house offices instead. The College announced its plans to renovate 30 College St. to replace Boody-Johnson as the home for multicultural organizations.

Students also learned that Reed and Burnett houses would have a status change for next year—they will become college houses instead of regular dorms. The change will increase the number of college houses from six to eight. The decision was made to reflect the increase in first-year dorms.

Meanwhile, students across campus expressed a desire to revisit the Credit/D/Fail policy. The current policy allows students to opt to take any four classes outside their major on a Credit/D/Fail grading scale. Next week, the Recording Committee will propose a Grade/Credit/D/Fail policy to the faculty, which would enable students to set a lowest acceptable grade for themselves. If they fail to reach their minimum grade, they would be graded as they would have been under the current Credit/D/Fail system.

The College also broadened its horizons. Chris Hill '74, assistant secretary of state, came to campus to deliver

a lecture. Hill arrived on campus just days after leading the U.S. negotiating team in the six-party talks in Beijing. In his speech he defended the decision to make an agreement with North Korea. The Bowdoin community was among the first to hear Hill make public comments about the agreement that he helped to craft.

March

March saw yet another set of renovation plans. This time, the College said that it was close to hiring an architectural firm to design a new fitness center. The renovation will increase the size of the fitness center three-fold.

On the basketball court, the women's basketball team had an impressive season at 29-2. The team finally lost in the elite eight, when it was defeated by Mary Washington at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In a response to a Time Magazine article "The College Rankings Revolt," college administrators discussed their views of college rankings, particularly those from U.S. News and World Report. The Time article reported that several small colleges are planning to send out a letter to peer institutions,

inquiring if they would be willing to halt participation in the U.S. News survey. Although Dean of Admissions Bill Shain said that the most important aspects of a college are not quantifiable, rankings still serve as important tools for prospective students. Similarly, Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood called rankings a "reality" and said that Bowdoin would not likely participate in the "rankings revolt." After all, Bowdoin's spot in the top-10 list likely attracted many of the students who applied to be part of the class of 2011, which is the most selective class in Bowdoin's history. Only 18.5 percent of the 5,899 students who applied were accepted this year.

April

Late in the season, Bowdoin had its first snow day in more than 30 years. Due to inclement weather and power outages around campus, the treasurer's office announced the cancellation of the day's classes.

Meanwhile, BSG sought to accommodate members of the junior class who would miss class for an entire semester—to study abroad. Concerns were raised to BSG about students

who wished to study abroad for one semester and serve on BSG for the other semester. In response, BSG passed a constitutional amendment that would allow juniors to serve half-year terms. After it was brought to a school referendum, the amendment passed.

Sophomore Ian Yaffe soon raised additional concerns about BSG policies. Although Yaffe had never served on BSG, he wished to run in the presidential election for the 2007-2008 academic year. However, BSG's constitution states that all presidential candidates must have previously served on BSG. In an attempt to amend this section of the constitution, Yaffe gathered enough signatures to petition BSG to bring the question to a school referendum. The vote on the referendum was ruled invalid because of insufficient voter turnout.

Although candidates for BSG treasurer have been required in the past to have served on the Student Activities Funding Committee to be eligible for office, this year's election was open to all students. The change was made due to a clause in the BSG constitution that was inadvertently removed last year. Nicole Willey '08 won the election for the position.

In another form of student activism, more than 400 Bowdoin students and Brunswick residents attended Step It Up, an anti-climate change rally, which was held in Morrell Gym. The gathering was one of many that occurred across the country that day. Each rally sought to ask Congress to commit to an 80-percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050.

Tragedy struck further down the East Coast as 33 people lost their lives in the shootings at Virginia Tech. The shootings struck close to home for many at Bowdoin, as it shattered the safe haven of a learning community.

Back at Bowdoin, another newly renovated building opened this spring. After more than a year and a half of construction, the \$15 million Studzinski Recital Hall reached completion.

In the familiar spirit of remodeling, the College officially announced its plans to make changes to Bannister Hall, the new home of the center for the Common Good. The center, which was conceived in 2001, is set to open in fall 2008. It will be funded through the capital campaign, which is seeking \$3 million for the project. But that construction is for another year.

Bowdoin Taiko never misses a beat

BY TANYA FARBER
ORIENT STAFF

When a student carrying what appears to be a saran-wrapped garbage can scurries across campus, the rhythmic thunder of Bowdoin Taiko will likely follow.

In Japanese, *taiko* literally means "drum." The drumming that the Bowdoin Taiko club does is *kumidaiko*—a performance art that emphasizes movement, music, and the spectacle itself.

"It's just like any other form of music," explains club member Alexandra Pfister '10. "But it's an art that's supposed to be watched... If you listen to it without watching, you may not be as struck. We're playing for the music but also for the movements, for the dance."

Emphasizing the evolving nature of taiko drumming, Andrew Steltzer '08, one of the group's co-leaders, says that, though it has its roots in the Japanese culture, "You can go outside of that form in so many different ways."

"There are groups that combine taiko with hip-hop," he adds.

According to members of Bowdoin Taiko, the club strives to develop its own style.

"We use some traditional songs, but a lot of it is based on, I guess, the jazz movement, and also Doran makes up some of the material," Pfister says.

Club Co-leader Doran Rivera '08, who has a black belt in *ekido kai jiu jitsu*, brings an element of the martial arts to taiko drumming, thus adding one more facet to this musical, dance,



MIKE ARDOLINO, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

IN SYNC: The Bowdoin Taiko club rehearses in dance studio in Smith Union. Taiko is a performance art that involves physically engaged drumming. The group's final performance is on May 12 in Morrell Lounge.

and cultural performance art.

"The foundation of movement is similar for dance and martial arts," says Rivera.

"Taiko draws upon elements of dance and martial movement for its overall aesthetic," he adds.

Despite its complex nature, students in the club most appreciate the simple aspects of taiko drumming.

"There's a certain...energy you get at the moment where everyone is playing together as one group, one organ-

ism, and everyone's loving it," says club member Kathleen Callaghy '07.

"It's the most fantastic sense of freedom, fun, and connection to everyone else, as well as to something greater than you," she adds.

Steltzer identifies his favorite aspect of taiko drumming as "the complete feeling of relaxation" that comes when he finishes a song.

"It relieves your stress, it tires you out...you feel refreshed," he says.

"After a long day, you get to go at something," Pfister adds.

The drums, affectionately named Tweedledee, Tweedledum, and Joshua, will be brought out for a series of upcoming performances.

The multifaceted nature of taiko drumming allows it to serve as entertainment in a variety of settings. The club will perform at the 10th annual Scholarship Luncheon, the first-year art show, and the dance department's Museum Pieces. Bow-

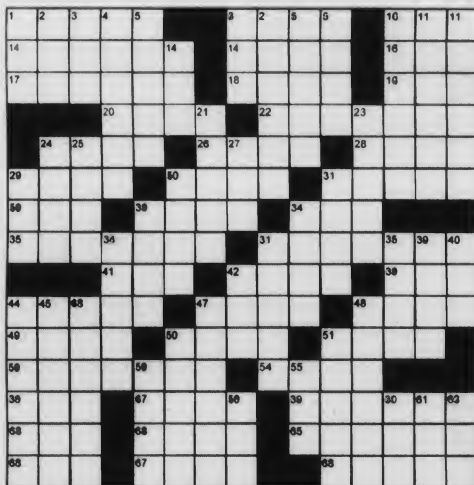
doin Taiko will play also host to its own hour-long final event at 1 p.m. on May 12 in Morrell Lounge of Smith Union.

"We're going to be playing everything we know," says Pfister of the May 12 performance.

Among the songs to be played is one Steltzer brought back from his studies in Japan, as well as a song that "involves a lot of spinning."

"Perhaps 'Blue Steel' will make an appearance," Pfister jokes.

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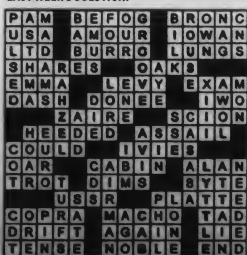
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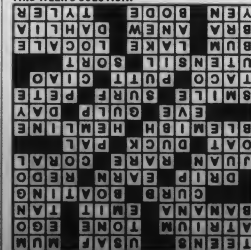
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Stravinsky, jazz, world music inaugurate recital hall



PREVIEWING THE STUD: Chorus Director Anthony Antolini '63 rehearses with the Bowdoin Chorus and the Bowdoin Orchestra on Thursday night for this weekend's Stravinsky performances. The classical pieces are part of a series of events to inaugurate the new Studzinski Recital Hall and Kanbar Auditorium.

BY KELSEY ABRUZZESE
ORIENT STAFF

No more hard hat concerts, sneak previews, or fine-tuning. The Studzinski Recital Hall and Kanbar Auditorium will finally see real action this weekend with a series of inaugural concerts.

The concerts will include performances by the College's chamber choir, concert band, and orchestra, and the chorus will present a new arrangement of Igor Stravinsky's "Les Noces" by Chorus Director Anthony Antolini '63. These classical performances will take place on May 4, 5, and 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Antolini, who developed this particular arrangement of Stravinsky's piece, called it "a high wire act. It's the hardest thing we've ever done."

"It's not an easy listening piece," Antolini said. "People expect something about a wedding to be romantic or warm and fuzzy. There's nothing romantic about it. It's about people's emotions and the bittersweet aspect of it."

"In 19th-century Russia, marriage was a huge upheaval in life," he added.

Since Stravinsky intended for "Les Noces" to be a theater piece, members of the Portland Ballet

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Student theater group to create show in a day

BY CAROLYN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Masque and Gown, Bowdoin's student theatrical organization, is producing its second 24-hour production this weekend. Contrary to what the name implies, the actual show is not a spin-off of the hit Fox series "24"; it will only last 45 minutes to an hour. However, the entire process of writing, rehearsing, and producing the play will occur between 8 p.m. today and 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Masque and Gown president Rachael Leahy '07 described the process of creating the show. "The writers come to the office at 8 p.m. on Friday night and have 12 hours to write. On Saturday, the actors block the show and learn their lines until 4 p.m., when the tech people come in, are given a few props, and set up lights."

Anyone can sign up to write, act, or work with technical aspects of the show as there are no auditions. This year's show involves three writers and seven actors.

One of the purposes of the show is to involve students who aren't normally involved in theater.

According to Leahy, "It's just really fun to see people who don't try out for big shows or who don't come to meetings spend a day doing the 24-hour show."

"For people who want to learn tech, it's a really good way to start learning the basics of lighting and how to get props together," she added.

MASQUE AND GOWN 24-HOUR SHOW

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Memorial Hall, Room 108
Admission: Free

Masque and Gown has been a student organization at Bowdoin for more than 100 years, but the 24-hour show has only been around since the fall semester. Leahy came up with the idea of doing a 24-hour show when Masque and Gown couldn't put on its traditional dinner theater because of a space conflict.

"We wanted to do another show that would be low-key but fun," said Leahy.

She had wanted to start the project in high school, but found it easier at Bowdoin because of increased interest and space.

The first 24-hour show was about a group of people trapped on a subway car during a power shortage, and the subsequent relationships that formed.

"It worked out really well," said Leahy. "The writers were able to take the actors and write parts for them, so the show really fit together despite only having 12 hours [to produce it]."

Characters included a panic-ridden man, a sex toy salesman, and a worried mother.

The 24-hour show will take place this Saturday at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Room 108, and will end before the Spring Gala begins. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

"Last time we were filled to capacity," Leahy said. "People were sitting on the floor and standing around the edges of the room."

Senior artists celebrate the Cinco

BY SARA TENNYSON
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday night, the Visual Arts Center showcased frat boys and Red Bull cans. It was not the typical weekend festivities, but instead the Cinco, the art opening for senior artists Drew McDonald, Amy Ear, Honora Dunham, Cotton Estes, and Kate Hourihan.

Showcasing the artists' most recent work, the exhibit combines individual installations with a collaborative mural in the Fishbowl.

Leaving their final mark on Bowdoin, the artists "put a lot of work into making the show as good, professional and exciting as possible, which is why we all committed to showing new work and collaborating in the Fishbowl on a site-specific piece," said Dunham.

The mural, said Ear, began with the sole premise that each artist would work with the color black.

The end result is impressive and shows serious talent and unity within the group, which group members say can be attributed to the group's commitment to a cohesive product.

Hourihan is excited to reveal the outcome, saying, "I am happy that the group came together to show new work instead of documenting the history of our Bowdoin art careers. It's already been very rewarding for me to have worked so closely with a group of art majors and friends."

The individual installations effectively engage their audience.



TAMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

CINCO DE MAYO: The VAC showcases decorations by senior artists Drew McDonald, Amy Ear, Honora Dunham, Cotton Estes, and Kate Hourihan for their senior art exhibition.

Each artist expressed a goal in the placement and creation of each piece.

Dunham created a series of drawings of people with a focus on the figures of men in groups.

"The project is essentially about group dynamics and group representation," she said. "I'm very interested in how people—especially

groups of men—pose for photos, how they touch or don't, and more formally, the shapes created by groups, and the shapes created by the negative space between bodies."

"The large-scale drawings push these interests further by combin-

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PUTTING THE COLOR IN IVIES



TASTE THE RAINBOW: An art installation by students of Lecturer in Art John Bisbee features an array of colored water bottles. The installation was part of a series of projects in Smith Union that went up during Ivies Weekend.

Words of wisdom from the face of SmuttyNose IPA: Paul Barber



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

PAUL BARBER—Face of SmuttyNose IPA and Man of Infinite Wisdom

Spring is here. But enough about the weather. As classes come to an end and reading period begins, it is important for all of us to get our priorities straight and prepare for the long road of finals ahead.

This is why I enlisted the help of Paul Barber for this week's article. Mr. Barber holds his faded jeans up with a big gold belt buckle that says "Aloha." His eyebrows are bushier than a Chia Pet on Miracle-Gro and his love for Bowdoin lacrosse rivals his love for good beer, which, incidentally, has landed him squarely in a patio chair on the label for SmuttyNose IPA. Clearly, this guy has his priorities straight.

So, as we head into finals, I thought we could all learn something from the sagacious offerings of Mr. Barber, face of SmuttyNose IPA. I asked Mr. Barber a number of questions I thought pertinent to life at Bowdoin, and think his answers will prove a veritable guidebook for finishing this semester off right.

Alex Weaver: Please state your full name.

Paul Barber: Paul Barber.
Lesson: Clearly, Mr. Barber is a man of few words, and when writing final papers, take a page out of his book. If a professor says seven to 10, don't give him 14. You're

not over-achieving, you're just being annoying.

AW: How did you become affiliated with SmuttyNose?

PB: My son-in-law is a professional photographer and asked me one day to help him on a shoot. He said he needed an old coot for a beer label for a Portsmouth brewery. He told me to bring some old clothes and my horned rim glasses, so I did and ended up on the label.

Lesson: Embrace your talents. So you're lazy, unmotivated, and procrastinate before even thinking about doing your work. So maybe Mr. Barber looks like an old coot and has old-looking clothes? Look where it got him.

AW: What is your favorite type of SmuttyNose and why?

PB: I like the IPA.

Lesson: Good answer. Don't be afraid to take credit for a job well done.

AW: Any perks to being the face of SmuttyNose IPA?

PB: I get free IPA once in a while.

Lesson: Free beer is one of the best things in life. So, work hard in school so you too can land yourself on the label of a popular beer and reap the satisfying rewards.

AW: My roommate, Ted, is really into wine coolers these days. Does SmuttyNose offer anything other than beer, or should I just tell Ted that he is a sissy?

PB: Ted should try the seasonal beers and make up his mind.

Lesson: Ted is a sissy.

AW: So say this Saturday night—and this is a purely hypothetical scenario here—nine of my buddies and I want to get a

Alex Weaver: When was the last time you drank a Natural Light?

Paul Barber: I don't think I know what Natural Light is. I may have had one and not known it.

Lesson: Natty Light is still the king of beers.

keg, lock ourselves in a windowless room, hand the key over to my girlfriend, and not be let out until every last drop is gone, no matter how painful the process or how long it takes us. What brand of SmuttyNose beer should we go into battle with and how do you think we will do?

PB: If you and your buds want to get plowed, what difference does the substance make? Any one of the SmuttyNose beers will do the trick. You will all do fine, right down to the last man awake.

Lesson: When it comes right down to it, beer is beer. Too bad the same can't be said for your econ final or 20-page lab report. But hey, life is life, right?

AW: When was the last time you drank a Natural Light?

PB: I don't think I know what Natural Light is. I may have had one and not known it.

Lesson: Natty Light is still the king of beers.

In the end, I think we should all take a page from Mr. Barber's book. I mean, just look at him. He landed on the label of SmuttyNose IPA because he looked the part and knew the right people. The Lesson: Things will work out—they always do. So let your priorities slip a little as the sun continues to shine and trust that everything will get done, because it's not what you achieve in life, it's how you go about it.

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will dance while the orchestra and chorus perform. There are four different "scenes" within the piece: the bride's preparation, the groom's preparation, the bride's arrival at the wedding, and the reception.

"It gets very wild," Antolini said. "The rhythms become complicated, people interrupt each other, it gets a bit off-color. It's classical music but sounds more like rock and roll."

Because of the rash of concerts this weekend, all the groups involved have had to share rehearsal time and space.

"Our first rehearsal was last Sunday and we haven't been there since," Antolini said. "We're very anxious about how it will turn out. There's a joke going around that if you want to hear our best efforts, come Sunday."

Soloists from St. Petersburg's Nevsky Vocal Ensemble add to the epic scope of this concert.

"When you do something that involves so many people, you couldn't do anything to the last minute and it adds to the high wire act," Antolini said.

The Polar Jazz Big Band, various jazz ensembles, the Middle Eastern Ensemble, and the World

"We're pretty excited. The acoustics are great, and the audience is in a nice intimate relation to the stage—we haven't had both of those elements together before."

PROFESSOR OF MUSIC MARY HUNTER

Music Ensemble will join the festivities on May 5 and 6 at 4 p.m.

"We're pretty excited," Professor of Music Mary Hunter said. "The acoustics are great, and the audience is in a nice intimate relation to the stage—we haven't had both of those elements together before."

Hunter, who directs the Middle Eastern Ensemble, said that the group will perform four different songs, three of which were composed by former director Al Gardner, who died last October. The instruments in the ensemble are three violins, an oud (a Middle Eastern version of the lute), a qanun (a type of harp), a clarinet, and Middle Eastern percussion.

With regard to what audiences can expect from these concerts, Hunter said that there will be "an amazing variety of music, from the Renaissance to the 20th century, and from Brazil to the Middle East to Europe and North America. A lot of very enthusiastic and talented performers, and a distinctly celebratory mood."

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DJs OF THE WEEK



Nick Cohen '09 and Simon Lee '09

What's the best album ever made?

NC: Either Billy Joel's "Stormfront" or "Traveling Wilburys, Vol. 1."

SL: Either Grateful Dead, "American Beauty" or Dr. Dre, "Chronic 2001."

Who's the greatest living musician?

NC & SL: Eric Clapton for his variety, longevity, and expansive career. Nick also adds for his general handsomeness. Simon disagrees.

What's the best show you've seen live?

NC: Racer X, this last Ivies Thursday at the Pub. You can't compete with the crowd, venue, and general sense of debauchery.

SL: I mostly agree but have to say Talib and Blackalicious at Colby last year were pretty ill.

NC: Boo Colby.

What's the first album you ever bought?

NC: "Tragic Kingdom" by No Doubt, but my mom bought it for me when I was eight or nine. The first album I ever bought was "Third Eye Blind."

SL: Ever owned: "Greatest Hits," Michael Jackson, on cassette. Ever bought: "Slim Shady LP" by Eminem.

What's your music guilty pleasure?

NC: Let's be honest, most of our show and iTunes libraries are guilty pleasures, which we are very proud of. My highlights include: Lionel Richie, Styx, and pretty much any hair band.

SL: I'm a sucker for theme songs and music from movies. I've played the Ghostbusters theme song multiple times, and everything from The Blues Brothers soundtrack is pretty sweet, especially "Rawhide."

If you were the dictator of a small country, what would be your national anthem?

NC: "Bad Company" by Bad Company or "American Honky Tonk Bar Association" by Garth Brooks because I love freedom.

SL: Mine would be "Juicy" by Biggie or "American Pie" by Don McLean.

If you were onstage with a mic in front of thousands of screaming fans, what would you say?

NC: Either "Keep on rockin' in the free world!" or "Play Free Bird!"

SL: "Yeah! Get some! Get some!" That's right, a "Mean Girls" reference.

Cohen and Lee's show, "A Tail of Two Sewer Rats," airs on Fridays from 12 to 1 p.m. on WBOR 91.1 FM.

A film columnist's fond farewell



BY MIKE NUGENT
COLUMNIST

It's hard to believe, but after four years of writing for the Orient the time has come to say goodbye. This humble space has been my stomping ground for whatever was on my mind and I enjoyed it greatly. If you've made it through for all that time, I sincerely thank you for putting up with me.

As you probably noticed along the way, there are so many different ways that film is applicable to modern day life. That's why it was easy for me to discuss such varied topics as climate change and suburban teenage angst in the same breath. As a dominant art form, film is unique in its ability to permeate everyday life.

Film also differs from painting and music in the attachment and connection people feel for characters onscreen. The moving image is a powerful thing, and for so many people, myself included, favorite movies are populated by close friends, confidants to turn to for guidance in a time of difficulty. In my life, Annie Hall became the lover I wish I had, earnest about her insecurity and so beautiful as a direct result. Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin in "I Heart Huckabees" are the mentors I'd like to guide me through life's difficulties. Seeing Julianne Moore weeping over one of many cinematic children brings me more happiness than is probably healthy.

Yes, all these characters, as well as the offscreen personalities of the actors playing them, become a part of our lives, as Meryl Streep has become part of mine. But filmmaking is a highly collaborative art form, and countless other behind-the-scenes talents like director Alfonso Cuarón, editor Thelma Schoonmaker, and writer Charlie Kaufman all have the ability to get me giddy with excitement when the mere mention of their names is attached to projects.

Maybe editing doesn't make your heart race like mine. That's fine; film is great partly for its ability to give people different levels of potential enjoyment. Hollywood trains us to be connoisseurs in spectacle. The enjoyment of each image employing a full range of sound, color, light, and camera movement is considered essential for a film's success. But

there are many other layers to enjoy as well.

Recently, a friend asked me, "Do you watch films differently than me?"

My answer was, "Not until I start taking film classes."

Coming to Bowdoin, I thought I knew a lot about film. I had read lots of Internet articles, memorized the Oscar winners, and seen acclaimed American films. I felt like something of a hotshot walking into my first film class. I was definitely going to minor in film studies.

Professor of Film Studies Tricia Welsh quickly took me down a couple of notches. In my first course, on Hollywood cinema, we had a dense textbook; it included every film I had ever seen, as well as movies I had previously judged to be unworthy of my time. Horror films, Westerns, slow-paced foreign films—I became overwhelmed with how much I didn't know. Maybe I'm not cut out for this film studies thing, I thought.

Though I resisted at first, Professor Welsh persisted. Then I started to get it. Films like "Red River" and "Tokyo Story" may not be your favorite kind of entertainment—they weren't on my first viewings—but the merit of the film goes much deeper than the initial entertainment value. A well-made film is a text that deserves to be mined for content; its creators deserve the respect this inquiry bestows.

Watching a film in this manner, seeking to fully understand the director's intentions rather than passing judgment on each scene, is a radically different way of seeing a movie, and ultimately more satisfying. I started liking Westerns when I watched them this way. After taking a John Ford seminar, I'm hooked for life. Sometimes learning to love something is more deeply rewarding than having that something click on the first try.

Sometimes you can dig even deeper. Films are rich cultural texts, encoded with the ideologies and opinions of their creators. The messages that exist beneath the surface may not be discursively mentioned, but they are conveyed to the viewer and have an impact on analysis and opinions.

This semester, I'm working on an independent study looking at Spanish and American films through the lens of hegemonic masculinity—the dominant way masculinity is "performed"—and makeshift communities that form be-

tween men. One film I'm using is David Fincher's "Fight Club," in which Brad Pitt and Ed Norton form fight clubs for men to beat one another to a bloody pulp. This film offers one interpretation to the question of what it means to be a man.

Though most men disagree with and resist aspects of hegemonic masculinity, they often choose to reproduce it, sometimes actively intensifying it. Within the milieu of the fight club, the men's interactions offer a variety of examples of reactions to hegemony. Societal rules are suspended in this space, as men protest against their absent fathers, consumerist culture, and emasculation through their self-sanctioned use of extreme violence in a female-free space. This only serves to intensify hegemonic masculinity here.

Through the ritual of the fight, men form communities with other men, allowing themselves to release their frustrations and validate each other's masculinity. But there is a subtext within the film, never explicitly mentioned, of homoeroticism, particularly between Pitt and Norton. This subversion of hegemonic masculinity also exists in the half-naked, sweaty fighting and the voyeurism of the other fight club members watching the proceedings.

None of these observations pass judgment on the merit of the film, but look at the messages it conveys and the open-ended questions it offers to viewers. Do you agree with the way masculinity is enacted? If you could change anything about how masculinity is performed, what would it be? Why?

Important here are the questions and the ways that looking at film encourages these thought processes. Once you begin to look at aspects of a film such as these, questions about similar topics start popping up everywhere.

"People can't be passive viewers anymore," says Welsh. "They start watching a lot of things differently. Getting people to look more carefully at what they are seeing is a big step toward getting them to think more carefully."

If I've done anything with this column, I hope that I've encouraged you to look more deeply at films and mine them for their endlessly fascinating content. Though it may take a bit more work, I assure you it's well worth the effort. That's what Tricia taught me, and I'll be forever grateful to leave Bowdoin able to see so much more than I ever thought possible coming in.

BOOK REVIEW

Soaking up the sun with summer reads

BY FRANCES MILLIKEN
STAFF WRITER

Though life after finals may seem too distant to even contemplate, summer and its opportunities are just around the corner. For some, reading is going to be a last resort. But if you are anything like me, you are turning with glee toward the stack of books that have been waiting patiently to be devoured since your last real vacation eons ago.

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SPORTS

Cardinals
end men's
lax seasonBY JEREMY BERNFELD
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Men's Lacrosse Team's season came to end in a loss over the weekend, but the Bears still felt positive about their season.

The Polar Bears lost in the first round of the NESCAC tournament at Wesleyan, 7-3, on Sunday. The Cardinals never trailed in the game, and allowed only one Bowdoin goal in the first 41 minutes of play.

"We fought and fought until the bitter end, but as in the last time we played Wesleyan, the score was not indicative of how close the game actually was," said senior quad-captain Charlie Legg. "We hit six or seven posts, and if a few of those found the back of the net instead of the iron, it would have been a different ball game."

"Wesleyan is a very strong team with a very good goalie," added senior quad-captain Kevin Mullins. "I think we came out of the gates slowly and once you get behind, it is very tough to break a zone defense."

Quad-captain Matt Chadwick '07, Adam Tracy '07, and sophomore Bryan Holden each scored for Bowdoin. Legg stopped 12 shots in the loss.

The team entered its game on Saturday knowing it needed a win over Williams and a Bates loss to seize the last playoff spot. Bowdoin pulled off an exciting 6-5 win with a full-team effort in front of many former players celebrating the 50th reunion of Bowdoin lacrosse. Six different Polar Bears scored, and Legg made 13 saves, including six in the final quarter, to seal the win and ensure the seventh—and last—spot in the playoffs. To top it all off, the Bobcats lost at Wesleyan, 7-6.

"Although a number of players had a hand in the win on Saturday, I think Charlie Legg really stepped it up," said Mullins. "He made a number of point-blank saves at critical times in the game."

The team ended an exciting season and a season full of ups and downs and finishes the season with a 7-8 overall mark.

The captains cited a 12-11 overtime win against No. 6 St. Lawrence as a season highlight.

"The only loss on sixth-ranked St. Lawrence's schedule says Bowdoin next to it, and it marked a defining moment where our team realized how much potential there was for the future," Legg said.

"I am proud of the team because we were very young and faced a number of the struggles associated with being a young team," said Mullins. "However, I think our program is headed in the right direction. Throughout the year we proved that we had the skill but sometimes lacked confidence and poise necessary to succeed. As the young guys mature they will see more and more success on the field."

The Polar Bears still feel they

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BASEBALL SEASON IS LOOKING UP



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

POP-UP: A Polar Bear practices Thursday in preparation for the baseball team's upcoming appearance in this year's NESCAC.

Baseball team sweeps Bobcats

BY TYOM LAKIN
STAFF WRITER

Over the last week and a half, the Bowdoin Baseball Team strung together an impressive—and timely—five-game winning streak. The Bears followed up a victory over Husson with three big wins against Bates over the weekend and a confident 5-1 win against the University of Southern Maine—formerly a top-20-ranked squad.

With their sweep of Bates, the Polar Bears clinched the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Division for the upcoming NESCAC Tournament—their third consecutive appearance in the tourney.

Bowdoin played host to the first two games of the Bates trifecta on Saturday, and things got off to a rough start for the Bears in game one. First-year starter Joe Pace lasted just two-thirds of an inning as the Bobcats tagged him for five runs in the first. Bowdoin re-

sponded in the bottom half of the inning, however, putting up four runs of its own, led by senior tri-captain John Lawrie's bases-loaded double.

Senior lefty Seth Gabbardo came in to relieve Pace and tossed two scoreless innings to keep the Bears in the game. Both teams scored a single run in the fifth, and then Bates added another in the top of the seventh, forcing the Bears to face a 7-5 deficit going into their final at-bat. But with their backs against the wall, the Polar Bears stepped up and delivered a clutch comeback.

Sophomore Joe Berte (3-3, two RBIs) provided the spark, singling home Marc Dallaire '09 to close the gap to one run at 7-6. Then with two outs and runners on second and third, pinch hitter Jason Koperniak '09 stepped to the plate, worked the count, and scorched a two-strike offering hard to the left of shortstop Brian Mahoney, scoring Greg Racioppe '09 and tying

the game. Koperniak's shot looked like a sure game winner, but Mahoney made a great play to his backhand to keep the ball in the infield.

Lawrie then walked, bringing up Reid Auger who promptly smoked another one Mahoney's way. Mahoney again flashed the leather but to no avail, as Lawrie beat the throw to second and junior Pat Duchette scampered home for the 8-7 victory.

"I just got up there and knew I had to hit the ball hard," explained Koperniak. "It felt real good off the bat and Mahoney made a great play on the ball, but fortunately I was able to get the run home."

The second game was less dramatic but no less explosive for the Bowdoin offense in a 7-5 win. Berte contributed three more hits and Duchette two, but it was Auger's two-run double in the fourth that made the difference in the end.

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Mules
topple
women's
lacrosseBY EMILEIGH MERCER
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Women's Lacrosse Team could not avenge a regular-season loss on Sunday as the Bears fell to Colby 10-9 in the first round of the NESCAC playoffs despite a valiant team effort.

With the rain pouring down, Bowdoin refused to give up and matched Colby goal for goal in the final minutes of the game. However, with only a few minutes left to play, Colby was able to rip the game-winner past Bowdoin's sophomore netminder Steph Collins-Finn. Collins-Finn played outstandingly throughout, making 14 saves, but Colby's final goal would prove to be heartbreaking for the Polar Bears.

"The Colby game was hard-fought, a tough loss on so many levels," senior tri-captain Jill Steigerwald said. "But there are no regrets; we played as hard as we could, and in the end, although we didn't come out on top, I was so proud coming off that field."

In a contest between NESCAC rivals, it was Bowdoin's composure and mid-game comeback that set the stage for the battle in the final minutes of play. The first half included an early Colby lead that the Polar Bears contested with a three-goal run. The Mules, though, were able to move ahead 6-3 before the half.

"We played very well in the middle field causing turnovers and getting opportunities to score," Head Coach Liz Grote said. "We did hit a few posts and that certainly hurt a bit."

Bowdoin was able to tie the game with four straight goals in the second half at the hands of senior tri-captain Taylor White, who tallied two, and juniors Bobbi Dennison and Grace Moore.

As the Polar Bear defense continued to hold strong, Bowdoin traded goals with Colby, utilizing the scoring skills of sophomore Christina Denitizio and senior tri-captain Kate Donoghue. But the goals were not enough as Bowdoin closed out the season on a losing note in Waterville.

Bowdoin could not have been more energized for the game. The Bears were coming off a 15-12 come-from-behind win on Saturday over the Ephs in Williamstown. Despite trailing by four goals at halftime, the Polar Bears were able to outscore Williams 11-3 in the second half for the win.

"Williams was a huge win for us," Steigerwald said. "We came together and made some great connections to put us ahead in the last 10 minutes. There was such a sense of ownership out on that field—Williams tried hard, but there was no way we were going to slow down. It was pure Bowdoin lacrosse from end to end."

Bowdoin started the game on pace with Williams, but an offensive charge before the half put Williams ahead 8-4.

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Lord Jeffs take revenge on women's tennis team

The Polar Bears fell
to Amherst on Saturday
in the NESCAC semifinals

BY KERRY D'AGOSTINO
CONTRIBUTOR

Despite a 7-2 loss at Amherst on Saturday, the women's tennis team will enter this year's NCAA tournament with a first round bye. With an overall 17-2 season record, the women still hold the record for the most consecutive victorious matches and the most overall wins in a season.

On April 15, the Polar Bears beat Amherst in a 6-3 match that significantly advanced the Bears' national ranking and propelled them to a team-record 13-0 mark. However, when two-seed Bowdoin challenged three-seed Amherst in the NESCAC semifinals on Saturday, the Lord Jeffs took decisive revenge.

In a tight first match, Alicia Menezes and Brittany Berckes of Amherst defeated Kristen Raymond '08 and Sarah D'Elia '09 at 9-7. Co-captains Kelsey Hughes '07 and Christine D'Elia '07 then fell to Amherst's Katie Hudson and Jill Wexler by a score of 8-4. Laura Stein and Jen Murphy completed the Amherst doubles sweep with an 8-5 victory over Rachel Waldman '09 and Brett Davis '10.

Amherst began the round of singles in this same vein of domination. On the first court, Menezes defeated Sarah D'Elia in three sets of 6-4, 3-6, and 10-8. Next, Raymond lost to Berckes in only two sets. At this point, with five consecutive victories—including three doubles and two singles matches—Amherst was able to officially clinch its overall triumph.

The teams decided to play out the rest of the match. The third singles match of Bowdoin's Hughes against Monica Snyder saw a brief return to Bowdoin's usual victorious form, as Hughes was successful at 6-4, 1-6, and 2-1, before Snyder retired from the match. Similarly, Davis defeated Amherst's Hudson 4-6, 6-4, and 10-8 in the fifth single slot. However, Christine D'Elia and Waldman fell to their respective Amherst opponents of Murphy and Stein.

On Sunday, Amherst defeated fourth-seeded Williams, 5-4, in the championship match.

In a comment earlier in the season, Head Coach Colin Joyner asserted that "doubles have been huge for us. We have gone into singles with an advantage every match because we have started off so dominantly in doubles."

Viewed in the context of a season in which the Bears have been almost entirely successful in doubles matches, the Amherst results are particularly unusual.

The Bears will have a chance to reassert themselves on their home ground on Saturday as they enter the second round of the NCAA against the winner of Ithaca and Simmons at the Pickard Field Tennis Courts.



ARIBORNE: Noah Buntman '08 hits a backhand in practice on Thursday. The men's tennis team is preparing for the NCAA tournament, in which it will play Drew University on Saturday.

TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

Men's tennis loses in NESCAC semis to Williams

BY HELEN PU
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin Men's Tennis Team went to the NESCAC championships last weekend seeded second with a first-round bye, but was unable to defeat third-seeded Williams in the semifinals.

Williams had defeated Colby on Friday in the first round of the championships with a 5-0 sweep and repeated that performance against Bow-

doin the next day. Williams began by taking all three doubles matches with commanding scores of 8-5, 8-6, and 8-3. The Ephs then proceeded to win No. 3 and No. 4 singles matches, in which Jamie Neely '10 and Alex Caughron '09 represented the Polar Bears.

At this point, both the Polar Bears and the Ephs were leading two of the remaining four games, but these were not completed, since the overall match was already decided.

In the finals, Williams was unable

to extend its winning streak, as it lost to first-seeded Middlebury 7-2, giving the Panthers a fourth-consecutive NESCAC Championship win.

Although this loss dropped Bowdoin's record down to 15-4, the team is still optimistic about the future.

"Our team no longer has aspirations to make Nationals, but to win it," said Garrett Gates '08.

Bowdoin earned an at-large bid to play in the NCAA men's tennis championships and also got a first-round

bye. The team will face Drew University in New Jersey on Saturday.

If Bowdoin defeats the Rangers, it may face Williams, yet again, in the third round of the NCAA tournament. With the Polar Bears' 5-4 win against Williams two weeks ago and their 5-0 loss last weekend, there is no telling what the outcome of a third match would be. The winner of the third round will advance to NCAA quarterfinals at Washington University in St. Louis.

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have unfinished business, and that they were a talented team who may have been able to accomplish more.

"I think we obviously have to be disappointed as a team for not making it further in the NESCAC tournament or making the NAAs," said senior quad-captain Dave Donahue.

"I think every team should have the goal in the beginning of the season to win a national championship," he added. "We had that goal and, though I am disappointed in the outcome of the season, at the same time I am proud of our guys for working hard day in and day out all season."

Last weekend was a weekend full of finality for the team. It featured the team's final game on the grass field outside the Harpswell Apartments. It was the team's final game of the season. And it marked the final time the team's seven seniors would compete for Bowdoin lacrosse.

"As I walked off the field at Wesleyan, all I could think was 'that game was my last shot,'" said Legg. "I was so sad to no longer have the privilege to put on a Bowdoin uniform and play with such an incredible group of players and coaches."

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The Polar Bears could not be discouraged though, and they sharpened their game for the second half.

Dennison, Ali Draudt '08, and Lindsey Colburn '08 each left their mark on the Ephs. Dennison had a goal and an assist. Draudt scored three goals, and Colburn put away an impressive six more. White, Steigerwald, and Kate Donoghue also helped the offense as they combined for five goals in the match.

After an up-and-down season, the Polar Bears ended the season with a record of 9-6. The senior class ends with an impressive 50 wins over four seasons, and a number of All-American, All-New England, and All-NESCAC honors. They have helped build a tradition of excellence for the Bowdoin Lacrosse Team, and their mark will be left on the turf for seasons to come.

"[This season's] was the most competitive lacrosse that I have ever seen in the NESCAC," said Grote. "The parity I've been expecting has happened from top to bottom. It leads to very exciting games, never know who's going to come out on top, that is why playing in the NESCAC is so great. We play the game because we love to compete and we did that in every game this year."

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Softball ends on high note, but misses playoffs

BY MIKE BARTHA
STAFF WRITER

While softball finished its regular season this week by posting its best record in Bowdoin history, it wasn't enough to propel the team into postseason play.

The team went 4-1 on the week to finish at a school-record 25-15, but the squad will not see any postseason play as its 5-7 conference record lands the team in third place of the NES-CAC Eastern Conference.

The team played host to Bates College last Friday for the first two matches of a three-game series. Just like they have all season, the Bears thrived on home turf, winning both games, 9-1 and 8-5.

In the team's first match against the Bobcats, first-year pitcher Julia Jacobs had a strong outing, allowing Bates only one run, in the first inning, and three hits total. Bowdoin offense pounded its opponents with a deep lineup, as Emma Powers '09, Shavonne Lord '10, Alison Coleman '09, Clare Ronan '10, and Kai-tee Daley '09 all contributed two or more hits.

While mostly silent in the first game, the Bobcat offense responded by taking a 5-3 lead after the first six-and-a-half innings of game two. The Polar Bears would strike back in the final frame of the game, as co-captain Jayme Woogerd '07 knocked in Lauren Coven '10, cutting the lead to one. Then the Bobcats heard the Bears truly roar when Sarah Stern '08 pounded a grand slam, winning the game 8-5. Jacobs, who came in as relief in the fifth inning, picked up her second win of the day.

On Tuesday, the team traveled to Lewiston to play the third and final game. The Polar Bears completed their sweep over Bates with another high-scoring 10-3 victory.

Down 3-2, the Bears exploded with a seven-run sixth inning. Overall, Bowdoin offense proved deep once again as every single starter achieved at least one hit, while Jessica Paris '09, Ronan, and Coven all had multi-hit

games. Winning pitcher Karen Reni '09 pitched five innings, striking out four.

The players said their team spirit was one of the reasons they were successful in the series against Bates.

"We have an unbelievable team dynamic, and our ability to play as a team definitely contributed to our wins against Bates," said Powers.

"People know how to cheer for each other, pick each other up, and work hard together," she said.

Jacobs's outstanding pitching through the Bates series earned her NESCAC Pitcher of the Week honors. In games against the University of Maine at Farmington, Colby, and Bates, Jacobs posted a 1.96 ERA and a .193 opposing batting average in 23 innings.

The next day, the team played host to St. Joseph's College for an afternoon doubleheader. The Bears would take game one 4-0 thanks to a strong three-run opening by the Bowdoin offense. Jacobs was able to hold the lead the rest of the game, as she allowed only five hits and two walks while tallying six strikeouts. In their second match, the Monks snapped the team's winning streak with a close victory of 4-3.

"Even though we lost our last game, we ended the season on a high note," said Powers. "In our last few series, things began to click. We hit the ball well, dove after everything in the field, and were able to rally together."

"Sweeping Bates was huge," she added. "We have a lot of heart on our team, and we will be able to use the momentum from the end of this season and carry it forward into next year."

For most Polar Bears, this was a season to be remembered.

"Of course, we would have loved to go to NESCACs, but we had a really nice run at the end, and it was great to finally play outside in some beautiful weather," said Coleman. "Even though we didn't go to NESCACs, we had a very productive year, and our experiences this year will provide a very strong base for next year."



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WINDING UP: First-year Julia Jacobs pitches to an unlucky Bobcat last Friday. Jacobs gave up only one run in the 9-1 Polar Bear mercy-rule victory.

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Women's track takes fourth at NESCACs

BY LAURA ONDERKO
STAFF WRITER

The long drive to Middlebury proved well worth it for the Bowdoin Women's Track Team. Taking fourth behind track powerhouses Williams, Middlebury, and Tufts, the women posted many personal bests and top finishes.

Led by senior co-captain Louise Duffus, the throwers brought in the most points for the Bears. Duffus was Bowdoin's only individual NESCAC champion, taking first in the hammer throw. She then went on to take second in the shot put and fourth in the discus.

Sophomore Kelsey Borner placed in all four of her individual events, following up her third place in discus, a personal best that qualifies her provisionally for nationals, with a fourth in the shot put, seventh in javelin, and eighth in hammer throw. Team-mate Shemeica Binns '09 also threw her best for the season, taking eighth in both the shot put and the discus.

On the track, the most exciting event of the day was the 4x400m relay. The relay team of Alison Pilon '09, co-captain Gina Campella '07, Erin York '09, and Haley MacKeil '10 edged out Middlebury by 0.4 seconds for first place and set a new school record in the process. Earlier in the meet, York and MacKeil both ran in three more events, placing in each one. York sprinted to third and fourth places in the 200m and 100m dashes

and then joined MacKeil, Pilon, and Molly Seaward '09 in the 4x100m relay, finishing fourth.

Besides running in two relays, MacKeil scored in both the 200m and the 400m, taking fifth and third place. Seaward also demonstrated her versatility, taking 10th and 11th in the triple and long jump, while first-years Chinoye Onyebuchi and Sarah Lord competed in the sprints, with Onyebuchi taking 16th in the 100m dash and Lord grabbing 19th in the 200m. Jessie DePalo '08 and Libby Wilcosky '10 represented Bowdoin in the high jump, clearing 4'9" and 4'5" for eighth and 15th.

In the middle-distance events, the Bears faced a very competitive field, but 800m runners Ali Chase '09, Amy Ahearn '08, Ashley Conti '07, and CJ Bell '10 refused to be intimidated and captured 12th, 14th, 21st and 24th places, respectively. Laura Onderko '08 added more points to Bowdoin's total with a third-place finish in the 1500m, while Lindsey Schickner '09 and Courtney Eustace '08 took 16th and 22nd, respectively.

In the last event of the day for the women, the 4x800m relay, Chase followed up strong runs by Dana Riker '10, Ahearn, and Onderko with an impressive anchor leg, holding off Amherst for fourth.

This weekend the women who qualified will travel to Springfield College to compete in the New England Division III Track Championships.

BASEBALL

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Bowdoin starter Ryan Turgeon '08 tossed a commanding seven innings, picking up the win after Carter Butland '10 and Turgeon's brother Tyler Turgeon '07 sealed the victory with an inning each.

The Polar Bears headed to Lewiston on Sunday to make up the washed-out Friday contest against Bates. The Bobcats grabbed an early lead, scoring one run in the first on an RBI single by third baseman Brian Buckley '07. Bowdoin got the run back in the second, however, on a K.J. Kozens '08 single to left. Kozens would score again in the fifth as part of a two-run Bowdoin frame.

Bowdoin starter Luke Potter '10 pitched well for seven and a third, but was touched up by Bates for two runs in the seventh, tying the score at three. Bates and Bowdoin both added a run each in the eighth, and the ninth opened with the score locked at four.

Mike Buckley '07 led off the top with a single through the right side of the infield. Nick Tom '10 came in to pinch run for Buckley and promptly stole second, leaving Kozens at the plate with a runner in scoring position and a chance to put the finishing touches on his already stellar offensive day. He did just that, lining a single to right center and scoring Tom to put Bowdoin ahead 5-4. It would prove to be the winning run, as Tyler Turgeon came on in the ninth to shut down the Bobcats, grab the win, and seal the sweep.

With the victory, Bowdoin clinched a spot in the NESCAC tournament, regardless of the outcome of its remaining conference game against Colby today. The Bears (17-12, 8-3 NESCAC) locked up the two-seed in the Eastern

Division behind first-place Tufts (9-2) and in front of Trinity (8-4) in the third spot.

"It was great to clinch a spot in the tournament," said senior pitcher Paul Evans. "We had to get it done against Bates and we stepped up as a team and took all three."

On Tuesday, Bowdoin put a little icing on the cake by beating a good Southern Maine squad 5-1. The Huskies (22-11), formerly a nationally ranked team, had no answer for Bowdoin starter Pace (4-2), who rebounded brilliantly from his rough one-inning start against Bates. He struggled slightly in the first inning when the Huskies grabbed their one and only run of the day on an RBI single from Ryan Borque. Tri-captain Jon Koperniak '07 kept the score at 1-0, however, gunning down Borque at the plate after a single to left. It wouldn't be Jon Koperniak's only action of the day—when all was said and done he would be responsible for nine total put-outs.

Duchette and Buckley were both solid at the plate with two hits each,

and Berte came up big again, scoring two runs. Berte has been downright dominant over the last week, going 7-16 and batting at a .438 clip. But Pace was the story in this one, tossing a complete game one-run gem. After a bit of a rocky first, he gave up only three hits over the final eight innings. He would need no help from the bullpen, closing out the game with a hitless ninth and picking up win No. 4 on the year.

"Pace really stepped up after a tough one against Bates and we all rallied around him," said senior tri-captain Chris McCann. "It's the mark of a good player not to get rattled after one game and come back strong like he did."

Bowdoin plays host to a make-up game against Colby today and then travels to Vermont for a two-game set on Saturday. The Bears' sights, however, are set firmly on Friday, May 11—opening day of the NESCAC tournament. The tournament will be held at the home park of the Western Division champ—either Williams or Amherst—and the Bears look to capitalize on their impressive late-season run.



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COLUMN LIKE
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BY CHRIS ADAMS-WALL
COLUMNIST

First and foremost, I hope that each and every one of you had a fantastic Ivies (Ivy for you readers that were lucky enough to peruse Steve Kolowich's most recent column) Weekend amongst the rain, Bud Light, and Kevin Lytle lyrics—God knows I needed it the most. My beloved Yankees continued their downward spiral, falling to 9-14 after the Red Sox took two out of three in the Bronx (Kei Igawa is now my new best friend); the New England Patriots had yet another near-perfect NFL Draft, culminating with the acquisition of the exceptional Randy Moss; and the Knicks never ceased haunting my dreams. At least the Rangers are still alive in the NHL Playoffs, and who knows? Maybe Red Bull New York of the MLS could be fun to watch—they still have that Pele guy, right?

It was, unfortunately, a weekend that left a lot to be desired. One of the highlights, however, was spending a couple of hours with my mother, doing a little yard-work; nothing too painful, just some sweeping and raking here and there while taking five-minute breaks to catch pieces of the NFL Draft in the living room. I watched the first couple of picks, chuckling to myself as I watched the Raiders and Lions throw their respective futures into jeopardy (not that they weren't already there) by selecting JaMarcus Russell and Calvin Johnson, and then watched my Jets trade up and draft cornerback Darrelle Revis of Pittsburgh...he's pretty good I guess? Oh well, when in doubt, trust in Mangini I suppose.

I finished up the yard-work and returned to campus later that eve-

ning when I headed to Pine Street, only to be caught in a tumultuous downpour. Had Chris Farley been by my side through the monsoon, he could have easily summed up my experience with one of his simple, "This sucks"—but the worst was yet to come.

I awoke the next morning to find a text message on my phone from my friend/Maine-native, Louis, who wrote: "WE ARE GOING TO GO 16-0 HOLY S--- RANDY MOSS." My initial thought at that moment was identical to the one I felt when I heard Tyra Banks was getting her own TV Show: "Oh no." I scampered quickly from my bed to my desk, and pounded the keys of my laptop all the way to ESPN.com, where I was greeted with a most disturbing image: it was Moss, with a caption denoting his imminent trade to the hated New England Patriots.

I tried to compose myself as best I could, thinking that maybe the deal wouldn't go through, seeing that Moss had still yet to take his physical. I even went as far as to consider playing "Thank You," by Dido on my iPod, because that Derek Jeter poster on my wall reminds me that it's not so bad, it's not so bad. But it was so bad. It was terrible. The Patriots had just acquired the best receiver in the NFL, but worst of all had gotten him virtually free of charge, surrendering only a fourth round draft pick to the brainless Raiders, and had all but clinched another AFC East title. At least the Jets still had the rights to Darrelle Revis.

So the Pats were finally back, and had made it abundantly clear their full intention on winning the Super Bowl again. All day Sunday, almost every single New England fan I knew was either calling me or IMing me about the trade of the decade—one that would transcend time and revolutionize football. Remarkably, even Moss himself was ecstatic about changing uniforms,

SOFTBALL		NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
Tufts		11	1	25	11
Trinity		8	4	20	9
BOWDOIN		5	7	26	15
Bates		3	9	6	18
Colby		3	9	17	13

SCOREBOARD			
F 4/27	at Bates		W 9-1
Sa 4/28	v. Bates		W 8-5
Sa 4/28	v. Bates		W 10-3
Tu 5/1	v. St. Joseph's		W 4-0
Tu 5/1	v. St. Joseph's		L 4-3

BASEBALL		NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
Tufts		10	2	22	9
BOWDOIN		8	3	17	12
Trinity		8	4	26	6
Colby		2	9	7	21
Bates		1	11	6	19

SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/28	at Bates		W 8-7
Su 4/29	v. Bates		W 7-5
Su 4/29	v. Bates		W 5-4
Tu 5/1	v. Southern Maine		W 5-1

SCHEDULE			
F 5/4	v. Colby		3:00 P.M.
Sa 5/5	at Middlebury (2)		12:00 P.M.

"I don't think you all understand how excited I am to be a part of this organization. Let's put it this way: The Moss of old is back." Gulp.

Later that night, I was remembering one of the more significant moments in my life as a sports fan that occurred back in February of 2004. I was a sophomore in high school then, and at this particular time was on a coach bus with my JV basketball team, returning home to New Hampshire from a road game some two or three hours away. With it being winter outside, when the sun always seems to set around 1:15 in the afternoon, I dosed off amidst the darkness and dimmed headlights, dreaming of a warmer, brighter world that, unbeknownst to me, was right around the corner.

I was suddenly jolted from my sleep by my friend J.D. who was violently shaking my shoulder. Enraged, I spun around and looked at

MEN'S LACROSSE		NESCAC		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
Tufts		8	1	12	2
Wesleyan		8	1	15	1
Amherst		5	4	7	8
Trinity		5	4	9	6
Williams		5	4	8	5
BOWDOIN		4	5	7	8
Middlebury		4	5	8	6
Bates		3	6	6	6
Conn. College		2	7	5	9
Colby		1	8	3	10

SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/28	v. Williams		W 6-5
Su 4/29	at Wesleyan (NESCAC first round)		L 7-3

MEN'S TENNIS			
Sa 4/28	v. Williams (at Amherst, NESCAC semis)		L 5-0

SCHEDULE			
Sa 5/5	at Drew (NCAA second round)		10:00 A.M.

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK			
Sa 4/28	at NESCAC's (Middlebury)		4th of 11

SCHEDULE			
Sa 5/5	at N.E. D-Hills (Springfield)		10:00 A.M.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE		NESCAC		OVERALL	
		W	L	W	L
Middlebury		9	0	12	1
Trinity		6	3	11	4
Amherst		5	4	9	6
BOWDOIN		5	4	9	6
Colby		5	4	11	4
Wesleyan		5	4	8	6
Williams		4	5	6	7
Tufts		3	6	7	7
Bates		2	7	8	7
Conn. College		1	8	4	10

SCOREBOARD			
Sa 4/28	at Williams		W 15-12
Su 4/29	at Colby (NESCAC first round)		L 10-9

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK			
Sa 4/28	at NESCAC's (Middlebury)		4th of 11
Sa 5/5	at N.E. D-Hills (Springfield)		10:00 A.M.

WOMEN'S TENNIS			
Sa 4/28	at NESCAC's (Middlebury)		4th of 11
Sa 4/28	at Amherst (NESCAC semis)		L 7-2

SCHEDULE			
Sa 5/5	v. Ithaca/Simmons		TBA

Compiled by Adam Kommel.
Sources: Bowdoin Athletics, NESCAC

him with both eyes still half-closed and vehemently asked, "What do you want?" The troubled Red Sox fan stared back and replied most grimly, "My dad just called and told me that the Yankees just traded for Alex Rodriguez." It was as if I had been clocked in the face by a Ron Artest left-hook—I was stunned. Soon enough I had awoken everyone on the bus with my uncontrollable enthusiasm, breaking the news left and right to my buddies, leaving every Bostonian present to sit dejectedly in their latest forum of malaise...all but one, that is. My friend Dan from Massachusetts expressed his utter regret for the deal of the century, but then firmly asserted, "This doesn't necessarily guarantee the Yankees the World Series." Then, amongst all of this reminiscing, it hit me—I had heard this song once before.

Alex Rodriguez to the Yankees was just like Randy Moss to the Patriots. You're laughing now, but just hear me out and keep reading; I promise not to disappoint.

Ever since Pats' quarterback Tom Brady had pulled off the impossible upset against the heavily favored St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI, I had always drawn a great comparison between he and Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter. Both are the humble, flawless leaders for (arguably) America's teams in their respective sports who both lead by example and play the toughest position on the field; they were the centerpiece to dynasties earlier in their careers; are both capable of getting any girl they wish; and haven't won a title in a couple of seasons—oh, and Jeter grew up in Michigan and Brady played at Michigan. But it is the penultimate similarity between the two men that proves to be the most intriguing.

Both the Yankee and Patriot

(similar names, too) dynasties were made possible by players that were more compatible with their respective systems than penguins on a cribbage board—Paul O'Neill and Tino Martinez meet Deion Branch and David Givens—and two of the games' best coaches—Joe Torre and Bill Belichick. But both teams decided to move on after their final championship, watching their old-reliables drive off into the sunset as retirees, or through trades and free-agency, and now, neither team is the same without them. So what did both of them do to mend the seams? They brought on big-name free-agents in hopes of getting back to the Promised Land. It hasn't worked for the Yankees (i.e. A-Rod, Gary Sheffield, Carl Pavano, etc.) and only time will tell if it works out for the Patriots (Moss, Adalius Thomas, Donté Stallworth), who have just begun to haul in the big names this offseason.

If history has taught us anything, it is that it will inevitably repeat itself at one time or another. And even though baseball and football are very different games, both the Yankees' and Patriots' top priority at the beginning of every season is to win their respective championships: the World Series and the Super Bowl, by however means necessary, and right now, New England's offseason route bears an uncanny resemblance to that of New York's three years ago. And if that is any indication of how the future will play out for Brady's bunch, they could be in for a world of hurt over the next several seasons. Moss could be a phenomenal pickup, despite his questionable attitude, but (thanks to Dan) it doesn't necessarily guarantee the Patriots a Super Bowl—it is this thought in particular that will keep my days warm and my evenings cool all summer long.

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Enabling opportunity

In an interview with the Orient on Wednesday, DeRay Mckesson '07 summed up Bowdoin in just nine words. "This place is yours. This place exists for you," he said. After four years as a prominent student on campus, Mckesson was reflecting on the role that students can play in leading and owning this place. One virtue of a small, wealthy liberal arts college such as Bowdoin is that there is enough room for every student to chart his own path and there are the resources to help him reach his destination. When this year's graduating seniors look back at their years at Bowdoin, they will remember those moments when they learned about greatness from some of this country's greatest teachers, those moments where great friendships felt just perfect, those moments when they championed a great cause and furthered the common good at home or away.

The College's No. 1 goal today and in the future should be to make sure that these moments saturate Bowdoin life. Students have shown initiative on a number of important issues in recent years—on topics such as the College's investment policies, the selection process for the Judicial Board, and the credit-fail policy. In many cases, students haven't been completely victorious, with officials meeting them halfway. That give-and-take is important, and officials and faculty shouldn't shy away from it. When browsing the Orient's archives, it is hard not to notice how so many issues are recurring at an institution like this. This, however, shouldn't deter possibilities for student self-governance. For an education here should not be limited to academic experiences—an education here should include in its fabric the belief that students should shape their own world in a way that they find best as they live it.

When this year's graduating seniors return to campus for a reunion in a decade or two, we hope that this college will still be a place that enables opportunity. Opportunity offered by need-based financial aid policies that allow Bowdoin to be accessible for those who can excel here. Opportunity offered by close relationships built on the knowledge and wisdom of the faculty. Opportunity offered by resources provided to students who are willing to give show commitment for a cause or craft.

This year's prospectus begins with a notice informing future students that not every day at Bowdoin is perfect. That's true. What counts is that Bowdoin does what it can to make this self-contained community a place where democratic values are cherished and opportunities exist to make every day perfect. As students, it's up to us to seize those opportunities and carry them as far as we possibly can.

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Honor Virginia Tech victims by embracing Bowdoin education

To the Editors:

I would like to thank Lydia Pillsbury '07 and Elena Snavey '08 for their op-ed about the tragedy at Virginia Tech (April 27). Their acknowledgement of the event reassured me that members of the Bowdoin community care. Living in Blacksburg, Virginia, I know people who were directly affected by the shootings. It has been an especially difficult time for us all.

As an alumnus, I must express my disappointment in Bowdoin's response to the tragedy. Many colleges and universities across the country sent heartfelt condolences, banners, and other expressions of unity in the immediate aftermath. While a public gesture of goodwill may have been appropriate, and certainly would have been welcomed, it is not too late to honor those students and faculty that died on April 16, 2007.

I would encourage every student to consider how fortunate you are to pursue an education at Bowdoin, and I would humbly suggest you pursue your degrees with passion and enthusiasm. There is no more fitting memorial to the deceased than exploring your educational opportunities to the fullest.

Sincerely,
Raj Casper
Class of 2005

Bowdoin should lead the way in buying sweat-free products

To the Editors:

Our comrades Archie Abrams and Steve Bartus seem to have some basic misunderstandings regarding "sweat free" goods, and we would like to clear these up.

Buying sweat-free goods does not reduce the number of jobs in developing countries. Rather, it ensures that the people who produced the goods were paid a fair wage and were provided safe working conditions. The consequence of this is not fewer jobs, but the increased potential for

better jobs. And increased demand for sweat-free goods means more of these better jobs.

The effects of sweat-free production and consumption extend far beyond the current niche. Corporations are always looking for the fastest growing areas, and right now one of the highest marginal growth rates are in sweat-free goods. Marks & Spencer, one of the largest department stores in the United Kingdom, has recently incorporated a line made with fair trade cotton and received amazing press for it. Activism may be one motivating force, but sweat-free has become something that is both profitable and sustainable, not to mention ethically compelling.

Sweatshop jobs may be better than no jobs, but a sweat-free or union job is the next best thing, with safe working conditions, good benefits, and fair wages. Perhaps, as Bartus and Abrams suggest, the entire consumer market is not ready to pay extra for no-sweat goods or fair trade products; so what? Why shouldn't Bowdoin lead the way?

Sincerely,
Shelley Barron '09, Sam Minot '08,
and Rachel Munzig '10
Democratic Left

Education, child labor laws important roads out of sweatshops

To the Editors:

In our op-ed last week (April 27), we made the case against the sweat-free movement as an effective mechanism for fighting poverty. However, it would be intellectually disingenuous to imply that unbridled laissez-faire capitalism is the ideal approach for economic development. While sweatshop jobs provide certain immediate benefits to workers, they are not vehicles for long-term, individual betterment. Indeed, it is problematic when workers face monopoly power. This is an additional dimension to the sweatshop debate that we would be highly remiss to neglect. The development stories of the East Asian tigers demonstrate that domestic policy choices can be equally important to the market-based economics. In the case of the tigers, despite the use of sweatshops,

education was also a forerunning consideration. This suggests the need for a more nuanced policy alternative from sweatshop activists. Rather than a blanket opposition to sweatshops, it would be most effective to accentuate the importance of child labor laws that ensure the opportunity for education. By adopting an approach in tune with the subtleties of development and the needs of the poor, sweatshop activists will better equipped to address this pressing problem without propagating the misconception that sweatshops are inherently bad for workers in the Third World.

Sincerely,
Steven Bartus '08 and
Archie Abrams '09

Chainshaw perfect solution for Bowdoin Pines development

To the Editors:

So there I was, having just finished my usual lunch at McDonalds, about to settle on the Port-a-Potty with a cup of Starbucks coffee and a copy of last week's Bowdoin Orient, when I happened to see a letter from R.A. Golz '56 (April 27). "Whoa," I thought, "how random is that!" He's never met me or read anything I've written, but he knows me like a book. Talk about scary! Well, no time to waste, gotta gas up my Husgvarna and let in a little sunshine in the Bowdoin Pines.

Sincerely,
Nat Wheelwright
Department of Biology and
Urban Planning

Nature should direct Brunswick 'forest' course of action

To the Editors:

"Journey Without End"
Don't tell me what's around the bend

I sail to a place I've never been. Acadia is in the Bowdoin Pines where Longfellow walks again, and pine trees swaying in a strong wind, masts for the tallest barques, take exiles to the furthest shore—always homeward bound.

I'm pleased that the Pines has been rediscovered—use it or lose it—but like R.A. Golz '56, I fear developers will abuse it.

The Bowdoin Pines is our Redwood Forest. Allowing for a rustic bench or two for the aspiring Longfellow, a descriptive sign or plaque, some biology, history, poetry...let nature take its course, take us beyond ourselves.

Above is my poem in celebration of Longfellow's 200th anniversary.

Sincerely,
A. Cammarata
Bowdoin Friend
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lockhart's column missed the point on religion, atheism, morality

To the Editors:

I cannot agree with Brian Lockhart's claim that, "[w]hile excluding God altogether an atheist gives up any appeal to ultimate right and wrong" (April 27).

It is not necessary that we see religion as the source of ethics, and in fact it may be that the opposite is true. Perhaps religion is an expression of ethical beliefs which are common to many cultures because they have benefited those who adhere to them (see "Darwin's Cathedral" by David Sloan Wilson for more on this).

A fresh look at the content of religious doctrine reveals that belief in the supernatural is not required to find utility in religious ethics. I therefore cannot agree with Lockhart's opinion that religious belief is the only foundation for ethics. As an atheist, I believe that it is man who is the author of our religious traditions, and therefore, from an atheistic perspective, God may be safely excused from his role as final arbiter without bringing ethics into retirement with him.

Sincerely,
Matt Karlan '08

To the Editors:

Brian Lockhart's column last week was both uninformed and amateurish. His understanding of the theory of evolution is almost childish: "Evolution...came about by a random sequence of mind-boggling, improbable events." Any intelligent reader has to wonder if Lockhart knows the difference between random mu-

tations and the extensive process where those random mutations are slowly picked and passed on by natural selection to the improvement of a species through thousands of generations. Lockhart seems to not realize this and his repeated attempts to make the atheist support "random processes" are completely absurd.

Also, and this point Lockhart never even considers, why can't moral truths exist without Lockhart's God? Lockhart talks only of a relativist who can act and believe things only in reaction to one's own situation. If objective truths exist, then Lockhart's "atheist friend" doesn't have to simply "maximize his happiness" but could approach a situation and make a right, or wrong, choice.

Furthermore, if objective truths exist, then a system of values could be created that could govern society; a world could exist where religion could not claim divine truth and use it to slander, prejudice, and kill.

Sincerely,
Joseph Babler '10

To the Editors:

Brian Lockhart's column on atheistic morality missed important points. Atheists are concerned about other people's happiness because we have empathy. Humans have evolved to be sensitive to the emotional states of others. Only psychopaths are happy when all the people around them are miserable. Altruism benefits individuals in emotional and tangible ways. When we help others, they help us in return. Atheistic ethics are based

on an axiom that is hard-wired into our neurophysiology, that suffering, of ourselves or of others, should be avoided. Lockhart accepts biology as a reason to desire happiness and survival; it also causes us to work for the happiness of others.

Introducing God leads to new questions about morality. Are actions moral because God commands them, or does God command actions because they are moral? If God wants us to perform moral actions because they are moral then morality comes from a source other than God. If an action becomes moral because God commands it then God can be used to justify anything, morality is arbitrary, and one should murder children and commit genocide if God wants it. Religion is not the source of morality.

Sincerely,
E. E. Ehrhardt '10

To the Editors:

Lockhart's utilitarian atheist argument does not hold much water. In fact, it is ironically utilitarian itself. The basis of his argument comes from the assumption that people see the self as the ultimate source of all action. This proves nothing about the existence of God. All it does is say that most people are selfish and without some overriding myth they will do bad things more frequently than if there is no myth. Atheists are existentialists. The individual gives meaning to a life, not God. When we die we only continue in the minds of those who remember us. Optimistic,

isn't it?

"If this world is all there is, why does it matter what happens to it? Ultimately, it does not." If this is true, then say goodbye to the environment...and life. This is a nihilistic cop out. We are social animals and interdependent with other living things. Life improves by helping rather than hurting, and by respecting the earth. An enlightened person does good without asking to be recognized or rewarded except to know they have tried in some small way to help relieve suffering in the world to some degree.

Lockhart sounds like a prisoner of his own culture; one that encourages selfishness rather than selflessness; one that encourages individualism over community; avarice over sharing and caring.

Sincerely,
Abriel Ferreira '10

Brian Lockhart responds:

I would like to thank those who responded to my recent article on atheism, theism, and ethics. You have given me food for thought, and dialogue on these issues is always helpful for me on my ethical journey.

In response to Joseph Babler '10, the process of randomly mutating base pairs is the "random process" to which I referred. In terms of improbability, Francis Crick (discoverer of DNA) may have stated it as well as anyone, "An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense the origin of life appears at the moment

to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have been satisfied to get it going." That's mind-boggling.

In all of the responses to my article, a common motif is evident. I realize, and stated, that we are wired to help others. I know you can devise a system of living where everyone benefits and lives happily. I wanted to use my rationality as far as it takes me. That is one step further: ultimately, not proximately, why should we obey this standard of behavior? Can objective truth exist without God? If objective truth exists outside of God, why should we follow it? The should has been taken for granted. Why should we help others? Ultimately, why does it matter how we act? Because that is how we evolved? Our biological wiring can lead to conflicting impulses, the gratification of which is often selfish, not altruistic. In this case, what is the final arbiter between these impulses? Choosing altruism as right becomes purely arbitrary. What responsibility do we have toward fellow humankind? Without God, we are mere accidents, purposeless. And I find no reason to be compelled to follow the synthetic moral code of a species with an ultimately purposeless existence.

One could powerfully argue, as have Dostoyevsky, Nietzsche, Kant, and many others wiser than me, that morality becomes arbitrary when there is no God. If object truth is possible without God, the question still remains: Ultimately, why should we follow any moral code unless we are accountable to a higher power?

GREEN HORNET TRADITION

The Kanbar Line Project

To the President and Board of Trustees of Bowdoin College:

By now you must have noticed that we have made considerable progress towards completing a state-of-the-art transportation system for the Bowdoin campus. We have worked assiduously in coordination with the Brunswick Transportation Authority and the town of Brunswick to begin converting Bowdoin's famed steam tunnels into an ultramodern underground railway that rivals any major metropolitan subway in the world.

Our inspiration for this project—the "Kanbar Line"—came from the ongoing renovation of the Walker Art Building, which now features

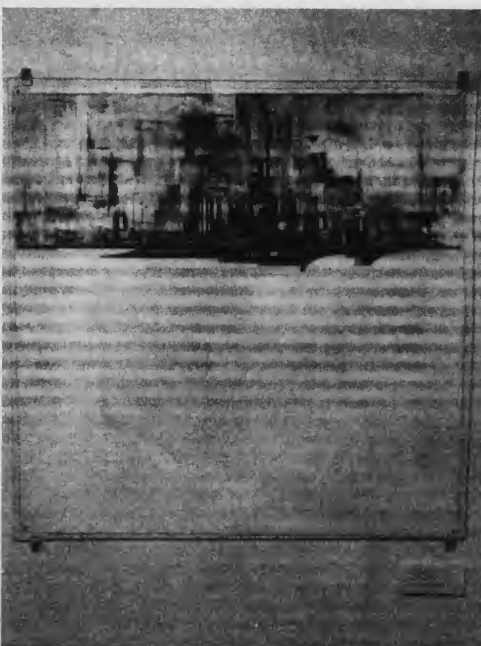
a beautiful glass box that improves accessibility to all of Bowdoin's fine cultural artifacts. We thought to ourselves: "Why should accessibility stop here? There must be a way to cut the transportation time across campus from five minutes to three." Out of such meditation, the idea for this cutting-edge project was born.

Despite Bowdoin's utter delinquency in reimbursing us for the projects we have completed over the past 42 years, we are adamant about continuing our service to the fine individuals who make up the Harvard of the North. Below you can find an itemized bill for the expenses we have incurred so far while building the

Kanbar Line. We will deliver the final bill when construction is completed this upcoming October (or November, pending the success of The Bowdoin Campaign).

As a final note, we implore the Bowdoin administration (and Herr Kanbar) to provide the community with better information regarding construction projects slated by College officials. It would be a terrible waste for our corporation to build redundant facilities in the future.

We thank you for your patronage. Sincerely,
Mr. G. Drone Hornet, Esq.
Chairman of the Board
Green Hornet Construction



TOMMY WILCOX, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

SUMMER IN THE CITY: Artwork by senior Cotton Estes, who recently received a Watson Fellowship for architecture, on display in the Visual Arts Center.

Item	Quantity	Cost
Tunnel boring machines	240	\$800,538.99
Ice cream sandwiches	500,000	\$499,000.50
Airfare to London to study security measures	2	\$2000.00
Reanimation of Frank Lloyd Wright for consultation	1	\$8,000,000.00
Alpaca Sweaters	23	740,000 PEN
Autographed photo of Nicole Willey	1	\$500,000.00
Hard hat	1	\$5.25
Canaries	666 1/6	\$4,395.99
Nubian slaves	8,000,000	\$1,000,000.02
Dancing girls	10,000,000	\$1,000,000.09
Converted Model T Fords	15	\$198,500.50
Bail	7	\$20.00
One dead polar bear	1	Donated by D.B.M.
Toothpicks and moles	2,000 & 7	\$210.85
Concrete (cubic yd)	28,000,000	\$3,955.00
Lifetime ride pass for DeRay Mckesson	1	\$43,950.95
Street musician found peeing in cardboard box	1	\$00.10
Lionel trains for scale model	864	\$251,001.01
Safe Ride smear campaign	1	\$988,999,539,188.38
Imported steel from the Republic of Khakassia (feet)	12,000,000	\$872,944,003,829.92
Gargoyles for 24-hour surveillance system	12	\$64.00
Reinstitution of Jeff Benson as toll collector	1	\$34,000.00
Lost Ugg	1	Free
Accrued interest from previous bills	1	\$8,692,999,372,911.00
Grand Total		\$10,554,955,066,805.80

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Work for social change should be with less privileged, not for them

BY JOE BARDY

Last week Archie Abrams and Steven Bartsus claim that the anti-sweatshop movement, albeit "noble," is misguided in its efforts to push apparel manufacturers to embrace higher labor standards in their factories abroad. Therefore, they reason, Bowdoin should abandon its sweat-free purchasing policies. Unfortunately, most of the article's claims were not very "sound and rational," as the authors suggest, but instead mere assertions based on fallacious evidence and dubious theoretical assumptions. Therefore, their ideas should not influence campus policy.

Since 1996, through my research on labor relations in Northern Mexico's export processing industries, I have had the opportunity to visit factories throughout Mexico, to interview those who work in sweatshop conditions, to understand what forms of development workers themselves desire, to meet with corporate and government officials about free trade, and to consult with anti-sweatshop movements like the Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras (CJM) and United Students against Sweatshops (USAS). Through this research I, like many in the anti-sweatshop movement, have an understanding of sweatshop issues that challenges many of the assumptions put forward by Abrams and Bartsus.

First, the authors assume that the anti-sweatshop movement is relatively small and represents a niche market for consumers. Undoubtedly, the consumer market for sweat-free apparel and other goods is relatively small, but it is by no means insignificant and it is growing. In the United States alone, the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), an organization composed of students, labor rights advocates, and college administrators, has a list of college affiliates that numbers 169, and the AFL-CIO, America's largest labor confederation and a firm op-

ponent of sweatshops, has a membership of more than 10 million. This alone represents a significant number of consumers committed to sweat-free goods, but there are many more. U.S. consumer polls find that a large majority of consumers (80 percent according to a 1996 Marymount University poll) would avoid purchasing sweatshop clothes if they could. This is a fact that corporations such as Nike and The Gap have acknowledged directly in their efforts to tout their corporate codes of conduct. Corporate responsibility more generally has become an area of significant growth across different markets as businesses seek to expand markets and build trust. Indeed, the problem of the anti-sweatshop movement is not consumer disinterest so much as deficits in consumer awareness due to limited retail choice, poor labeling standards, and the misinformation in our advertising culture about the true costs of things we buy. Therefore, socially conscious consumers are by no means "an evitable minority," and the obstacles to developing a consumerism that acknowledges both social and environmental costs, although formidable, are far from "unsurmountable." But for the sake of argument, even if the anti-sweatshop movement was as weak and "impotent," as Abrams and Bartsus suggest, advocating that we abandon the ethics of sweat-free purchasing simply because it is unpopular is not justifiable.

The second problematic claim is that the anti-sweatshop movement is closely allied with attempts to protect U.S. jobs. As Abrams and Bartsus assert, "It is the dirty little secret of sweatshop activists that they are often the same people that support protectionist trade policies propagated by industrial unions and agricultural interests in the developing world." No evidence is provided here. Surely there could be some limited evidence of this form of protectionism within the AFL-CIO, particularly those who

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are concerned with protecting well-paying unionized U.S. manufacturing jobs at the expense of workers in the developing world. This said, the truth is that even within the AFL-CIO this is a minority position and increasingly so over the last decade. More to the point, USAS, the primary organization supporting no-sweat policies at colleges and universities, has rejected any nationalist protectionism outright. Every anti-sweatshop activist I have ever interviewed or surveyed within USAS makes it clear in word and deed that they support labor rights everywhere, not simply in the United States. That is, they support globally consistent labor regulations and enforcement, prohibiting any competition on the part of firms or nations to attract investment by lowering labor standards in a global "race to the bottom." In the history of U.S. protest movements, it has been common for their opponents to label them as self-interested and narrow-minded, but rarely are things so simple and the ethics of protestors so easily dismissible.

Lastly, Abrams and Bartsus claim that any regulations on labor conditions will raise the costs of direct investment and thus hinder economic opportunities for workers in the developing world. It indeed would be shortsighted to initiate any corporate boycott or consumer movement without considering the potentially adverse impacts it could have on workers. This is why organizations like the CJM, USAS, and the WRC strive to organize their anti-sweatshop campaigns only after they have been invited to do so by workers organizations themselves. If workers are resolutely opposed to corporate campaigns, their U.S. supporters do

not initiate them. In fact, in all of my work with anti-sweatshop organizations activists have recognized the need to work *with*, not merely *in the name of*, workers on the ground, and thus ensure that movement strategies and their potential impacts are supported by those that would have to bear the costs.

That said, in many cases workers facing sweatshop conditions do ask for foreign support from groups like CJM and USAS, particularly when local law enforcement and government representatives either neglect labor rights, or actively suppress workers movements. Why do workers risk coercion, firing, and potential corporate flight for labor struggle? Workers with whom I have spoken have several reasons: 1) they want to secure healthier and more rewarding jobs for them and their families; 2) they see basic labor rights being eroded by foreign economic influences and want to see them protected; 3) their wages and conditions are so poor that they feel they have little to lose, and 4) they recognize that, when labor costs are two to five percent of the total price of a T-shirt or a pair of shoes, the financial burden of better wages and conditions is bearable by foreign investors. These and other reasons have motivated many workers organizations in developing countries—from Mexico to Indonesia—to ally with anti-sweatshop consumer movements in the United States because they believe they can promote consumer awareness and push manufacturers to adhere to labor codes when clientelist governments do not. This actually occurred in the case of the Kuk Dong factory in Puebla, Mexico, where workers successfully allied with the

AFL-CIO and USAS to exert greater public pressure on Nike to grant a labor contract. Therefore, the efforts of sweat-free consumer movements at campuses like Bowdoin's are supported by many workers movements in developing countries, and to assert otherwise flies against empirical evidence and is highly misleading.

Abrams and Bartsus raise some important questions about the anti-sweatshop movement, but ultimately their op-ed shows limited knowledge of the movement and a dismissive tone based in ideology more than fact. The movement is not weak, selfish, or counter-productive. More importantly, they, like other advocates of free trade, appear to embrace what they criticize—namely the patronizing tendencies of Americans to tell others how they should develop based mere ideology not a democratic dialogue with those in the developing world. Indeed, "the common good" is not the imposition of what those of us in the relatively privileged world assert is right for the less privileged others we claim to serve, but the social changes developed after self-critical and engaged collaboration with them. This is what the anti-sweatshop movement strives to do, and for the sake of the college's continued efforts at finding the common good, I hope that Bowdoin will do so, by continuing its sweat-free purchasing policy and by supporting human rights around the world.

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Common good in practice: A call to end hunger and homelessness

BY IAN YAFFE

Depending on one's state of mind, the common good is either incredibly simple or undeniably impossible to define. Joseph McKeen, Bowdoin's first president, notably defined it in reactionary terms: "It ought always to be remembered, that literary institutions are founded and endowed for the common good, and not for the private advantage of those who resort to them for education." Indeed, Bowdoin's Web site marks the common good as an all-encompassing "way of life" to which we all—as members of the Bowdoin community—are unmistakably bound.

To live for the common good means, in one sense, to do what society as a whole wants, to do what makes people happy. Luckily, we have a system that is pretty much set up for that exact purpose: the economy. Basic economics teaches us that the market system is set up to provide people with the goods and services that make them happy. How we decide to spend our money is based on a cost-benefit analysis; I'm willing to pay a high cost for something that I think will give me a lot of benefit. If our true goal is to make people happiest, then we ought to go make as much money as

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possible. Theoretically, the amount of money we make is directly related to how much happiness we bring about to society by doing whatever we're doing. I'd like to think that there's more to life than that. Is there?

I have a lot of difficulty justifying a system that produces—arguably is built upon—so much inequality. I've found out that I don't really care about inequality though. To say that everyone could possibly be equal is not only realistically foolish, it's downright disrespectful. It is our differences that make us special, that make us human. I'm concerned about the idea of equity. Is our inequality produced in an equitable fashion?

There is a fundamental problem in our economic system if people are doing what we want them to do, but aren't making enough money to get by. How can someone ever deserve to be hungry or homeless? Fifty percent of the homeless are employed. The world produces enough food to feed everyone and still have plenty left to waste yet millions go hungry. There are more than four times the num-

ber of animal shelters as there are homeless shelters. Poverty is a lack of choice, a lack of other options—a lack of freedom. We have failed at providing those options. We have failed at providing the opportunity for everyone to be productive and by doing this, irreversibly limited the possibilities of our future.

John F. Kennedy once said that "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich." Homelessness and hunger are problems and they have solutions. More importantly, they are problems that directly result from our actions. As a society, we have chosen to allow hunger and homelessness to exist and as they continue to do so, they become more and more institutionalized. If they have been caused by the system, can we solve them within the system? I remain hopeful that our generation can do better even when I'm confronted with the overwhelming evidence that we just don't care enough.

Where do we as members of the Bowdoin community come in? It's al-

most impossible to live now without relying on the exploitation of others. We rely upon private interests, not common ones, in our market. How can we exist in that system and still claim to live a life for the common good?

I think we ought to be asking ourselves some hard questions about the systems that promote inequity and what we want to do, if anything, to change them. As a student, I'm part of the generation that is going to be faced with the consequences of uncontrolled growth that was governed by people who made poor choices, consequences like environmental degradation, poverty, a failing social security and Medicare system, and above all, the instability we've created in the world by making people desperate for change. Revolution, like poverty, is a lack of choice. I'd only advocate a revolution when there truly aren't any other options and I think we still have options. Those options are a privilege we shouldn't ignore.

If there's one thing that I believe in it's the ability of people to do remarkable things when they collaborate and work toward the common good. It's time to stop making excuses and stop throwing bread crumbs at something that needs a loaf of bread. Let me be

clear here. I believe society has intentionally allowed problems to continue by working towards private aims instead of the common good. I believe that there are people who benefit from these problems and by making them sustainable.

I also believe that it isn't up to us, as an elite college, to try and "save the world." The people who know the most about the problems of our society are those who experience them. Those people will also have the best solutions. Students have to be centrally involved in the quest to improve education. The hungry and homeless have to be centrally involved in the quest to end hunger and homelessness. Only at that point will we be able to change communities instead of just serving them. Only at that point will we ever live in a world we can be proud of.

These are not impossible visions for our future. Like traveling to the moon, they aren't easy either, but nothing ever worth doing is. Let's start with dialogue. Want to learn more? Come to a discussion at 7:00 p.m. today in Ladd House about hunger and homelessness in Brunswick and what we can do about it.

Yaffe '09 is the executive chef of Bowdoin's Campus Kitchen Task Force.

Polar Point misers: Got any to share?



A SOJOURN IN
CIVILIZED LIFE

BY ANNIE MONJAR
COLUMNIST

"I finally finished off my Polar Points!" exclaimed a friend as he walked out of the Pub with a plate of fries. I winced; I felt as though someone had swiped an ID card through my soul. Polar Points, for me, are a mere distant memory—a Golden Age, when the C-Store was as accessible as my back pocket.

But 75 bottles of Diet Coke later, or around 50 bags of bulk gummy peaches, however you want to look at it, I am here, left behind on a campus full of fiscally responsible students, reaching out to my wallet to nurture my midnight snacks. While all the other kids get to celebrate the end of the semester by using up their excess points with pizzas, sodas, and other teeth-rotting festivities, I'm scrounging up pennies from the bottom of my bag to make the final payment on a bag of Smartfood.

"Why don't you just get more added?" you may ask. Let me clarify: it's been done. But telling my father that the "Polar Points" he sees on his student bill are actually extra funds going toward the purchase of a complimentary Parent's Weekend hotel room will probably only fly once. So for now, I'm forced to press my face up against the glass of the Café pastry case, looking at spicy tuna rolls that are so close, and yet so far away.

You would think that having this happen would serve as a sound lesson to be more frugal with my Polar Points. After all, the last half of every semester since I first arrived at

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Bowdoin has been filled with hunger and severe caffeine withdrawal symptoms. I should save my coffees for nights when they're truly necessary, and indulge in Lindt truffle balls only on special occasions. But somehow, every night just feels like an emergency, and every day like a special occasion. My excitement over each moment at Bowdoin has led me to go through Polar Points like M&M's.

It would also seem reasonable that, having exhausted my supply of essentially free food, I would learn the value of a dollar. Not so. I simply find myself going broke more frequently than usual. Financial responsibility, perhaps one of the most valuable skills I could have attained at Bowdoin, has been lost to the intoxicating allure of Odwalla bars.

My lack of self-restraint in Smith Union has led me to ask the, I think, reasonable question: "If you haven't been spending your Polar Points, what have you been doing all semester?" Enjoying the dining hall? Talking with friends? Being outside??? It seems inconceivable to me that someone could simply neglect their Polar Points all semester, and then rediscover their possibilities at the end. It's like somehow missing the fact that you've had a \$50 bill sitting in your favorite pair of jeans since January; or, worse yet, knowing you have the \$50 there, but choosing not

to acknowledge it. Possible? Yes, but an extraordinarily admirable display of restraint.

It takes me back to the days when I was 10, and I would go to the drug store and buy several peppermint patties at a dime each. "You know," said my mother, "if you save all those dimes, you could buy something really big someday." "Like what?" I asked. "Like a car or something!" "But why can't you just drive me?" I said impertinently, unwrapping another patty.

I haven't missed out on a BMW here or anything, but the same ideal of future financial security as a result of saving earlier in life still applies. If I had put my points into my piggy bank, instead of draining myself dry, I would have a lot more freedom and luxury in my spending than I do.

As I crouch outside the C-store, holding out an empty jar for spare change with a sign around my neck that reads, "Will work for Smartfood," I reprimand myself. And maybe, next semester, I will, once and for all, learn to distribute my Polar Points more sparingly, waiting only for the most crucial moments to use them. But, for now, if you happen to see me panhandling in Smith Union, appreciate that I've learned my lesson, and maybe find it somewhere in your heart to spare a half a point. I could really use a Lindt truffle.

Food delivery from Magee's must rise above campaign

BY SAM MINOT

Now, I hate to write anything about the Congressional race here at Bowdoin; I detest politics as much as the next guy. All the posters plastered up around campus are just another example of petty partisan rancor. Why can't the Republicans and Democrats just get along? This meaningless animosity is what has deadlocked the Bowdoin Congress for so many years. When was the last time you heard of them passing anything? Never, that's right.

Some may say that's because there is no Congress at Bowdoin, and that this is a fake election, but I say it's just that sort of defeatism that excuses our elected officials for their inaction. I predict that this year, just like every year, our elected Congressperson (whoever they may be) will fail to carry through with their campaign promises by getting anything passed whatsoever. I can't really say what promises have been broken from last election because, quite frankly, I wasn't paying attention. However, this year one specific policy was proposed that I think has universal approval: delivery service from the Pub. I would say that I'm glad that this idea has finally caught on in the electoral field, but in truth, it's always been around. Year after year I hear candidates making pie-in-the-sky promises, and every year those promises remain, like that pie, laden with trans fats. Regardless of how this election turns out, we, as the student body, need to hold our Congresspeople's feet to the fire. Not literally of course; that would take altogether too much effort. It is high time the Pub delivered.

It's not like it would be all that hard,

anyway. I can't even count how many times I've heard people say that they'd provide their own delivery service by working for tips. You're probably saying, "How can they tip with Polar Points? Bowdoin students don't carry cash." This is Bowdoin. We have the technology. If we can see cartoons of our laundry drying on the internet, we can puzzle this one out. Even if you don't want random drunk students entrusted with your onion rings, we should be able to make this work. Not only do we clearly have the best Dining Services in the nation (Hello? Honolulu Tofu?), but the dominant campus mindset is one of unquestioning entitlement. Why shouldn't it be? We deserve what we have. In fact, we deserve more!

So, to all you candidates and Congressional hopefuls out there, remember that Bowdoin students deserve more. Like a greedy child, you may never know what exactly will make us happy. However, today (or whatever day you read this) is your lucky day. As a representative of the student body, I'm telling you that we want delivery, and we want it now.

Lastly, to the student body, we need to take a cue from the AARP and become staunch issue voters. It doesn't matter what party, ideology, or ethics an individual candidate may or may not have. All that matters is whether he or she will bring us nearer our manifest destiny: mozzarella sticks in the comfort of our dorm room. We may have come to Maine for college, but that doesn't mean we should have to walk in the snow.

Minot is a member of the Class of 2008.

STUDENT SPEAK

How are you going to survive the last week of classes?



Nicole Willey '08
"Dancing to DJ Daryl."



Sam Donovan '07
"Not go to them."



Maggie Brenner '10
"Horribly."



J. Pat Brown '08
"An inexhaustible supply of optimism."



Joyce Mendes '09
"I'm just trying to have fun."



Brendan Egan '08
"Having as many plates of nachos as possible at Super Snack."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAY 4 - 10

FRIDAY

FILM

"Born into Brothels"

British photographer Zana Briski travels to Calcutta, India, and establishes relationships with the children of the women who work in the red-light district.

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

CONCERT

Recital Hall Inaugural Classical Concerts

To celebrate the opening of the newest building on campus, Bowdoin's chamber choir, concert band, and orchestra will perform at an inaugural concert. Special guests will include members of the Nevsky Ensemble and of the Portland Ballet. Preview, page 12.

Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT

Suburban Kids With Biblical Names

Sponsored by WBOR, this Swedish group will be joined by The Living Blue and The Day Jobs.

Jack Magee's Pub. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SATURDAY

EVENT

Ironbear Triathlon

Athletes from Bowdoin and beyond will swim, bike, and run through Brunswick. The Ironbear Triathlon consists of a 525-yard swim, an 11-mile bike ride, and a three-mile run.

Farley Field House. 9 a.m.

FILM

"Ainalain"

Sponsored by the Department of Russian, this feature film chronicles the devastation caused by nuclear testing in a small Kazakh village. Free with Bowdoin ID.

Evening Star Cinema. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

EVENT

Solar Fest

This festival, which encourages the development of alternative energy sources, is organized by the Evergreens and Sustainable Bowdoin. There will be music, arts and crafts, food, dancing, and information about solar energy.

The Quad. Noon to 6 p.m.

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Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall. 7 p.m.

CONCERT

Recital Hall Inaugural Classical Concerts

Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Masque and Gown 24-Hour Show

This show will be written, directed, and performed in a 24-hour period.

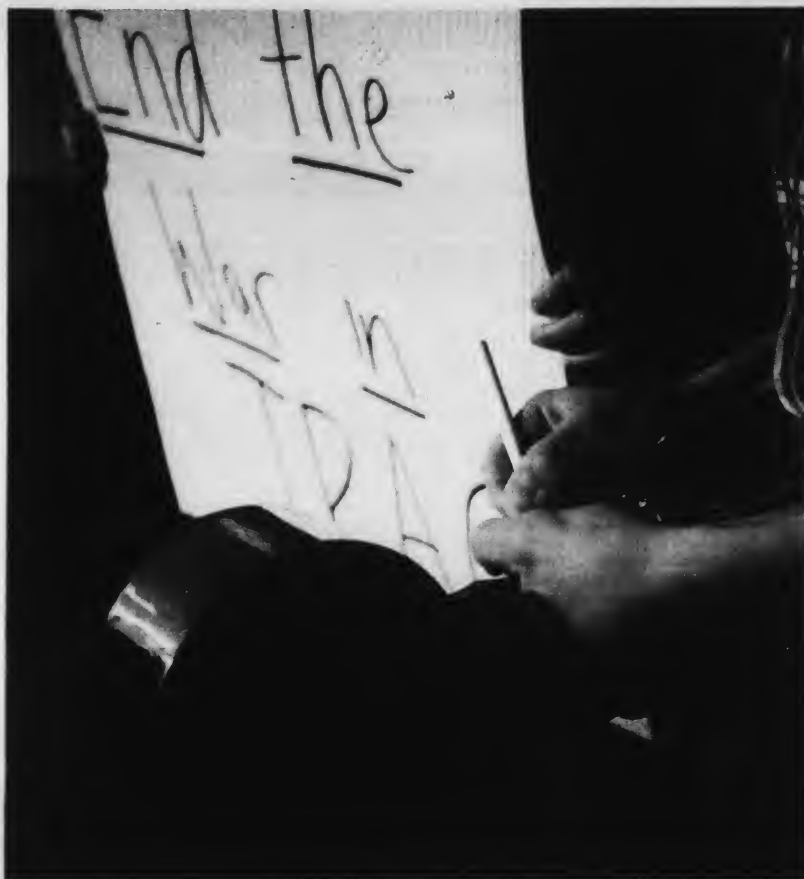
Libra Theater Studio, Memorial Hall. 8 p.m.

DANCE

Spring Gala

This end of the year celebration will include music, food, and dancing. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

Morrell Gym. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.



MARGOT D. MILLER, THE BOWDOIN ORIENT

POTS FOR PEACE: Students and Brunswick residents rally for peace and sign a petition advocating an end of the war in Iraq on the Brunswick green on Wednesday.

SUNDAY

CONCERT

Recital Hall Inaugural Classical Concerts

Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Sunday Night Mass

Bowdoin Chapel. 9 p.m.

MONDAY

PRESENTATION

Maine-Ghana Alliance

This presentation aims to inform people of the Maine-Ghana Alliance, which finances the education of Ghanaian children and provides activities for Maine students.

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

CONCERT

"A Journey Through the World of Jazz"

Matthew Fogg of the music department and Hassan Muhammad '10 will record their first joint live album and then will be joined by various New England jazz musicians.

Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

PERFORMANCE

Longfellows Concert

This all male a cappella group will have its final concert of the year. Join the singers as they say farewell to six seniors.

Between Appleton Hall and Hyde Hall. 4 to 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

ART SHOW

"The Kaleidoscope Arts and Crafts Show"

Sponsored by Residential Life and the Craft Center, the first-year class will present art work from various mediums.

Between Appleton Hall and Hyde Hall. 4 to 6 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

An Evening of A Cappella

This concert features The Longfellows, BOKA, Miscellania, Ursus Verses, Ballamafia, and The Meddies. Tickets are available at the Smith Union Information Desk.

Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. 7 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Improvabilities

Bowdoin's student improv comedy group will end the year with its annual spring performance.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 8 p.m.

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SWEET! Students celebrate the College's new plan for free porn distribution as they wait in line to receive their dirty magazines. According to Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, the campaign is designed to make up for the fact that the College no longer offers free birth control.

Health center to distribute free porn

Administrators hope dirty magazines will alleviate need for birth control

BY THE PLAYBOY BUNNY
FUTURE BOWDOIN MASCOT

Officials at Dudley Coe Health Center have announced that they will be offering free pornographic magazines and videos in addition to condoms to make up for the fact that the health center will no longer be providing students with free birth control. Officials also said that the Dudley Coe staff will team up with the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs to launch a pro-masturbation campaign aimed at reducing the risk of student pregnancy.

"We were concerned that students might not use birth control if it weren't provided by the Col-

lege," said Medical Assistant Judy McMaster. "We figured that jacking up masturbation incentives might guard against that."

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs will begin its awareness campaign, tentatively titled "Sex Can Wait—Masturbate!" on Monday. According to sources, the fliers will list tips on optimal, college-approved masturbation techniques, as well as directions to masturbation "zones" (informally called "jerk circles") that have been designated around campus.

"We felt that it was important that we get started on this now, because the stress of finals can drive students to make poor decisions," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster. "Plus, Senior Week is coming up soon, and everyone knows that's one big clusterfuck."

The health center has ordered

hundreds of subscriptions to Playboy, Playgirl, Penthouse, Perfect 10, Hustler, Hometown Girls, Big Naturals, Butt Man, Bulk Male, Bawdy, Swank, Rawhide, Ribald, Vixen, and Face Squatting Femmes, and purchased an extensive library of adult cinematic releases, including hits "Duke of Knockers" and "Lord of the G-Strings."

The health center staff said that they had a "great time" compiling the purchase order for the pornography, and reported that administrators were eager to make suggestions.

"We even got an e-mail from [President] Barry Mills with some recommendations," said McMaster. "He clued us in to some great titles from the 1970s, back when these films had storylines."

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B.O.N.E.R.

College to create BNAS military unit

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS
NBC NEWS NEW YORK

The College has taken steps to acquire the entirety of the Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS). After originally seeking to acquire only 450 acres from the soon-to-be-decommissioned air station, the College has decided not only to apply for the entire 3,300-acre parcel, but to maintain the BNAS personnel as a private military force of the College.

The new base will be known as the Bowdoin Naval Air Station (BNAS), and the new military branch of the College will be known as the Bowdoin Naval External Response (BONER) team. The branch's primary duties will involve providing aid to disadvantaged colleges.

"This represents a tremendous opportunity to expand the common good," said President Barry Mills, who will become the organization's civilian commander-in-chief. "Do-badders will quake at the sight of the BONER."

Commensurate with this goal, BONER will commence leafletting operations in Lewiston and Waterville next fall. The station's C-140 cargo planes will drop remedial reading textbooks for students at Bates College and Colby College in the hopes of easing the intellectual poverty of the students there.

"It's important that we try to provide less fortunate students with the sorts of resources that will allow them to learn basic reading skills," said Mills.

"We will be greeted as liberators," he added. "It's a slam dunk."

POOR ATTENTION SPAN? READ THIS

The College announced that it will develop its own military branch, known as BONER, on the current site of the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

- USM has already developed a similar program, entitled PECKER, the Program Evaluation Cracking Enemy Response.
- Bates also has a military branch, entitled Team MAN MEAT, which stands for Military and Navy Missile Effort and Training.
- Colby has FLACCID, for Fucking Lazy Crappy Colby Individuals.

Director of Security Randy Nichols, hereafter known as Fleet Admiral Nichols, is expected to become the organization's highest-ranking military officer.

BNAS personnel will be used for routine operations, including but not limited to undercover surveillance of rival colleges and shuttling drunk to and from Joshua's via armored cavalcade. They also will be used for unspecified "common good" special operations, which Nichols said he could not detail. However, an unnamed source reported that Bates and Colby will soon be "up to their asses" in reflective snap bracelets.

Officials have high hopes for the future of the military branch.

"In time, we hope to perhaps even double the size of BONER," Mills said. "Consultants from around the world have already contacted us with advice about how they can help us accomplish this goal. Oddly enough, these are usually bulk e-mails."

The College is also expected to ac-

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New BSG committee would handle committee requests

BY KARL ROVE
BSG POLITICAL CONSULTANT

Bowdoin Students Government (BSG) voted unanimously to pass a resolution Wednesday calling for President Barry Mills to create a committee that would consider the College's response to committee requests from BSG.

The proposed group, called the Committee Request Committee (CRC), would convene each time BSG passed a resolution calling for the creation of the committee, and would debate how the College should respond.

BSG officials have encouraged Mills to establish the committee as soon as possible, so that it may convene to consider the body's request that it be created.

"Yes, it's confusing as fuck," said Dustin Brooks '08, vice president for student government affairs and BSG president-elect. "That's how you know it's a good resolution."

Mills said that he can't decide whether he is furious about the resolution or enormously relieved.

"On the one hand, it's another committee request, which makes me want to punch DeRay in the face," he said in a phone interview from Dubai, where he has been soliciting donations to The Bowdoin Campaign for the last month. "On the other hand, if I create the committee, then it means that the committee will deal with all future committee requests, and I won't have to talk to Crier reporters about dumb

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Students to hold breath for environment

BY AL GORE
LOVER OF POLAR BEARS

In an effort to raise awareness about climate change this Friday, members of campus environmental groups are literally reducing their carbon dioxide emissions to zero: They are planning not to breathe.

"Not breathing is a great way to show one's personal commitment to stop climate change," said Ruth Morrison '07, co-head of Bowdoinites Open to Offsetting Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Reducing Respiration, known as BOOGERR. "By not breathing for just one hour out of each day we can reduce our personal CO2 emissions by four percent."

The idea to refrain from breathing for an hour this Friday came from BOOGERR co-head Colin Beckman '07. "I was driving around in my hy-

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FOR THE CLIMATE: Bowdoin students try to keep each other from breathing to prevent CO2 from entering the atmosphere. Students can reduce personal CO2 emissions 4 percent by not breathing for one hour a day.

Nobody Looks at This

SECURITY REPORT: Students get wasted and put traffic cylinders on their heads. **Page 1.** (It's really small.)
ROBOT DOGS: Rival team calls animal control officers; robots currently held at the pound. **Page 1.** (Look harder.)

THIS WEEKEND: BORING CLASSICAL MUSIC

The new recital hall opens with performances of classical music that very few students will attend. Most will be drinking. **Preview, Page -14.**
THE STUDIO, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, 7:30 PM.

TENNIS: MEN TAKE ON MYTHICAL BEASTS

Because we dropped so close around this player, for all you know, he could be hitting tennis balls at a dragon. **Recap, Page n.**
ALSO: WOMEN STYMIED BY TROJAN HORSE. **PAGE n+1.**

TODAY'S GRIPES

EDITORIAL: Our impassioned plea for change. **Page at the end.**
ABRAMS, BARTUS: Third-world countries should suck it up and deal. **Ditto.**

Brooks and Yaffe face off in the 'most boring debate of all time'

BY WINSTON CHURCHILL
MASTER OF RHETORIC

Dustin Brooks '08 and Ian Yaffe '09 came shockingly close to raising their voices during a student government-sponsored debate Wednesday that was universally agreed to be "the most boring debate of all time."

The two students took turns describing their philosophies, and understandings of student government doctrines in detail.

The monotone discussion briefly broke when Brooks charged that Yaffe was not actually a Latin American peasant.

"You went to Georgetown Day School. You drive a Subaru. You're a truckin' sworn officer of the state of Massachusetts," Brooks alleged. "Viva la my ass."

Yaffe left his podium and shuffled to Brooks' podium at a slightly accelerated rate of speed.

"Do not disgrace my People," Yaffe said. "You were elected without competition. Is that an election for which Commandante Castro would be proud? I think not. In the homeland we would kick you out on your culo."

[Hasta la victoria siempre!]

"Nay," Brooks said. "According to the BSG constitution, section 3, subsection VI, midsection 24, bullet point 15, underscored 19, pulled-out-of-my-ass 3, interpretation 24 version 2, you should be on point."

The disagreement soon waned, however, when Yaffe replied with a 17-minute soliloquy in which he waxed poetic about the common good.

There are unconfirmed reports that former Bowdoin President William DeWitt Hyde rolled over in his grave.

"Depending on one's state of mind, the common good is either incredibly simple or undeniably impossible to define," Yaffe said before this reporter fell asleep.

Halfway through the debate, order needed to be restored after most of the audience broke into casual conversation, forgetting that there was a debate going on.

"I just nodded off, and when I woke up, it sounded like the event had ended and someone had turned on a white noise machine," said debate attendee Jenna Goethe '10. "So I just started to talk to the person next to me."

Acousticians from a theatre archi-

ture firm, on campus to tune the Studzinski Recital Hall, shed some light on the phenomenon.

"Here we had a situation where both debaters speak in a perfect monotone," said acoustician Matthew Cleavage. "What made this situation unique is that Brooks always speaks a G-pitch on the bass end, while Yaffe always speaks on a B-pitch a third above in a baritone. Because they never change these pitches no matter what, they are always in perfect harmony. This is soothing and easily ignorable."

At the conclusion of the debate, the moderator, an anchor from BC-News, opened the floor for questions. Unfortunately, because she also spoke in a monotone, nobody noticed.

Most members of the community are unaware that this debate took place, including the majority of those in attendance.

"Viva la my ass."

DUSTIN BROOKS '07
BSG PRESIDENT

Students push for 'pick your own grade' policy

BY JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN
ASHAMED

In response to the proposed grade/credit/D/fail policy, some students have banded together to create a revised version of the policy, which they claim is less confusing. Instead of having the option to take a course grade/credit/D/fail, these students think there should be a "pick your own grade" policy available.

"It is hard to play a sport and take classes at the same time," said Paul Enis '10, a member of the football team. "This would give us the confidence to explore something unfamiliar—learning."

Sam Dinning '09 said that allowing

students to choose their own grades will encourage them to be more involved with everything on campus.

"Bowdoin has so much to offer—BSG, badminton, BOKA, bowling, bear hunting, beer pong, baking club, biking, bocce ball, beach combing, blacking out, bumper cars, Bears and Cubs, boxing, bitching, Buddhism, barhopping—it would be a shame to be here for five years and let academics get in the way of a true Bowdoin experience," Dinning said.

President Barry Mills commended the efforts of the students who are pushing for the proposal.

"This is a great example of students taking initiative to change the community they live in," he said.

Dudley Coe to be named for Peary, who died of anemia

BY DONALD MACMILLAN
I GOT THE SOCIAL HOUSE

The College has announced that it will rename Dudley Coe Health Center the Admiral Peary "Hope you get better, but there's not much we can do to help you" Center.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster, the decision to rename Dudley Coe came after the decision to switch from a full-time staff physician to a part-time, contractual relationship with a local practitioner. "We wanted the name of the center to accurately represent the way

things work around here," Foster said. "While 'health' is something we always hope for, it's not anything we can guarantee with this new system."

Foster said that the center is being named after Peary due to the unique circumstances surrounding the admiral's death.

"Peary died of pernicious anemia in 1920, which was an incurable disease at the time," Foster said. "Similarly, there are many incurable diseases now, and it is unlikely that our new health center will be able to decipher every student's illness."

Republicans begin campaign to remove 'liberal' from 'liberal arts education'

BY ANNE COULTER
SUPER HOT

The Bowdoin College Republicans have begun a national initiative to remove the word "liberal" from the term "liberal arts education."

The initiative is tentatively titled "A non-binding, non-political, all-inclusive resolution to provide for the continuing freedom of all viewpoints in the classroom," or ANNARTPFTC-FOAVITC for short.

"After extensive study, we have decided that the term 'liberal' contains an inherent liberal bias," said Zach Linhart '07, CEO of Students for ANNARTPFTC-FOAVITC, the national group behind the resolution. "The only way to

create a safe learning environment for all is to expunge the term 'liberal' from any materials that refer to a Bowdoin education."

Left-wing campus groups decried the resolution as yet another pathetic example of the Republicans "tilting at windmills."

"The Republicans are being total weenies," said Bowdoin College Democrats member Frank Chi '07. "Those asshats are lowering the level of discourse to new depths."

Writer-in-residence Margot Livesey worried about the implications of the Republicans' actions.

"They're just words, after all," Livesey said. "And who the hell thought of their campaign name? Maybe they should

start worrying about their own liberal word use before they go and attack age-old, time-honored phrases."

When asked about his organization's syntax, Linhart responded that this is just another example of how the word "liberal" has corrupted Bowdoin's educational system.

Linhart added that the Republicans were being reasonable in their demands. According to Linhart, the initial resolution had called for the removal of both "liberal" and "arts" from the adjectives describing Bowdoin's education.

"These are dangerous adjectives," Linhart said. "Our research has shown that continued exposure can lead to criticism of the Iraq war, and in extreme cases, of the entire country."

Entire government class cringes as professor attempts Borat impression

BY VLADIMIR PUTIN
BAD ASS

Associate Professor Michael Franz's Government 208: Mass Media and American Politics class cringed this week when Franz attempted to "connect" with his students by impersonating Borat, a popular television and film character created by British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen.

According to students, Franz was describing the agenda-setting effects of the media when, perhaps sensing that students were not engaging with the material, he launched into a protracted impression of Borat, the fictional Kazakh television reporter who recently gained international fame for his eponymous movie, "Borat: Cultural Learning For Make Benefit The Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

"He was just talking about how the

media can set the agenda for how people think about certain news stories, when suddenly he was like, 'Agenda-setting ees niilliice,' said sophomore Bridget Harris. "His eyes got really wide and his voice turned into this wretched attempt at an Eastern European accent. It was frightening."

Other students reported that Franz, thinking that the uncomfortable shifting of his students were signs of engagement, continued injecting his lesson with Borat references throughout the class period.

"FCC Chairman Mark Fowles' push to deregulate the media market by setting the stage for the Telecommunications Act of 1996—greecat success!" Franz reportedly said. "But the effects deregulation has had on news quality according to studies—wa wa weewa!"

"The students really seemed to re-

spond to this strategy of connecting course material to popular culture," Franz told the Crier afterwards. "They were wide-eyed and seemed positively stunned by the huge effect the media has on our political perceptions—I even saw one student crying!"

The second-year associate professor said that he would be recommending the tactic to his colleagues, and was considering writing an article for the Chronicle of Higher Education on how talking like pop culture icons can help teachers develop rapport with their pupils.

In addition to speaking in Borat's accent, Franz attempted to imitate the character's mechanical, awkward gait when he walked across the room to operate the overhead projector screen.

Franz reportedly dismissed the class by nodding and saying "Chenquich."

RANDY REPORT MAY 10

Thursday, May 10

•6:15 a.m. - Sounds-of-the-rain-forest alarm gently rouses Nichols from peaceful slumber.

•6:17 a.m. - Nichols busts organized drug ring in Howell House.

•6:20 a.m. - Nichols engages in morning hygiene rituals.

•7:00 a.m. - Nichols departs from Bat Cave.

•8:16 a.m. - Nichols busts alcohol sale to minor at local liquor store.

•9:35 a.m. - Nichols busts methamphetamine lab in basement of H&L Library.

•10:46 a.m. - Nichols busts gross human rights violation in Chilean sweatshop, in which shackled toddlers were forced to use a mixture of dolphin blubber and their own tears to prepare mink coats for sale at The Gap.

•10:47 a.m. - Nichols busts a move.

•12:30 p.m. - Nichols signs autographs for Dice-K, Jack Bauer, and Jesus Christ.

•1:30 p.m. - Snack time.

•1:45 p.m. - Nap time.

•1:47 p.m. - Nichols submits nap time complaint that Mills is snoring.

•4:20 p.m. - Nichols responds to smoke alarm at Helmerich House.

•4:30 p.m. - Nichols still hasn't returned from Helmerich House.

•4:31 p.m. - Security search party released to find faithful leader.

•4:45 p.m. - Nichols found chillin' to Bob Marley, scarfing nachos, and enjoying the light show in Thorne.

•5:24 p.m. - Nichols recovers and single-handedly stops global warming.

•5:30 p.m. - Shift's up.

•6:00 p.m. - Nichols returns home to watch season four of "Sex and the City."

—The Department of Surveillance



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College's new Dick to ensure enforcement of 'rigid' deadlines

BY NUTS HURT

GET YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER

Due to a lack of a senior administrator with a masculine name, the College has hired a new vice president for masculine affairs, Dick Wood.

After the departure of admissions deans Dick Moll and Dick Steele, the only Dick left at Bowdoin was the secretary of the College, Dick Mersereau.

President Barry Mills said that he had hoped Bill Shain, the new dean of admissions, could replace the Dicks as the College's masculine presence.

"When Dick [Steele] left, there was just this big void," Mills said. "After last year, when Dick Pound came and gave an [a]rousing Common Hour lecture, I realized that it needed to be filled. We had an opening for director of admissions, so we hired Bill [Shain]. At the time, I thought his first name was Dick. I was wrong."

Wood, who comes to campus after heading the gender studies program at Bob Jones University in South Carolina, survived stiff competition during the selection process.

"First, we weeded out all the non-Dicks who applied for the job," said

Vice President for Planning and Development Scott Meiklejohn, who headed the search committee. "Then, we tried to figure out which Dick we wanted to see inserted into campus life. It was actually pretty straightforward."

Among other responsibilities, Wood's job will be to oversee the erection of the new hockey arena. According to Mills, Wood has a long history of being able to enforce rigid deadlines.

"It's time for a change. We've had too much flaccid leadership this year," he added.



THIS IS MIKE ARDOLINO. ISN'T HE FINE?

BUCK NAKED: A faculty member prepares for one of the weekly naked parties held by administrators and faculty. According to Admissions Officer Matthew Cleavage '06, faculty and staff have chosen to eschew the "no-erection rule" observed at similar student parties.

Administrators, faculty holding weekly naked parties at Cram

BY DICK WOOD

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MASCULINE AFFAIRS

Intrigued by reports of student naked parties on campus, administrators and faculty are now holding their own nude soirées in place of weekly faculty socials.

"A few of us were sitting around the Friday faculty social in Hubbard—drinking ourselves silly—when someone picked up an Orient and started reading aloud a story about naked parties," said Henry Laurence, a professor of government. "Now that students upped the ante, we decided to, too."

Within a week, the first faculty-staff naked party was held at Cram Alumni House. The events reportedly pull in more people than faculty meetings.

Professor of Government Paul Franco says the parties provide a pleasant social setting after a week of work.

"Naked parties. How *apropos* that the great minds of today party like the great minds of 400 BCE," Franco said.

According to the weekly security log, Security received a noise complaint about last Friday's party. Officers called Director of Security Randy Nichols, who radioed back

that he was already "undercover" at the party.

Security Officer Sandra Reno told the Crier, "Randy said to disregard the call. He told me, 'The bottom line is that everyone is safe, Sandra. I'm not here to be intrusive. But damn, we didn't see this shit in the state police. These peeps crazy, yo.'"

Sources said that Nichols didn't look below eye level at any point during the night, but did proceed to do the 90s-era dance "The Worm" at the request of the dance faculty.

Admissions Officer Matthew Cleavage '06 said that faculty-staff naked parties certainly one-up the naked parties he attended as a student.

"The faculty blow the students out of the water on this count. Student parties have a 'no-erection rule,'" Cleavage said with air quotes. "None of that here."

Minus the grinding and clothes present at most faculty socials, the naked party is just like any other faculty get-together. There's music, beer pong, and, yes, even keg stands.

"I initially had reservations about coming to Bowdoin. Would its liberal arts level be liberal artyness-enough?" Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd said. "But

"Naked parties. How *apropos* that the great minds of today party like the great minds of 400 BCE."

PAUL FRANCO
PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT

when I learned that this was part of the liberal arts experience at Bowdoin—and I think we need to think broadly and critically about what we want in a liberal arts experience at a liberal arts institution such as this liberal arts institution—I decided, 'No contest. This is liberal arts at its best.'"

A naked party is a hard theme to fake, and one that demands total participation to make it work. One faculty member, who is in a tenure crunch and trying to write 30 pages of useless gibberish for J-Stor, decided to celebrate the party while typing in his office.

"I'm naked in spirit," he said. "And, well, I'm actually naked."

Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster said that the parties prove that education at Bowdoin is a two-way street.

"We always like to say we learn from our students just as much as they learn from us," he said.



COURTESY OF ESPN

NACHO AVERAGE LINEBACKER: A member of the Super Snack staff poses for a picture in his new football uniform. Super Snack employees are replacing key starters of the Bowdoin Football Team.

Super Snack staff to join Bowdoin football team

BY ADAM SANDLER
WATERBOY

In a desperate move, the Bowdoin Football Team will replace several key starters with members of the Dining Service's Super Snack staff, Head Coach David Caputi announced at a press conference this week.

"We've come in near the bottom of the league in five of the last six years," said Caputi. "At this point, I'm willing to try anything."

Caputi got the idea to substitute in members of the Thorne staff last fall, when members of the football team were called in to police Super Snack on weekends. After hearing that the team was effective in curbing snack thievery, Caputi figured that if his players could keep plundering Super Snackers in check then maybe the switch could be effective in reverse, too.

"The logic behind this scheme is airtight, as far as I can tell," said Caputi.

Chris Derbyshire, director of Super Snack, said that he looks forward to taking over for quarterback Vince Elway '07 in the fall.

"What I've noticed over the past few years is that the team hasn't been running effectively enough to set up the pass," he said. "I figure if we switch to a more West Coast-style offense, we can make the run-

ning game a subset of the passing game and just disguise each play with a little misdirection."

"I like nachos," said Elway, who will be assuming Derbyshire's post in the Thorne kitchen indefinitely. "So it should be OK."

Joining Derbyshire will be Cook Steve Crittenden at fullback, Assistant Baker George Alexander at tailback, and Service and Data Coordinator David Burgess at wide-out.

"Because the Super Snack staff is so small, we had to dip deeper into Thorne Hall's talent reservoir," explained Caputi. "We even got Norma the card-swiper to fill in at left guard."

Bowdoin managed to finish third in the NESAC this year after beating rivals Bates and Colby in the final two games of the season. In doing so, they barely avoided being the last-place team in the weakest conference in the weakest division in all of college football.

However, with the addition of the Dining Service staff to the roster, Caputi said things are looking optimistic for the upcoming season.

"If they can deal with an opposing defense half as well as they can deal with a cafeteria full of hammered college students," he said, "we're looking at an NCAA bid for sure."



DERAY MCKESSON, I'M EVERYWHERE AT ONCE

GROTESQUE: Rob Reid '07 picks his nose while Clark Gascoigne '08 desperately tries to hold onto the attention of BSG members. The group is known as one of the College's most professional student groups.

COMMITTEE

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shit like this anymore."

Members of the BSG officer teams stressed the importance of the CRC and urged Mills to create it.

"It's important that we do whatever we can as an institution to address these problems when they arise," said Class of 2008 Representative Clark Gascoigne. "We can't stand idly by while innocent people's lives are being complicated by these hideous crimes against efficiency."

Class of 2009 Representative Samuel Dinning agreed.

"We can't let the actions of these bureaucratic warlords go unacknowledged, as long as we have the power to do something about it," he said, presumably referring to

"We can't sit idly by while innocent people's lives are being complicated by these hideous crimes against efficiency."

CLARK GASCOIGNE '08

himself and his colleagues.

Mills has agreed to meet with BSG leadership about the creation of the CRC, although he indicated that he may encourage the student representatives to make the CRC a BSG subcommittee.

"I think it would be more efficient if BSG just considers its own committee requests, you know, keep the whole thing in-house," he said.

"Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to glad-hand these walking check-books," he added before hanging up.

BREATH

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brid Range Rover the other day and I thought to myself, there must be a better way to reduce my personal carbon emissions other than driving this hybrid and changing my light bulbs. The idea hit me as I was coughing from sipping my still too hot venti soy caramel macchiato—I could stop breathing!"

Beckman, Morrison and the other BOOGERR members are asking Bowdoin students to pledge to forgo breathing for just one hour this Friday. "You can spread it out over the course of day, or just go for one marathon session. It's really up you," said Morrison.

BOOGERR member Eben Crawford '09 said he had signed on to the "Take My Breath Away Challenge," as the pledge is called. "I think it's great," he said. "My girlfriend and I are going to take turns holding pillows over each other's faces until we've both forgone breathing for an hour."

Willy Oppenheim '09 said he planned to channel his prana, or life force, and slow his respiration rate down to nearly zero. "Meditation is so beautiful and peaceful, and I plan to use it to help me relax and embrace the essence of breathlessness."

Other students are less enthusiastic about the Challenge.

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WILLY OPPENHEIM '09

"The fucking hippies are trying to take away my right to breathe! Why do they hate freedom," Darius Alarm '09 said.

The staff of Dudley Coe contacted the group earlier in the week and warned them of the dangers of not breathing. "The goal of our message to BOOGERR was to show support for their efforts to raise awareness about climate change but to encourage them to reduce their carbon emissions in a safer way," said Nurse Practitioner Jessica Anthony. "Not breathing for long periods of time can be dangerous and potentially harmful," she said.

Despite the potential dangers posed by BOOGERR's "Take My Breath Away Challenge," Morrison is enthusiastic about the pledge. "Not breathing for an hour is a great way for people to personally acknowledge how their everyday actions affect the global climate. Of all the ways to reduce CO2 emissions, I think refraining from breathing is the best way to show a personal commitment to stop climate change."

sure to point out any time that BSG is doing something stupid or lame. We regret the error.

The Crier doesn't want to hear any more of your stupid griping.

If you believe a correction or clarification is needed, shove it up your ass. Or go find James Bauerberger.

BOWDOIN BRIEFS

West Hall to be named for benefactor East '75

The Honors Committee of the Board of Trustees announced this week that it will honor James East '75 by naming West Hall after him. Despite the confusion the dedication will create, the committee was confident in their decision.

"Mr. East has been very generous to the College in the past, and it seemed only fitting to honor him through this dedication. Unfortunately the only unnamed buildings on campus are West Hall and the Visual Arts Center, and Mr. East explicitly stated that he did not want his name attached to a building as hideous as the VAC," explained Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration and Chief Development Officer Bill Torrey.

"We recognize that the new name could cause some confusion, but we are confident that the new name will catch on quickly," he said.

Torrey said that the College plans to install a compass outside East and West halls to help clarify which is which. The west side of the compass will read "Toward East Hall."

Students currently living in West Hall were surprised by the new name. Barrett Brown '09, a proctor in West, said that re-naming West Hall East Hall was "possibly the worst idea I've ever heard. I'm still going to refer to it as West in protest."

Brown's sentiments were echoed by Mike Trafton '10, who also lives in West. "Of all the names one could

pick, I think East is the most confusing. I mean, West Hall is called West for a good reason!" Trafton proceeded to escort the Crier to the Outing Club to find a compass and demonstrate that West Hall is in fact west of East Hall. Along the way the reporter encountered Phil Shaw '08, who called Trafton a "wuss" for needing a compass to determine which direction was west.

One West Hall resident, Sarah Washington '10, was in favor of the name. "The new name will give me an opportunity to express my love for Prince in a new way, as I plan to call the building The-Dorm-Formerly-Known-As-West."

James East, philanthropist and founder of East Meets West Mail-Order Brides, found the irony fitting. "I've spent my whole professional career uniting East and West, so this name seems only appropriate."

-North and South

Dining Service 'getting kind of cocky'

After years of getting rave reviews, Dining Service is 'getting kind of cocky,' sources say.

Sources within the service say staff members occasionally "do a little dance" down the hall and have "Colby Dining Tastes Like Poo" posters in the kitchens.

Students say they are starting to notice the arrogance.

"Patty asked me if I wanted some Kung Pao Shrimp Stir fry," Mike Bartha

'09 said. "And then she did an end zone dance and yelled, 'Bowdoin Dining so fine.'"

When student speaker Brandon Bouchard '07 publicly thanked Dining Service during his speech at a formal luncheon yesterday, Director of Dining Mary Lou Kennedy emerged from the kitchen and announced, "You better believe it!"

-Emeril Lagasse

Useless Architecture gives Bowdoin prize

Bowdoin has received a first place prize in Useless Architecture Magazine's third annual Pointless Prizes. The College received the award after the magazine's editors visited the new glass structure being constructed as part of the refurbished Walker Art Building.

"We drove onto campus, and were like, 'What the fuck is that?'" said magazine executive editor Ben Haselhoff. "We knew that it would have to receive first prize."

The magazine gives its award based on two main criteria: the amount of money that could be burned and receive the same result, and ugliness that could be construed as beauty in a post-modern sense.

The Walker Art Building's mammoth glass structure rises for three stories above a stairway that descends into the building's main entrance. It is supposed to be attractive and represent something, designers say.

-Frank Gehry



HOT HOT: The health center displays its selection of adult magazines, freely provided to Bowdoin students as part of a new dean of student affairs initiative. Other, even more inappropriate materials are being stored behind the dividers on the left.

PORN

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McMaster also reported that Professor of Art Tim Sampson donated a collection of bizarre fetish porn that "we're not sure exactly what to do with."

Because of the expense of these subscriptions and the College's tight budget, administrators say that Bowdoin will have to delay

some of its capital projects.

"We'll just have to wait until next year for a new fitness center," said Director of Capital Projects Don Borkowski. "At least students will be exercising their right arms enough."

"The fitness center delay shouldn't be too big a deal," said Foster. "If the campaign works as planned, students won't have to worry about looking fit anyway because they won't be having sex."

McMaster also reported that Professor of Art Tim Sampson donated a collection of fetish porn that "we're not exactly sure what to do with."

Students seemed generally pleased with the new plans.

"It's nice that they're finally letting us take this into our own hands," said Hugh Flynt '08.

CORRECTIONS

Wrong quotation

In "BSG approves Parents Weekend pictures," (10/6/06) The Crier neglected to emphasize that this funding issue was totally irrelevant and unimportant. In the future, the Crier will be

planes. The warships may be used to provide environmental studies students with ecology-based semesters at sea.

Mills said he expects to christen the College's first battleship as the B.S.S. Karen Gordon Mills, named after the Wall Street tycoon.

"If it kicks half as much as she does, opponents of the common good should be scared out of their shoes," he said.

No Super Snack tonight. :-(

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SHIT NOBODY READS

First Grey's, then the world

Bowdoin pushes for global pop culture infiltration

BY HAN SOLO

LESS WHINY THAN LUKI

Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood has decided that asking Patrick Dempsey's character on "Grey's Anatomy" to simply wear Bowdoin gear is not taking it far enough.

"If the College actually wants to make a statement, it can't pansy out and only ask McDreamy to wear a Bowdoin T' shirt. No way, José. That fucker's going to wear the entire polar bear costume," Hood said.

Hood, who allegedly has the phrase "Mules are sterile" tattooed across his left ass cheek, said that his plans for getting Bowdoin's name into pop culture don't stop at Seattle Grace Hospital.

Next on the agenda is getting Bowdoin gear on the television shows "24" and "American Idol." Hood suggests putting the black and white apparel on characters killed by Jack Bauer and Simon Cowell, respectively.

After he infiltrates primetime, Hood aims to make Bowdoin a household name in the music industry as well. According to Hood, Tenacious D is planning to release a new album early next fall spotlighting Bowdoin's No. 1 college food ranking:

"You don't always have eat at Thorne/ In fact sometimes that's not right to do/Sometimes you've got to eat at the pub/And fuckin' order some sushi too/Sometimes ya got to squeeze [your own orange juice]/Sometimes you've got to say please [to Patty]/Sometime you've got to say hey, I'm gonna Fuck you, Colby."

Before the year is up, Hood expects that a number of specifically Bowdoin terms, such as "Honolulu tofu," "Pine Street," and "VAC" will be incorporated into popular rap songs with the new slang meanings of "tasty," "fucking far away," and "vagina," respectively.

While increasing Bowdoin's visibility in today's popular culture will likely draw more applicants to the school as well. Although this plan makes absolutely no sense, Hood still plans to go back in time and get President Barry Mills cast as Mr. Belding in all episodes of "Saved by the Bell" before its early-'90s release date.

"I'm only gonna do it if Dean Foster gets to be Screech," Mills said.



BOWDOIN COLLEGE RENDERINGS

DOMINATION: Using these artist's renderings, the College has announced a plan to incorporate Bowdoin into every possible pop culture outlet. Scott Hood hopes to stick Derek Shepherd on "Grey's Anatomy" into a polar bear costume, outfit badass Jack Bauer of "24" with Bowdoin regalia, and incorporate a Bowdoin theme into a Snoop Dogg CD.



WAWAWEEWAA: Professor of Middle Eastern studies Borat Sagdiyev gave a lecture on Tuesday titled, "The Three Problems of Kazakhstan." Sagdiyev will be teaching Pre-Modern Jewish History and Feminism in Central Asia next semester.

New prof causes sexy explosion in student body

BY JESUS CHRIST
EXPERT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

The Crier sat down with Bowdoin's first professor of Middle Eastern studies, Borat Sagdiyev. He talked about his home country, his transition to Brunswick, and his plans for the future.

The Camp BoBo Crier: Professor Sagdiyev, thank you for meeting with us, we are very excited to have you here at Bowdoin teaching.

Borat Sagdiyev: Thank you, I is very excite to be here too..... NOT!

CBC: Wow, the "not" joke, impressive. So tell us a little about Kazakhstan.

BS: It locate between Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, and assholes Uzbekistan. Kazakhstan is the greatest country in the world, all other countries are run by little girls. Kazakhstan is No. 1 exporter of potassium. Other Central Asian countries have inferior potassium.

CBC: Did you leave any family in Kazakhstan?

BS: Yes, my mother. She is oldest woman in ALL of Kuzek! She is 43! I love her! Uhh... and my wife Oxanna... She is a moron... and my sister she is No. 4 prostitute in whole of Kazakhstan.

CBC: How was the transition to this country?

BS: I arrived in America's airport with clothings, U.S. dollars, and a jar of gypsy tears to protect me from AIDS.

CBC: And what is your favorite part about living here so far?

BS: I loves the Pamela Andersons.

CBC: Any interesting hobbies?

BS: I like to make sexy time! And also I, uh, like a very much listen to Korki Buchek you know Korki Buchek? Bing-Bang-Bing-Bang-Bing-dl-dl-ding-ding *click* *click* *click-click* Bing-Bang-Bing-Bang-Bing-dl-dl-ding-ding *click* *click*

CBC: And how are you liking your new house?

BS: Wawaweewaa! Ooh lala!, itsa nice! King of the Castle, King of the Castle, I have a chair! Go do dis, go do dis, King of the Castle.

CBC: I heard that you actually live next to President Mills, how is that?

BS: He is my neighbor. He is pain in my assholes. I get a window from a glass, he must get a window from a glass. I get a step, he must get a step. I get a clock radio, he cannot afford. Great success!

CBC: Any future plans now that you are all settled?

BS: I want to buy a car with pussy magnet.

CBC: We always like to ask our profiled professors, especially ones as worldly as you, if they have any life lessons they would like to share.

BS: Yes Yes, when you chase a dream, especially one with plastic chests, you sometimes do not see what is right in front of you.

CBC: Thank you for your time.

BS: You like me? You are my friend?

CBC: Yes, I am your friend.

BS: You be my boyfriend?

CBC: No, I'm not your boyfriend... okay, yeah, I guess I can be your boyfriend.

BS: High five!

BALDERDASH YOUR ASS

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BY KEIRNAN WILLET
CROSSWORD CRITIC AND EMU ENTHUSIAST

ACROSS

- A clear orange ball. It is believed when seven are brought together, each with a different number of stars inside, the gatherer will be granted one wish by the Eternal Dragon
- A trendy way to appear untrendy
- The navel or belly button
- Third word of May 4 lead story
- Best fuckin' monster ever
- Also called "cute," but this is a cuter spelling of cute therefore making it even cuter than cute
- A risky sexual maneuver, often involving over a yard of fine silks, and/or a midget pervert elf named Marc
- A randomly selected group of 12 angry bears in Animal Kingdom court

DOWN

- A nickname that refers to a man's sexual magnetism
- A girl that can't hold her booze and normally gets a train ran on her donkey butt
- Roll On Floor Laughing
- A person who comes from Glasgow
- A vow of celibacy sworn by two or more male social outcasts
- A mind altering drug that is used in Southwestern United states, as an Native American ritual.
- A monster used to threaten children
- Someone with no talent and brains that somehow ends up more fortunate than you
- Getting up (relatively) early, rushing to the local McDonalds, only to discover you missed the breakfast mark by .0005 of a second
- The act of putting one's ride in neutral, opening all doors, placing the volume dial on 10, and simply rollin'
- One is so patriotic that they would gladly mate with the American flag
- A pothole in the road that is so large that it tends to "eat a car"
- The destroyer of small businesses
- The volleyball incarnation of the Yeti
- The elaborate act of creating a mix CD
- The most intense band in the history of man. Their music contains a power so great that it can consume one's soul
- To scream in a primal death sort of fashion
- The most delicious flavor of ice cream known to man
- Small malevolent house elf
- Abbreviated way to say "Myspace pic"
- Common Scottish colloquial shortening of "you guys" or "you folks"
- A semi-chewed piece of food
- A party thrown by a neighbor who didn't invite you
- ___ tension between Draco Malfoy and Harry Potter
- To dance like you're from the 1980s
- Generic term for ballpoint pens
- Princeton's nerdy, unathletic brother
- The best of all corn chips
- The greatest thing since sliced bread
- Most over-used reference to a night of intoxication
- The better yet always ignored of the Mario Brothers

FARTS ARE ENTERTAINMENT

1985 calls, asks Vin Shende for its hairstyle back



THE KING OF WISHFUL THINKING: Associate Professor of Music Vineet Shende sports his current hairstyle, which sparked controversy when 1985 called and asked for its hairstyle back.

BY DURAN DURAN
HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLF

Associate Professor of Music Vineet Shende received several calls from the year 1985 this week. According to reports, the year wanted its hairstyle back.

Shende, who appears to have been growing his hair out since sometime in the mid-1990s, said that he has received several voice messages from 1985.

He described the year as "quite irate."

"The messages were pretty threatening," said Shende as he brushed his effortless locks out of his eyes.

"Mostly along the lines of 'You think you're so rad, but you're a total goober. To the max.' It had all sorts of weird '80s slang—it was difficult to understand," he added.

Shende is the lead singer and guitarist for the '80s cover band Racer X, which presumably figured into his decision to grow out his hair.

In a phone interview from the realm of obscurity, 1985's spokesperson Joe Elliot—lead singer of Def Leppard—criticized Shende for being a "complete poser."

"How old was Shende in 1985? Like 10?" Elliot said. "He should leave the hair-rocking for the true hair-rockers...well, the ones who aren't dead from overdoses."

Tommy Lee, drummer for Mot-

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC
VINEET SHENDE

ley Crüe, did not find Shende's hair very impressive.

"I've seen longer," he said, "much longer."

After receiving the phone messages, Shende alerted the Department of Safety and Security, which subsequently issued a trespass warning for the year of 1985, forbidding the year from coming on campus.

In accordance with this mandate, Security Director Randy Nichols will be burning all the multicolored snap bracelets that he distributed last year.

"It breaks my heart," said a tearful Nichols as he cast several crates of bracelets into the blaze.

Shende says that he has no plans to cut his hair or to stop playing '80s music, insisting that he is merely honoring the decade with his coiffeur. In the meantime, 1985 has filed for an injunction to make Shende stop growing out his hair.

"I'm not doing it. I'm not cutting my hair," Shende said. "Like Axl Rose said, nice boys don't play rock and roll."

College holds orgasm lecture, nobody comes

BY MEG RYAN
I'LL HAVE WHAT SHE'S HAVING

After an unsuccessful lecture on the female orgasm last month, where student Hazard McCloud '07 showed up to the talk only to find nobody came, the Bowdoin Women's Association (BWA) decided to give it another go with a new lecturer.

Several male students, however, expressed awkward dissatisfaction with the talk, which was held last Thursday in Kresge Auditorium. The students claim that although nothing bad occurred during the talk, something just wasn't right.

"It was like she [the lecturer] wasn't really there. I mean, she was there. But she was, like, just going through the motions or something," said Chris Ault '08.

This lecture was one of a multi-part series at the Bowdoin, organized to explain facets female sexuality to Bowdoin men.

At first, the lectures were held spontaneously, but since, they have only been held once a week on Thursday nights or after various special occasions when fine dining is included. Male students frequently complain that these issues were not present during the first few months of the lecture series.

The many Bowdoin males in the audience were varied in opinion as to whether or not the talk was successful.

"The lecturer was energetic and seemed into what she was doing, but it really seemed to fizzle out the end. She seemed to get into the rhythm of the oratory at first, but by the end she was just waiting for us to finish and go home or something," Chet Figgenboth III '10 said.

"Her ending monologue was really vigorous—she grabbed the podium on occasion and pounded it with her fist now and then—but it almost seemed like just too much," he added.

Although the majority of male students were put off by the talk itself and the 20-minute after-discussion, lacrosse captain Vero Confident '07 disagreed.

"I don't know what everyone else is talking about," he said. "That lecturer loved being here and enjoyed it the whole way. Bowdoin men know how to stimulate great discussion and there's no question in my mind that this talk was an unqualified success for me and the presenter."

Another student found the experience strangely familiar.

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Nude skateboard art goes awry

BY TOBIAS FUNKE
NEVER-NUDE

The Department of Safety and Security received a surprise on Friday when Rob Ericsson '07 filed a complaint that he had been unjustly cited for indecent exposure on April 28. Ericsson, who skateboarded nude while holding on to a friend's sport utility vehicle, claimed that his display was part of the Corpus art exhibit, a series of photographs to promote positive body image.

"Just because Randy Nichols thinks my ass isn't art doesn't mean I should get written up," Ericsson said. "I think the citation is a reflection of Randy's own problems with body image. That's what I'm fighting against in the first place."

Ericsson, who was inspired after attending the opening Corpus reception, said that his traveling exhibition came about because of his concerns that the art show was both static and lacked a definitive male presence.

When asked why he had not signed up to pose for the original photographs, Ericsson responded that he felt he could reach a larger audience thanks to the use of car traveling 45 miles per hour down College Street.

"Sometimes you just have to bring the art to the people," Ericsson said.

Students, while at first slightly



COURTESY OF THE CRAZY-ASS DRIVER

BUTT NAKED: Rob Ericsson '07 exposes his backside while skateboarding alongside a car as part of a series of artistic exhibitions. He was later cited by the Department of Safety and Security.

shocked, said discovering it was Ericsson made sense because of his continuing loyalty to positive body image.

"I'd recognize that ass anywhere," roommate Dave Chau '07 said.

The nude skateboarding was not the first instance of Ericsson's contributions to the campus's art community. The day before, he

experimented with what he called "living sculpture" by putting an orange construction barrel over his head and walking around campus.

"I don't know, I just really like orange," said Ericsson, who also sports a signature flamboyant shirt in the color for special occasions.

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News flash: non-alcoholic beer doesn't get you drunk



BY ALEX WEAVER
COLUMNIST

BUSCH NA

I have spent a lot of time thinking about what to write for the hyped-up, much anticipated Camp BoBo Crier joke issue. It's not that I have anything against jokes. Quite on the contrary, I think the problem is that I haven't written about anything serious this entire year.

Nope, what has become the Beer Fever with Weaver canon of alcohol reviews is comprised completely of falsehoods, lies, exaggerations, and unapologetic stories about my personal life, none of which have anything to do explicitly with beer. So what does the Bowdoin population expect from a guy who hasn't given them a single serious literary article yet?

Probably, I would expect, you are all anticipating some whimsical introduction about what I was like in middle school and how the ladies are just lining up to get their cleavage signed by Beer Fever the alcohol guru. Next, I'll bring in some random ass beer I stumbled upon two hours before writing the article and give you approximately four lines about its unique qualities of taste, aroma, and texture before inserting some cheap jab at Ted and ending with a witty one-liner like "So give it a try, because it's not how the first one goes down but how you feel after the fifth!"

But seeing as it's the joke issue and I'm supposed to do what everyone doesn't expect, I'm going to do exactly what a true beer reviewer should have been doing all

along: I'm actually going to review a beer. And since I'm always toting the advantages of "unclassy" beer, I'm going straight to the bottom: Busch NA. Now the NA—if you don't know already—stands for "Not Again," as in Weaver is seriously going to make some half-assed attempt to make us all believe he actually knows what he's talking about? Not-a-fucking-gain!

You can all bite me. All year long I've written these flimsy little tales about Halloween in middle school, open bar etiquette, and sketchy old guys in doctor's jackets just so you stuck-up little pricks stay amused and I stay in the job. But now that this is the end, I'm not doing it anymore. You honestly think I signed on for this job because I don't like writing about beer? You think I enjoy writing all about my personal life and some fancy beer I had to buy and don't even like? Well, I don't.

So make yourself reecele comfortable, because you're about to learn things about shitty beer you didn't even know existed.

Busch NA pours out of its delightful blue and white can a cloudy golden hue that dances playfully in the glass before settling down to a mild carbonation level and a gorgeous three and a quarter head. An interesting note here is that the color tint when poured from a keg is actually considerably darker, which can be attributed to the alternative fermentation technique used in the distilling and bottling processes.

Also, as is true with most beers, the ABV of Busch NA is higher when drank from a keg rather than a can. This, of course, is because the brewing process involved in beer destined for a keg actually involves a higher level of hops fermentation because of the necessary elongation of shelf life expected out of a keg. But you all probably knew this already.

Next, Busch NA's aroma is one that is truly unique. I equate it to a combination found in Sierra

So after starting an otherwise promising Thursday night by housing a couple hundred ounces of non-alcoholic bullshit, I can safely put this urban legend to rest and conclude that, while it is, I suppose, possible to get drunk on non-alcoholic beer if you single-handedly drink about a keg's worth, no self-respecting college girl should be doing anything crazy after a couple cups, let alone a couple pitchers.

Nevada Celebration Ale, Magic Hat Circus Boy, and Gritty's Vacationland. Suffice to say, the aroma here is complex and deserves a thorough explanation.

With the crack of the top, the first thing that one notices with this special treat of a beer is the unmistakable earthy tones that blend cunningly with softer undertones of pink oleander, Bavarian ginseng, and seaweed stalks found exclusively off the South Jersey coast. One could really be content just smelling this beer, and in fact, I have a couple cracked in my room serving as air fresheners as we speak. My nose is tingling in sensual anticipation just thinking about climbing in bed tonight.

Last of course, is the taste, and with Busch NA I've finally picked a real winner. I just received a case today from my private distributor, and let me tell you, this shit is not cheap. For three 2.5-ounce cans—the ABV is 14.5, which is illegal in 37 states and warrants limited consumption rates across the United States, Canada, and the northern half of Greenland—it costs 10 bills short of a Ulysses S. Grant. And let me tell you, it is well worth the 90 big ones.

On the palate, Busch NA hits with a smooth and crisp bite that tickles the taste buds and entices them to engage in a session of tonsil hockey reminiscent of a middle school "Stairway to Heaven" dance session. On the way down, Busch NA seems to get colder before hitting the stomach in a blissful splash of ecstasy. Though so potent, they are surprisingly light and airy and seem to invite another taste. Before you know it, though, all 7.5 ounces will be gone and you will

be one giddy little schoolboy.

One more thing I should note about Busch NA is that it is actually sold everywhere in Maine, comes in your standard 12-pack, costing around seven bucks, tastes and smells like absolute shit, and each 12-ounce can contains less than .5 percent ABV which makes it, technically, a non-alcoholic beer. Yeah yeah, talk it up: Beer Fever's gone soft on us again! First of all, my name is Alex and once again, I, for my last article ever I have taken it upon myself to dispel one of biggest urban legends ever to hit the social drinking scene. You know the one: a bunch of frat guys play a prank on the sorority girls by getting them a complimentary keg...of non-alcoholic beer. The girls have a couple, get "wasted" and the dudes only tell them about the big game the next morning after the girls are fresh out of poor decisions (this is, sadly, how Ted got his first action).

My quest this week is simple: sit down with a case of non-alcoholic beers and computer and see how many I have to house before I start to feel the effects. This entire article so far, like every article I've written this year, has been me spewing a bunch of bullshit until I arrive at the ultimate point.

Throughout my ranting about how awesome NA smells and tastes, I have managed to go through 11 of them and I'm going to have to be honest: I don't feel a goddamn thing...which is why I took a break from my article to join the roommates in flipcup and have now returned approximately 6 NA's later, which brings my grand total up to 17.

While I take some time to hit the big 2-0, I would like to dispel some myths about the 'ole non-alcoholic brewsky. First of all, believe it or not, you do actually get carded when buying beer that technically has no alcohol in it. I laughed at first, but I guess it's so good at getting high school girls tipsy, it does make some sense.

Also, it must be technically possible to get wasted in this shit, which, of course, is why were all here. Another point I find interesting is that non-alcoholic beer does actually taste just as good as

any other beer. I think all our perceptions are skewed because our parents let us try their O'Douls when we were nine and all booze tasted like shit back then (such ignorance). But believe it or not, I'm actually kind of enjoying this stuff the more I drink it. Hell, you know what? I'll admit it: I am officially starting to feel the beginnings of a buzz here. I guess that makes 20 the magic number, though I'm surprised that any of the booze has stayed inside me after how many times I've had to piss in the last 45 minutes since I started.

So after starting an otherwise promising Thursday night by housing a couple hundred ounces of non-alcoholic bullshit, I can safely put this urban legend to rest and conclude that, while it is I suppose possible to get drunk on non-alcoholic beer if you single-handedly drink about a keg's worth, no self-respecting college girl should be doing anything crazy after a couple cups, let alone a couple pitchers.

In retrospect—and by retrospect I mean after forcing myself to drink non-alcoholic beers for the last couple hours—I find myself wondering why I embarked on this haphazard mission at all.

I did it, like I've done everything else this year, for you my loyal Beer Fever readers. Now, next Ivies, when it's between non-alcoholic beer and Cherry Brandy, you can know that it will take probably around 40 NA's to equal the buzz you will get off one shot of just about anything—and that you should probably go with the anything other than the NA. If, by chance, it comes down to non-alcoholic and Miller High Life Lite, I would strongly recommend the former, because I'd rather be pissing all night long than drinking urine.

In the end, I've learned a valuable lesson. When it comes to booze, non-alcoholic is ridiculous and should be avoided like the plague not because it tastes the same, smells the same, costs about two dollars less, and only takes 10 times more to achieve the same effects as regular beer. NA is bullshit because we don't drink beer for the taste; we drink beer to get drunk, which is why we're all alcoholics.

Dance 101 class dances around huge bonfire of parents' money

BY PATRICK SWAYZE
DIRTY DANCING

The Dance 101 class debuted its final dance on the steps of the Walker Art Building this week. During the climax of the performance, the students danced around a giant bonfire of their parents' tuition money.

"I think that this dance symbolizes what Dance 101 is all about," said student-choreographer Stephanie Winston '08.

For the majority of the performance, the students walk in a circle, jerking rhythmically and tossing large wads of their parents' cash into a giant pile.

At the conclusion of this exercise, they lit matches and ignited

"I think my future employers will be really impressed that I spent my time at one of America's finest colleges learning how to execute simple motor functions."

GREGORY SMALLS '09

the pile of bills.

"It was a really effective device," said student Gregory Smalls '09. "We could almost hear our parents weeping so many miles away."

"I can't wait to put this on my resume," Smalls added. "I think that my future employers will be really impressed that I spent my time at one of America's finest colleges learning how to execute

simple motor functions."

According to several students, the choreography of this specific dance made preparing for the final performance easy, because the class could actually go through with the money-burning during rehearsals.

"The cash, I mean, there was just so damn much of it!" said Winston.

"We even had money left after the performance, so we spent it on seven kegs of Shipyard. We think our parents would be proud," she said.

Several of the Dance 101 students said they are looking forward to taking Visual Art 002: Coloring Inside the Lines next semester.

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"I also wanted it to serve as a commentary on consumption in our society, always building new things and not thinking about what we're destroying," he added.

The living sculpture, however, led to another citation when Ericsson attempted to flee from security officers who questioned Ericsson about his rad-extreme behavior.

"I just wanted to escape their narrow-minded views of what art should be," Ericsson said. "Questioning art like that really suffocates what I'm trying to do."

Ericsson has received encouragement in his protest from various interventionist art groups around campus, who claim that they understand the need for unconventional art forms to spread a message.

"It's really nice to have the support," Ericsson said. "I wish I had it when I was on the skateboard."

ORGASM

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"I swear I saw the same lecturer giving the same speech in a restaurant in Seattle some time," he said.

"It seemed like her meal was so explosively delicious that I asked for the same thing!" he added.

The women in the audience would not speak about the talk, and seemed frustrated that the men did not understand what they did.

When interviewed, a female Bowdoin student angrily replied, "What are you talking about? There was nothing wrong with that talk. The lecturer gave those guys exactly what they wanted to hear."

"What?" she continued. "You don't actually expect the speaker to enjoy giving her presentation, do you? Maybe she just values the emotional connection she made with the college, even if the speech fell flaccid at the end."

WHACKIN' IT

Women's basketball destroys Celtics



LET'S BE HONEST: THIS PICTURE WAS PHOTOSHOPPED.

AND BOOM GOES THE DYNAMITE: Pre-fresh Alexa Kaubins shoots over an outstretched Boston arm.

BY BILL SIMMONS
CRIER STAFF

The women's basketball team defeated the NBA's Boston Celtics on Wednesday night at Morrell Gymnasium.

Playing in front of a packed house, as usual, the Polar Bears showed the Celts what a real team looks like.

"Though it was an easy win, we can't just forget this game," said senior tri-captain Eileen Flaherty. "It's very meaningful to us that we defeated professionals, even if said professionals suck."

Sophomore Jill Anelauskus outscored the entire Celtics team with 45 points in the 86-42 Bear victory.

"Anelauskus simply overpowered me," said Celtic forward Paul Pierce. "She just knows how to play the game."

Tri-captain Katie Cummings '07 also contributed to the Polar Bear win, grabbing 20 rebounds, scoring 12 points, and notching 20 assists.

"Cummings must have passed the ball, like, 80 times over the course of the game," said Sebastian Telfair, whom the Celtics decided to cut immediately after they realized that this quote is totally accurate and so he shouldn't be on the team. "I rare-

ly pass the ball more than five times all game, though that may have to do with the fact that it's really difficult for me to hold the ball. I mean, it's really big and slippery."

Not only did the Bears hold on to the basketball, they were able to take 30 shots from the field, including 20 three-pointers. All but one shot hit nothing but net, the exception being a full-court would-be buzzer-beater right before half-time (yay-hyphenated-words!). The women also made all 16 foul shots they attempted.

In contrast, the Celtics made zero three-pointers, attracted no fouls, and made but 21 field goals.

"You'd think that being an entire foot taller than every one of their players would help," said Bzozston Czeletic fzoarward Wally Szczepiak. "Unfortunately, the brilliant strategy devised by our genius coach Doc Rivers of taking all shots while lying down made that advantage moot."

With the victory, the Bears improve to 30-2 on the season, while the Celtics fall to 24-59.

In other Bowdoin hoops news, the men's basketball team lost its season finale this week to the Longfellow Elementary C-squad Basketball Team.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bowdoin	10	0	30	2
Pistons	12	3	53	29
Nets	8	8	41	41
Wizards	5	10	41	41
Celtics	2	12	24	59

SCOREBOARD

Sa 5/5 at Suns	W 80-70
Su 5/6 at Mavericks	W 76-75
W 5/9 v. Lakers	W 75-73
Th 5/10 v. Celtics	W 86-42

SCHEDULE

F 5/11 v. Raptors	2:00 a.m.
Sa 5/16 v. Amherst	1:00 a.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	NESCAC EAST		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Waterville Elem.	10	2	22	9
Lewiston Elem.	8	3	17	12
Colby Elementary	8	4	26	6
Longfellow Elem.	2	9	7	21
Bowdoin	1	11	6	19

SCOREBOARD

Sa 5/5 at Monstars	L 8-7
Su 5/6 v. Thornton Oaks Retirees	L 7-5
Tu 5/8 Intrasquad scrimmage	L 5-4
Th 5/10 v. Longfellow Elementary (C)	L 5-1

DEBATE

Sa 5/5 at Colby Invitational	1st of 50
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SCHEDULE

Sa 5/12 at Bates Invitational	4:00 a.m.
Su 5/13 at Middlebury Tournament	3:00 a.m.

Scorpions fuckin' taking over

BY MARTIN SHEEN

PRESIDENT OF ALL THINGS AWESOME

Recent myths such as global warming and threats of polar bear extinction have spurred the college's "hard-core-ness committee" to release an official mandate that will change the school's mascot from the Polar Bears to the 'fuckin' badass scorpions."

Asked about his decision at Monday's "Office Hours/Happy Hours" held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily, President Barry Mills commented on the school's decision.

"Polar Bears," he explained, "were hardcore back in 15-what-ever, when the school was founded, but now,

with all this shit about extinction and stuff, it might portray Bowdoin as a wussie place. Here, we are all about looking tough and shit, and polar bears really aren't doin' it for me anymore."

Dean of Admissions William Shain, calling for another flaming shot, added: "Who the fuck kinda kid is gonna want to apply to a school with a dead mascot, it's not like you see the 'Colby Dinosaurs' or 'Bates Quagga' [which, based on further Crier research, is indeed an extinct animal, the knowledge of which most likely stems from Shain's brief and unpleasant stint as animal expert for Steve Irwin's 'stingray special']."

It turns out, however, that such a change may have even more implications than

appears on a cursory glance. Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols explained why he was so "goddamn fired up about this shit" in an exclusive interview.

"The problem polar bears cause is that they are going extinct," he said. "This gives some hippy-ass environmentalists an excuse to get a stupid petition signed and have a rally. Due to that First Amendment, Security cannot do anything to stop this unlawful and unsafe event. Scorpions, on the other hand are not cute and cuddly and more importantly, those little guys are tanks, let the globe warm up all it wants. They'll still be around and so will I."

There is still much debate over the transitional period. Mills has imposed what he calls a "reasonable" time frame of three days in which everything on college property containing a picture of a polar bear or the words "polar bears" will be changed. He has also made it clear that he will personally enforce this time frame.

"If I see one more wussie polar bear around, I am going to pee on it," Mills said.



THESE GUYS ARE VAMPIRES, THAT'S WHY THEIR FACES CAME OUT ALL BLOODY

BOWDOIN'S MOST POPULAR SPORT: Who doesn't love dancing? All these guys are doing is dancing.

BEST BETS FOR 2007-2008

- FOOTBALL WINS AT LEAST ONE GAME: 3:1
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GOES UNDEFEATED: 1:1
- MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM GETS NOTICED: 23:1
- BOWDOIN SOFTBALL TEAM WINS PETE SCHUH MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT: 120:1
- MEMBER OF EITHER GOLF TEAM BREAKS SWEAT: 6:1
- BCN SPORTS ANCHORS KEEP THEIR SHIRTS ON AT LEAST ONE WEEK: 2:1
- CHRIS ADAMS-WALL GETS A PREDICTION RIGHT: 62,345,691:1
- NO ONE COMES DRUNK TO BOWDOIN-COLBY ICE HOCKEY GAME: 13,123,079:1
- SANTA ACTUALLY HATES COLBY: 2:1
- YOU LAUGHED AT ANYTHING IN THE SPORTS SECTION: 8:1

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THE CAMP BOBO CRIER

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EDITORIAL

The first-year shower closets lock from the inside.



That is all.

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ANNE-IMAL, Recently Domesticated

NUDE EDITOR
Your Mom

SCALPER
Tickets to Cooperstown,
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CZECH REPUBLIC
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Important talents not included on resume

To the Editors:

In light of recent events, I feel that I must step down from my post as president of Bowdoin College. When I applied for the position, I was not completely honest on my resume.

While I noted that I graduated from Bowdoin with a double major in biochemistry and government, from Syracuse with a doctorate in biology, and from Columbia with a law degree, I failed to mention a number of my other qualifications. I also have an advanced degree in Latin American studies, was knighted in 1986 by Her Majesty the Queen, can juggle with my left hand, completed an eight-year stint as a Blue Angels pilot, once won top-honors in a sign language poetry contest, and defeated Chuck Norris in a karate battle.

Due to these omissions, I feel I should not remain president. I have let down the Bowdoin community. I wish to endorse DeRay McKesson '07 as my successor; he will succeed where I have failed.

Sincerely,

Sir Barry Mills, Esq., Ph.D.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dr. Jeff's been gone 2 months and I got HPV

To the Editors:

Dr. Jeff, where have you gone? We miss you. Who will teach us how to protect ourselves from HPV? There's something funny going on down there...

Sincerely,

Mike Hunt '08

Polar bear would up bad-ass reputation

To the Editors:

We believe that it is of the utmost necessity for the College to obtain a live polar bear and allow it to freely roam across the campus. Upkeep would be simple as it could subsist on its natural prey, namely seals, pirates, hippies, Nazis, etc. While the idea may seem dangerous—nay, haphazard!—at first, there are actually many services that a polar bear on campus could provide, including, but not limited, to these listed below:

-No student will ever be late for class ever again. EVER. It would be

too dangerous staying outside for too long or being the only one outside. Or maybe no student would ever go to class. I haven't really thought this through.

-Loud parties will cease immediately without any objections.

-I saw a polar bear playing with a basketball on "Funniest Animal Videos," and I'll be damned if that doesn't qualify our potential polar bear to play on the College's team.

-The polar bear would provide an excellent research opportunity for biology students.

-The polar bear would also make a perfect addition to the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum.

-What are Colby and Bates going to do in response? Get a white mule and bobcat? Yeah right, our polar bear would fuck that shit up!

President Mills and other campus leaders: thank you for your time and consideration. We trust you will make the right decision (we can't be held responsible if you wake up one morning to find a polar bear in your bedroom if your decision is less than satisfactory).

Sincerely,

Mar-Mar Kneecap Destroyer
Ziemann

Stop being ridiculous and listen to my ignorant, poorly constructed argument

BY STOCKTON KINGSLEY DEWITT IV

All right, all right, everyone just calm down. There have been a lot of heated words about this immigration topic, but I think the debate has gotten a little bit out of hand, and now everybody's just shouting at one another. I think everyone on both sides of the issue needs to stop being ridiculous and listen to my poorly constructed argument.

If immigrants don't work and are on welfare, then they're not paying taxes, and they're getting my tax money. People say that they do all the jobs Americans don't want to do, which is good for the economy, granted. But if their kids are in our schools, then even if they're parents are paying taxes, their parents are still illegal, which makes them criminals who either don't pay taxes or do pay them. You see what I'm saying? I put a lot of thought into this.

So if the parents are at work, and the kids are at school, and the kids get hurt, then the kids go to the hos-

pital and my taxes pay for the kids to get better. This is truly bullshit. Kids should not be healthy unless they're parents can afford for them to be healthy. Otherwise, they're a drain on this economy. My tax dollars, which could have been used more productively at the local Ralph Lauren outlet, would be going to fix broken children who don't even count because they're illegal. What a joke!

I don't have a problem with foreigners. If "24" has taught me anything, it's that Arabs are like a bajillion times worse than Latinos. But seriously, why should we tolerate them breaking the law? If we tolerated breaking the law, then people would be able to do illegal acts like murder and gay marriage. In general, foreigners are fine; they just shouldn't be allowed to go to fly on planes without being searched...especially if they have a beard.

If I were a foreigner trying to escape poverty and hopelessness, I would definitely be OK with being kicked out of America, because I would respect the law. I would be like, "I wasn't

born in America, which sucks, but I'm OK with getting booted out because America is awesome and I would just ruin it for people and vote for hippies who want to give me free money, which is great because I'm either lazy and a burden on society or do jobs Americans don't want to do. Either way, I'm a criminal, so kick me out, that's cool." And I'd go back home and figure shit out. That's how the world works. Deal with it, hippies!

If you find this argument incomprehensible, it's probably because you are a stupid hippie who only hears what he wants to hear and doesn't wear polo shirts. So let's build a big wall on the border with attack helicopters and Tyrannosaurus rexes that breathe fire. No, I don't know how much it would cost, it doesn't matter! They'll pay for it somehow, because it's so logical and smart! Still, the government should not raise taxes. Ever.

All solutions other than this one are communist hippie pinko propaganda, so stop buying into it. And stop being ridiculous, Bowdoin!

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WHAT UP, THUG?

1794-PRES.

FRIDAY

PERFORMANCE

Vague Show

Some sort of show or another.

Morrell Lounge, Smith Union. 7 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Ironic T-Shirt: The Final Show

According to their posters, these are the only funny people on campus. So I guess we should apologize for this shitty joke newspaper.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

CONCERT

Suburban Kids with Biblical Names

Check out vocalist Jesus Christ and lead guitarist John the Baptist as they roll into the Pub in their Dad's Chrysler Sebring.

Jack Magee's Pub. 10 p.m. to 1a.m.

EVENT

Bon-non-fire

Apparently you need firemen to start bonfires now. So now that Regis is in congress and Yaffe is leading a revolution, we're pretty much fucked.

Farley Fields. 9 p.m.

EVENT

Blood Drive

The Bowdoin student who is able to collect the most blood from Colby students gets a bumper sticker.

Farley Fields. 9 p.m.

EVENT

I Heart Female Orgasm

But we still work on my timetable.

Moore Hall Showers. Over 2 minutes (if she's lucky).

SUNDAY

HALLMARK HOLIDAY

Mother's Day

Word to your mother.

Bowdoin Chapel. 9 p.m.

EVENT

Birds, Bees, and Polar Bears

Who will emerge victorious in this epic battle? My money's on the ones with big fucking teeth.

Farley Fields. 9 p.m.

EVENT

Common Hour with Chris Hill

America's foremost South Asian diplomat and lax daddy can shotgun beers faster than Kim Jong Il. Fuck yes!

Crack House. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

EVENT

Finals Begin Tomorrow

Shit.

Hawthorne-Longfellow. All night.



BRIAN DUNN, WHISKEY

WHAT THE FUCK? The fuck is a

I think the answer is a



EVENT

Vagina Monologues

Who knew those things talked?

Kresge Auditorium. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

BITCHING SESSION

President Mills's Office Hours

\$1 million buy-in. Bowdoin Campaign is cash-poor.

Smith Union. 3 p.m.

PIRATE JOKE HERE

Swashbuckle

Q: Why couldn't the 12-year-old go to the pirate movie?

A: It was rated Arrrrrr!

MacMillan House. 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

PERFORMANCE

Longfellows Concert

I don't know why they're called "Longfellows." I've slept with my fair share of them, and believe me, they're not.

Bowdoin Chapel. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

ART SHOW

"The Kaleidoscope Arts and Crafts Show"

I guarantee it's better on LSD.

Between East and West halls. 4 to 6 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

An Evening of A Cappella

Come and see a showcase of Bowdoin's 346 a cappella groups.

Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. 7 p.m.

PERFORMANCE

Improvabilities

Everything's made up, including my laughter.

Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center. 8 p.m.

EVENT

Pub Night

White kids try to dance to DJ Daryl playing iTunes' top 10.

Jack McGee's. 12 a.m.

PERFORMANCE

Dance 101

Final performance definitely way harder than quantum chemistry exam.

Walker Art Building Steps. 4 p.m.

SHUT-EYE

Nap

Not going to all these events must have tired you out. Go ahead and take a nap. You earned it, you lazy fuck.

Coles Tower. 3:30 p.m.